

Sunday, March 8th 2020

The Second Sunday in Lent



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 THREE

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

Ushers

Opening Hymn *"God Loved the World So That He Gave"*

LSB #571

Welcome and Greeting

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John1:12

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Read Together

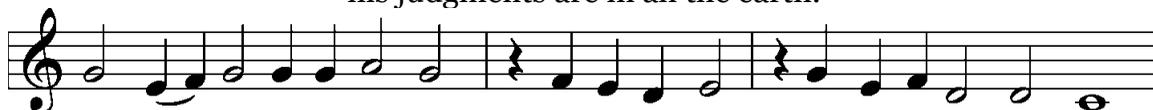
Ps. 105:4-7; antiphon: Ps. 105:8

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



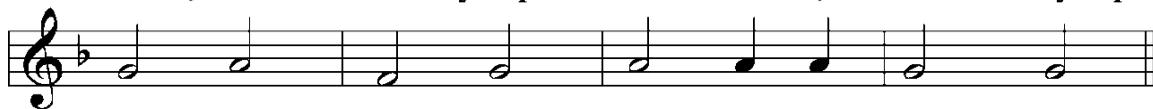
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lenten Hymn

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
²My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

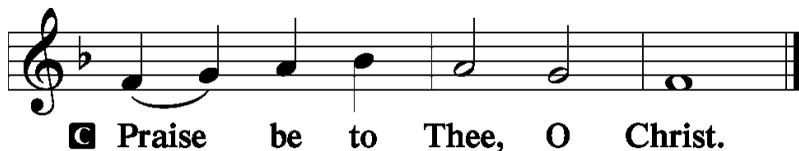
¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children’s Message

Pastor

Stand



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P** Lord in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

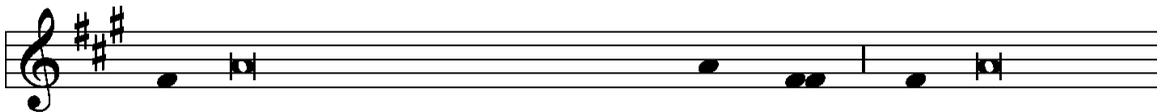
(Psalm 103:1)



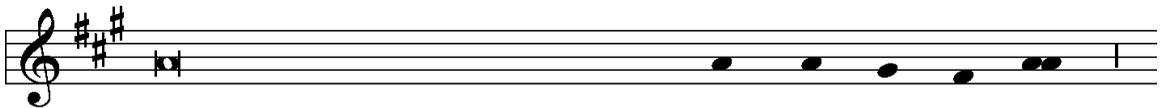
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

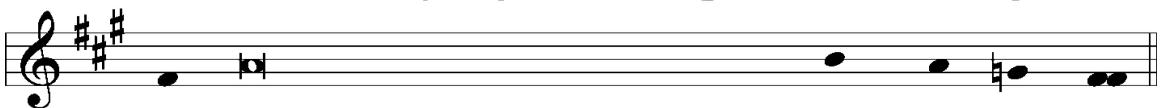
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

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Postlude

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Lydia Amaro
- Marie Ashutabi
- Don Buck
- Sherry Cook
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Irma Gersch
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Thelma Kieschnik
- C.W. Kasper
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Paige Koudelik-Jones
- Rose Lehmann
- Kenny Lorenz
- Roy Medack
- Jodi Miller
- James Nawara
- Janie Nawara
- Lillian Pietsch
- Pat (Nanita) Ramirez
- Raymond Schulz
- Michelle Smith
- Kenneth Watts
- Adele Wilson
- Thelma Zoch

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Damien Hernandez – US Marines – San Diego, California
- 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 – Belize Mission Society

Greeting You This Morning are Laura Matthijetz and Evelyn Parker. Greeters next week will be Jerry and Jenny Althaus. (*Greeters need to be 20 to 30 minutes early to church to greet.*)

Altar Flowers This Morning: are given to the glory of God by Angeline Zoch in loving of Elmo Zoch.

This Week's Events at Saint Michael's:

Sunday, March 8th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 4:00pm – Board of Education – *Education Building*

Monday, March 9th

- 6:00pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Church Council – *Education Building*

Tuesday, March 10th

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 6:30pm – WAVFD General Meeting – *Zilss Hall*

Wednesday, March 11th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 6:00pm – Lenten Meal – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Lent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

Sunday, March 15th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*
 - 4:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*
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Sunday School: Today in Sunday School, the children will study “The Conversion of Paul” and will learn that as God did with Paul, so God does with us. Through the Law, we are crushed by the weight of our sin and are helpless. As God revived Paul through Ananias (Acts 9:1-31), He revives us through our

pastors with proclamation of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments granting forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe. Talk to your children about the Sacraments and God's Word revive you so that you may live as God's child.

Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available: Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children of our church members to attend a week of camp this summer at Camp Lone Star. For more information, contact Pastor Nate. Please visit <http://www.lomt.com/summercamp.html> to look at the summer schedule and activities.

This Wednesdays Lenten Meal: In Genesis 25:25-34, Esau trades Jacob his birthright for a bowl of "Red Stew". How good can that stew really be? Find out this coming Wednesday March 11th at 6:00pm before the Lent Midweek Service at 7:00pm. The Elders will be serving Jacob's Stew and other savory treats from Genesis.

Dedication of School Kits and Quilts: On Sunday, March 22nd at the beginning of the service, the school kits and quilts that have been assembled by the LWML for donation through Lutheran World Relief will be displayed and blessed. Come and see how our local donations can benefit those in need both near and far!

POBLO Sunday (March 29th) Worship at the Park: On Sunday, March 29th we will observe People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) Sunday! All activities on that morning will take place at Saint Michael's Park (rather than at the church) and will follow this modified schedule:

- 10:00am – Worship Service
 - 10:30am – Presentation from POBLO Missionary, Julie Aftab
 - 11:30am – Fellowship Meal
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Clean-Up Day: The Board of Trustees is having a clean-up day for the Sanctuary and Education Building on April 4th starting at 8:00am until finished. Any and all members who can help please come and bring cleaning rags. For more information ask Bobby Miertschin.

Gospel Song Sunday: Please join us on Sunday, April 19th 2020, after Bible Class and Sunday School, for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and sharing the Message of Salvation through song!!!! We will be making stops at Bec's Blessing in Giddings, Monument Hill Nursing and Rehab Center in La Grange, and Towers Nursing Home in Smithville to perform an approximately 30-minute performance of familiar Country Gospel songs and hymns celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the residents and staff of these facilities, where members of our congregation reside. A light lunch will be provided, then we will form carpools from the Church to our designated stops. For more information, or to let us know you will be attending, please contact Roland Zoch at 979-966-9397 or Robbie Zoch at 979-639-1220. This will help us plan for lunch and transportation. We look forward to spending the afternoon with you in Service of Our Heavenly Father!!!!

Wendish Fellowship Sunday: All are invited today for food, fun, kids activities and a brief meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend. There will be a Catfish Lunch (\$10 for adults, and kids 10 and under are free. There will also be a domino and washer tournament that require reservations by calling (979-366-2441 or e-mail at museum@texaswendish.org). Starting at 10:30am there is Kaffee Klatch and Kuchen Fellowship, 11:00am Short 'n' Sweet Membership meeting, Lunch starts at 11:30am followed by Kids Activities, Domino and Washer tournaments from 1:00-2:30pm and the Closing starts at 2:30pm. This is dine-in only. Any extra money raised after the cost of the food will go toward the scholarship fund.

Jodi Miller Benefit: A benefit is being held for Jodi Miller and her family on the weekend of March 13th and 14th. Jodi the daughter of Sherwood and Rhoda Gersch is fighting a form of cancer known as Langerhans Cell Hystiocytosis and Pulmonary Hypertension. Jodi, who has been a nurse in the home health field for over 25 years is unable to work. A Silent Auction and band will be appearing at Watterson Hall near Red Rock Texas on Friday, March 13th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come out for Beer, food and good music. On Saturday, March 14th at the Fayette County Sheriff's Posse Arena a Benefit Barrel Race will be held beginning at 10 a.m. Food, Drinks and Bake sell will be available. If you have question or want to donate contact Brennan at 512/227-4240.