

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**The Last Sunday of the Church Year**



# **SAINT MICHAEL'S**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS**

**W I N C H E S T E R   ✪   T E X A S**

**Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.**

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## **A Special Welcome to Our Visitors:**

Welcome to St. Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshipping the Lord with us this morning. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about St. Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building is over 100 years old. Unfortunately, this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this morning. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find St. Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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## **Mission Statement:**

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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### **Divine Service Setting One**

<b>Prelude</b>	Selected Music
<b>Ringing of the Church Bell</b>	Ushers
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>	Pastor
<b>Opening Hymn</b> <i>"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"</i>	LSB #816

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C 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.****

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**Introit**

Read Together

*Ps. 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV*

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

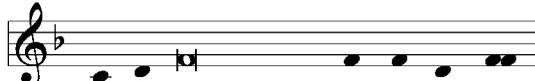
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;  
hold not your peace at my tears!

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;*

*as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*  
We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
the home of righteousness.

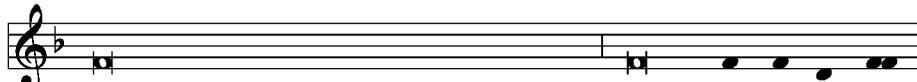
## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



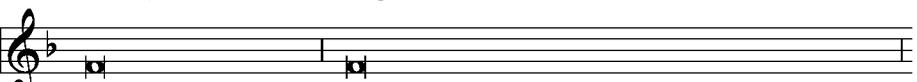
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



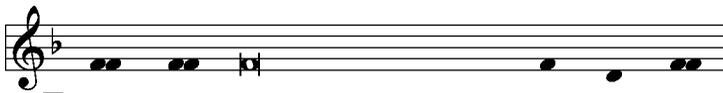
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - - men.

### Hymn of Praise

### *“Gloria in Excelsis”*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



<sup>13</sup>I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.  
<sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 93

<sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
<sup>2</sup>Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.  
<sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the thunders of many waters,  
mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mighty!  
<sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, forevermore.

## Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the  
faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us  
a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever

and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

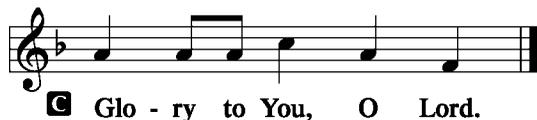


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Offering**     *(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)*     Ushers

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**A** - men.

**Announcements**

Pastor

**Closing Hymn**

*“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious”*

LSB #495

**Postlude**

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# Prayers at Saint Michael's

## Members and Friends

- Linda Adams
- Betsy Anderson
- Marie Ashutabi
- Inez Brand
- Caleb Burton
- Kourtney Burton
- Steve Burton
- Clint Bushacker
- Sherry Cook
- Lera Ephraim
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Courtney Groce
- Debbie Groce
- Diana Hardman
- Scott Herbert
- Stanley Herzog
- Morgan Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- CJ Lehmann
- Mary Lehmann
- Amy Lochte
- Romona Lopez
- Joe Mobley
- Gladys Musgrove
- Lillian Pietsch
- Laverne Schulze
- Pat (Nanita) Ramirez
- Emmett Stableno
- James Zoch
- Sandy Zoch
- Thelma Zoch

## Serving in the United States Armed Forces:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky



## Missionaries:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- Rev. Duane Meissner – LCMS International Missionary – Belize

**Greeting You This Morning:** are Charles and Rose Lehmann. Greeters next week will be Roger and Dorothy Loewe. (*Greeters need to be 20 to 30 minutes early to church to greet.*)

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**Altar Flowers This Morning:** are given to the glory of God in honor of the 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Morgan Ray and Delores Karisch.

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### **This Week's Events at Saint Michael's:**

#### **Today, Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School, Bible Study and Youth Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 2:00pm – Church Christmas Tree Setup – *Sanctuary*

#### **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

#### **Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – WAVFD – *Fire Station*

#### **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*

#### **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00pm – Choir – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Voters' Meeting – *Education Building*

#### **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
  - 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*
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**Church Christmas Tree Setup:** You are invited to help setup the church Christmas Tree and decorate the sanctuary Today starting at 2:00pm. Please

consider volunteering since having a large number of volunteers helps lighten the load for all!

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**Children's Christmas Eve Program:** Practice for the Children's Christmas Eve Program will begin during the Sunday school hour (10:15 am - 11:15 AM) on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will continue through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. If your child and/or grandchild cannot make practice on December 2<sup>nd</sup> but would still like to participate, please contact Krystal Burton at [krystalburton@gmail.com](mailto:krystalburton@gmail.com) or 512-921-2427. We hope to have lots of children ready to proclaim the good news on Christmas Eve!

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**Free Fellowship Meals Before Our Advent Midweek Services:** This year, before each of our Advent Midweek Services, a meal will be provided for all who would like to attend. The meal will be served at 6:00pm in the Education Building and our Advent Midweek Service will take place following the meal at 7:00pm. Meals and services will be on the following dates with the following groups providing the meal each week:

- Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship with one another!

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**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving:** Saint Michael's wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Online Giving allows you to go to <http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give> at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you would like assistance in signing up, please contact the church office.

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**Christmas Caroling:** One of God's greatest gifts to us is the ability to spread the joy of the Christmas season through song!!! St. Michael's is planning an

afternoon of caroling to our local shut-ins and nursing home residents, for Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at and leave from the Church at 2:30pm. More specific details regarding a meal, designated stops, and transportation arrangements will follow, but we wanted to set the date to invite and encourage everyone to participate. Feel free to bring friends! We ask that anyone planning to attend, give notice, as to ensure that we have enough food and drinks for everyone. To volunteer, give notice of attendance, get more information, or to request a "stop", contact Robbie (979)639-1220 or Roland Zoch (979)966-9397, or email us at [robbie\\_lynn2010@yahoo.com](mailto:robbie_lynn2010@yahoo.com) or [roland@atxheavyequipment.com](mailto:roland@atxheavyequipment.com). "HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING!!!!!!!"

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**GriefShare “Surviving the Holidays”:** Will be held on, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm – in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel Lutheran Church (300 N. Grimes, Giddings, TX 78942). There is a suggested \$5 charge for a book with over 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival. Please feel free to contact Kathy Bartels if you have and questions of if you would like more information. Her phone number is 512-461-5442 or you may e-mail [monniebartels@gmail.com](mailto:monniebartels@gmail.com). She would appreciate letting her know if you plan to attend so she can be sure to have enough materials.

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**Faith Lutheran High School End of Year Giving:** In Proverbs 2:6, God’s Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ’s wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. You can be a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. The Board of Directors has set a goal of raising \$50,000 by December 31, 2018 to support the ministry of FLHS. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. Forms are available for you to send in with your gift to PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

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**WAVFD Christmas Party:** The Winchester Area Volunteer Fire Department cordially invites the community to their annual Christmas party and chili supper on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at Zilss Hall. This is their way of saying thank you to the community for their support.

Social begins at 6:00pm with an awards presentation to follow. The chili supper will be served beginning at 6:30pm.

If you would like to bring a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. We will also collect canned goods to donate to AMEN Food Pantry.

Come join us!

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**St. Paul Serbin Fundraiser:** Come Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank drive thru at 220 North Main St. in Giddings. The proceeds of a stew and cornbread lunch from 10:30-1:00pm with help support the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders go on a trip to Washington, D.C. Pre-sale tickets are guaranteed until 12:00pm. This is to-go only with 20 ounce container being only \$8.

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#### **End of Year Giving**

In Proverbs 2:6, God's Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ's wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. The Board of Directors has set a goal of raising \$50,000 by December 31, 2018 to support the ministry of FLHS. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

#### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:30 am. This week, Rev. Tiner will be leading our service.

#### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

#### **Raffle Items**

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

#### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!



## **Church Christmas Dinner**

St. Michael's LWML Would Like To  
Invite You To Our  
Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner  
Sunday, December 9, 2018  
St. Michael's Park  
Noon

Turkey, Dressing, Noodles, Cranberries and Bread  
Will Be Provided.

Please Bring A Vegetable Side Dish And A Dessert





## POINSETTIAS AT CHRISTMAS

We will soon be celebrating the birth of our Lord on Christmas. We would like to have Poinsettias in our church for the Christmas Season. The beauty of the Poinsettias gives praise and glory to the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

We will be selling Poinsettias with the proceeds going to the LWML. The Poinsettia plants will cost you \$8.00, will have 4 to 6 blooms and will be fully dressed. The plants will remain in church until after the New Year's Eve Service when you may take them home.

Please fill out the form below and give it along with your \$8.00 to Mirlyn Griffin no later than Sunday, November 25th. Be sure to designate what you want printed in the bulletin (Memorial or Honorarium) about your Poinsettia. **Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.**

We will look forward to having the church ablaze in the beauty of your Poinsettias at Christmastime.

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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM (Please print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to order # \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias at \$8.00 each

Enclosed is my check (or cash) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please print the following in the bulletin about my Poinsettias:

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