

Sunday, January 27th, 2019

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

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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!

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.

Divine Service Setting Two

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB #578

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

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.

(John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Read Together

Ps. 102:18–22; antiphon: Ps. 102:13

You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.
Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:
 that he looked down from his holy height;
 from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
 to hear the groans of the prisoners,
 to set free those who were doomed to die,
 that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,
 and in Jerusalem his praise,
 when peoples gather together,
 and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.
*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.*
 You will arise and have pity on Zion;
 it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Kyrie

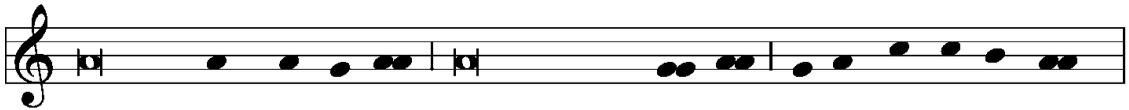
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



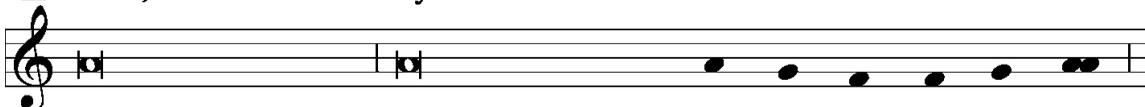
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



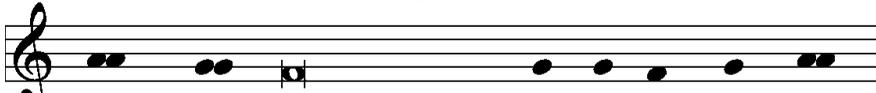
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



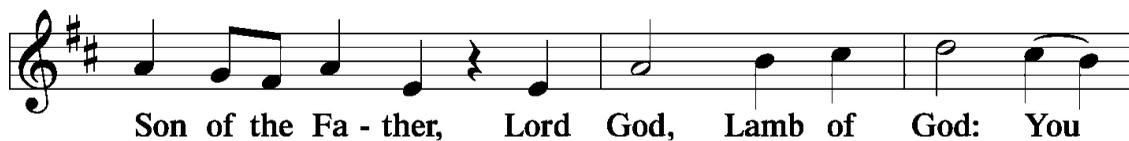
C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel.

²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord

your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the just decrees of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

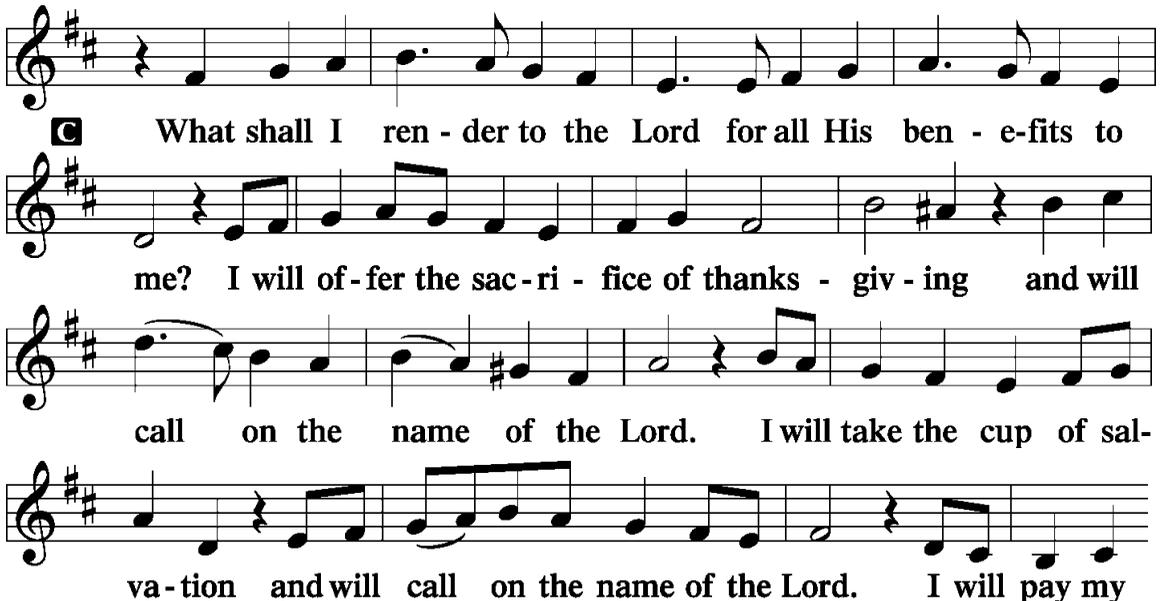
Sit

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

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



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

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

C A - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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Postlude

Prayers at Saint Michael's

Members and Friends

- Betsy Anderson
- Marie Ashutabi
- Inez Brand
- Caleb Burton
- Kourtney Burton
- Steve Burton
- Sherry Cook
- Owen Coulter
- Lera Ephraim
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Tommy Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Courtney Groce
- Diana Hardman
- Stanley Herzog
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- CJ Lehmann
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Romona Lopez
- Karen McDougall
- Bobby Miertschin
- Joe Mobley
- Lillian Pietsch
- Pat (Nanita) Ramirez
- Erwin W. Schulze
- Emmett Stabeno
- Elmo Zoch
- James Zoch
- Thelma Zoch

Serving in the United States Armed Forces:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Jacob Franke – 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 Scott and Cindy Hielscher. Greeters next week will be Carolyn Fritsche and Gina Marek. (*Greeters need to be 20 to 30 minutes early to church to greet.*)

This Week's Events at Saint Michael's:

Sunday, January 27th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*

Monday, January 28th

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

Wednesday, January 30th

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

Thursday, January 31st

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

Saturday, February 2nd

- 9:00am – Park Tree Trimming – *Saint Michael's Park*

Sunday, February 3rd (POBLO Sunday)

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Missionary Julie Aftab Presentation – *Education Building*
- 10:15am – Children's Sunday School – *Education Building*
- 11:15am – Potluck Meal – *Education Building*

Church Greeters: Would you like to help welcome friends and visitors to Church? If you would like to continue to serve or be added onto the greeter list, please notify Amanda Behrens in the church office before February 3rd.

Voters' Meeting: There will be a Voters' Meeting on Thursday, January 31st at 7:00pm in the Education Building.

This Week in Children's Sunday School: The children will study "The Birth of Jesus" as recorded in Luke 2. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family discuss the details of Christ's birth. Ask, *"How does our sin cause us to fear God like the shepherds did? Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death."*

New Acolyte Training: Saint Michael's is looking for pre-confirmation aged students who would like to would like to acolyte on Sunday mornings. Please contact Pastor Nate or Amanda Behrens in the church office to have your child added to the list. Once we have a list of those interested, we will set up a new acolyte training session.

Choir: The Saint Michael's Choir will not sing again until the Lent and Easter season. Rehearsals will resume on February 21st. If you would like to sing in the Lent/Easter season, please contact Mark McClain.

Help Needed for Tree Trimming at SMLC Park: Volunteers are needed on Saturday, February 5th beginning at 9:00am to help trim trees at Saint Michael's Lutheran Church Park. All necessary tools will be provided. For more information, please contact Tom Atkins.

POBLO Sunday is February 3rd: On Sunday, February 3rd, Saint Michael's will have a mission festival Sunday for People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) and our sponsored missionary Julie Aftab. Pastor David Cecil will preach and Missionary Julie Aftab will present about her work during the Sunday School Hour. Following the Sunday School Hour we will have a potluck meal. A door offering will be collected after the service to support the ongoing mission work of POBLO.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fundraiser: The Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th. Tickets are \$10 - pre-sale only through Wednesday, January 23rd. Tickets may be purchased from Mary Watts. Tickets are also available at the Wendish Museum or may be reserved by calling 979.366.2441 or email wendish@bluebon.net Drive through to – go only. Pick up 10:00am – 12:30pm at

the St. Paul picnic grounds. Menu: Cup of traditional Bird Wedding Soup, Pork Steak, Wendish Noodles, Green Beans, Corn, Pickles, Peaches & Homemade Bread. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2018 there were twenty-two Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients. A total of \$17,750 was awarded. Thank you for supporting our Wendish students!

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program: The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for fall 2019 semester. 2019 scholarship applications will be available in April at the Wendish Museum and online texaswendish.org. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19th, 2019. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or wendish@bluebon.net. In 2018 a total of \$17,500 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-two students. Thanks for your support!

GriefShare: The Christian Care Ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Giddings is again sponsoring the grief-recovery program called GriefShare. The 14-week series will begin Thursday, January 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The sessions will be held in the Immanuel School Library next to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 N. Grimes, Giddings.

This series features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a parent, child, spouse, sibling or friend no matter if the death occurred weeks, months, or even years ago. The DVD presentation features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed on the DVD. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Past participants have related how helpful it is being around people who understand what they are feeling.

For more information please call Kathy Bartels me at (512)461-5442 or visit www.griefshare.org.

BBQ Chicken Dinner: The Men's Club of Holy Cross, Warda, will have their annual drive-thru BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, February 10th at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Plates are \$9.00 each and must be picked up between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Sign up for plates by Monday, February 4th, by calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333. If no answer, please leave a message.

Thank You:

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the A.M.E.N. Board of Directors, we thank you for your generous support in providing emergency assistance for our needy brothers and sisters in our area. Your generous donations of 215 lbs of assorted groceries received November 29th, 2018 is very much appreciated.

AMEN not only provides emergency food, but through Second Chance Emporium, we have a means of helping with clothing, furniture, and household items as well.

We sincerely appreciate your participation in serving the needy of our community. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Rotter
For A.M.E.N. Board of Directors

Thank You:

Dear Saint Michael's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000.00 to the 2018 Deputy Santa Program. The response from folks and businesses this year was overwhelming.

Your donation helped to provide toys for over 686 children in Fayette County. It is both a joy and a pleasure for the deputies and volunteers to see the faces "light up" as the children and parents receive these gifts. For some of these families, it may have been the only gifts under their trees this past year.

We are so fortunate to live and work in a community where volunteers and donors give so generously to help support programs like the Deputy Santa Program.

Again, THANK YOU for your generosity and assistance in making Christmas a very special time for children in Fayette County.

Sincerely,
Keith Korenek
Fayette County Sheriff



New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to February 1, 2019 will have registration fees waived for the 2019-2020 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com.

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.

Spring Raffle

Tickets for the Faith Lutheran High School spring raffle are now available. Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be during National Lutheran Schools Week (March 4-8). Items include:

- \$1500 Travel Voucher
- Guided Gulf Coast Fishing Trip for 2
- 30" Fire Pit with adjustable grill top
- 26" Custom made Plow Sweep Wok
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- Savage Axis Rifle
- Kendra Scott Earrings/Necklace, Handmade Quilt and \$100 Visa Card
- Cedar Carved Truck and Trailer

Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff member or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets today!!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel this week will be led by Pr. Timothy Appel beginning at 10:30 am.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.