

5:30 p.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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The 20th Saturday after Pentecost

October 5, 2024

Prelude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. by Phillip Keveren

Welcome & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Confession & Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.)

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song of Praise

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

see insert

First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-5, 11-12 (NIV)

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. ²Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all. ³The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. ⁴Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life. ⁵In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them. ¹¹One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend. ¹²The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

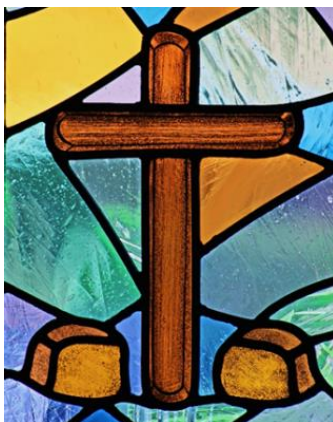
Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Loves Me"

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Sermon

Meals with Jesus "A Life-changing Meal"

Pastor Dave Bass

To watch and listen to last week's sermon, visit tinyurl.com/smlcslive.

Sermon Outline:

Point #1: The first "up and down" in Zacchaeus' life is this: though he is _____ (low) in physical stature, he is _____ in rank, _____ and wealth.

Point #2: This "high up in rank, low down in stature" man does something unconventional. Neglecting his _____ as a chief tax collector, he _____ a sycamore fig tree.

Point #3: The Lord who _____ the sycamore tree, the one who came _____ from heaven and _____ Himself by taking on the form of a servant, is looking _____ into this tree, calling out the name of the one He intends to _____ with and _____. "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I _____ stay at your house today."
(Luke 19:5)

Point #4: Another up and down in Zacchaeus' life is that His _____ and life are _____, freed from the _____ of sin and greed. His bank account is _____ a bit as he _____ those whom he has wronged, but the tradeoff has been _____ it as our Lord, Jesus Christ, looks at Zacchaeus and announces, "Today _____ has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to _____ the _____." (Luke 19:9-10)

Apostles' Creed

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Announcements

Offering

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Ministry Moment

Breast Cancer Awareness

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

see insert

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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Postlude

"Sing to the Lord"

arr. by Lani Smith

