

Sunday, September 27th 2020

Saint Michael and All Angels

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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Our service today will take place in the sanctuary. We ask that you only participate in the service in the sanctuary if you are free of any COVID-19 related symptoms and have not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. All who participate in the sanctuary are asked to sanitize their hands upon entry, wear a mask for the entirety of the service, and leave at least six feet of lateral space in each pew between groups. Every other row has been marked off for increased distancing between groups.

For those who would prefer to continue to participate in the service from their vehicles, you are able to do so. Please park on the east side of the church building and you will be provided with a bulletin.

- By tuning your car radio to 93.1 FM, you will be able to hear the service taking place inside. Please participate fully in the congregational responses, singing, and prayers!
- In order to register your attendance with us today, please fill out the attendance sheet on the back cover of your bulletin. You will tear this page off and hand it in with the offering. An usher will come to collect the offering and attendance sheets from you during the final hymn.
- The Adult Bible Study will be broadcast over the FM transmitter on the same frequency used during the service. If you would like to listen in on the Bible Study but do not want to enter the sanctuary, you are welcome to do so from your vehicle.

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 ONE

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Reception of New Member – Janet Campbell

Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB #901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

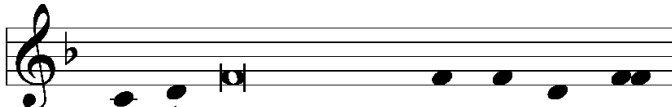
Read Together

Ps. 103:20–22; antiphon: Ps. 103:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the Lord, all his hosts,

his ministers, who do his will!
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
*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.*
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

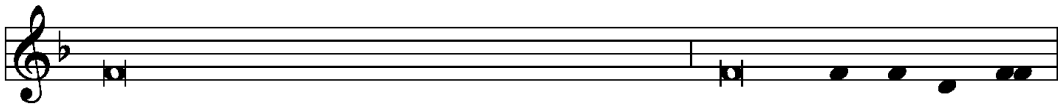
Kyrie




A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



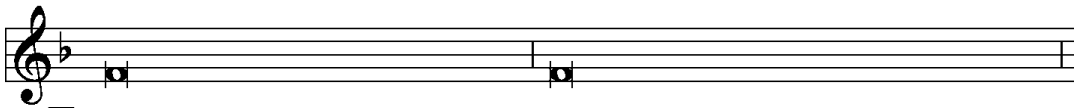
C Lord, have mer - cy.




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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



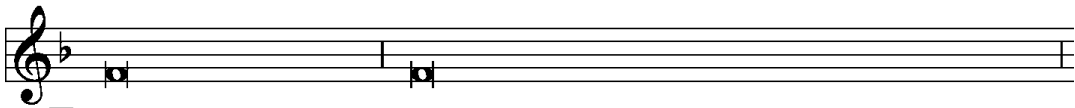
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



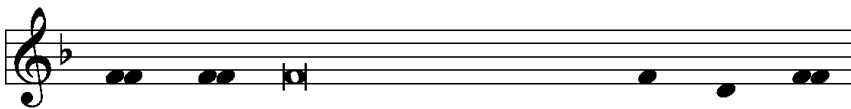
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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



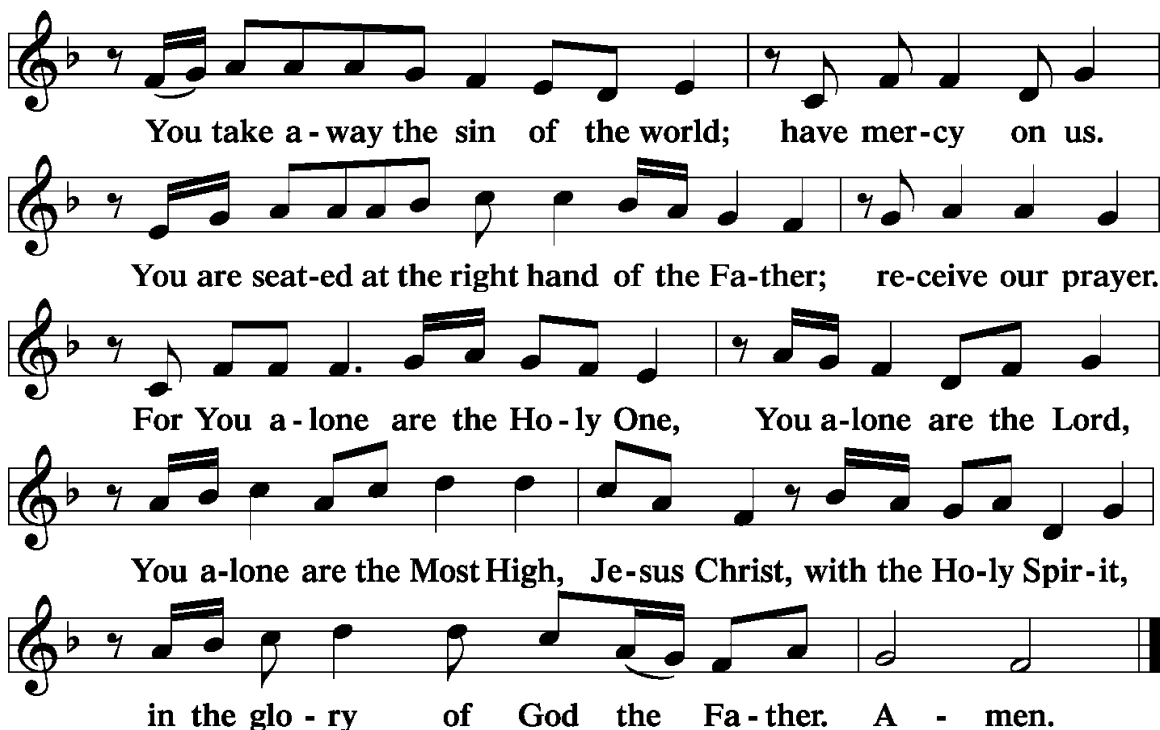
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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,

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

^{12:1}“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 91

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.
⁹Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.
¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹²On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
¹⁴“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

Second Reading

Revelation 12:7-12

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 10:17-20

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.** ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise, With grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace, And con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; Their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; His en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou didst cre -
 ly be - hold Thy face; They heed Thy voice, they know it
 light is but to be With Thee, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.
 well, In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 keep Thy lit - tle flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
 pride Thy Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

- 5 As he of old deceived the world
 And into sin and death has hurled,
 So now he subtly lies in wait
 To undermine both Church and state.
- 6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
 No halt nor rest he ever knows;
 He seeks the Christians to devour
 And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.
- 7 But watchful is the angel band
 That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
 To guard His people where they go
 And break the counsel of the foe.
- 8 For this, now and in days to be,
 Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,
 Whom all the angel hosts adore
 With grateful songs forevermore.

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Sermon “Returning to Our Shelter and Dwelling Place” Rev. Nate Hill
Psalm 91

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

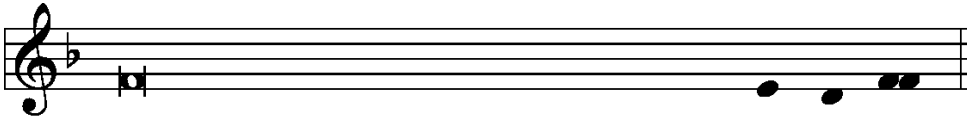
The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB #895

Those participating in the service from their vehicles will have an usher approach their vehicle during the closing hymn to collect the offering and attendance sheet.



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Please remain in your seats until an usher dismisses your row. If you plan on remaining for the Adult Bible Study, please stay in your seat.

Postlude

Offering

Ushers

The offering will be collected today as you exit the church building. Please consider transitioning to making your regular tithe or offering online at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give



Please also fill out the attendance register on the back page of your bulletin, tear it off and place it into the offering basket.

If you will be joining us for the Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary please remain in your seat.

The Adult Bible Study will be broadcast over the FM transmitter on the same frequency used during the service. If you would like to listen in on the Bible Study but do not want to enter the sanctuary, you are welcome to do so from your vehicle.

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Marie Ashutabi
- David Brand
- Megan Hart Burch
- Sherry Cook
- Charlene Franke
- Jeanette Franke
- RC Franke
- Tommy Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Irma Gersch
- Bobbie Hajek
- Anna Jakobeit
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Rose Lehmann
- Kenny Lorenz
- Henry Macias
- Kevin Margeson
- Roy Medack
- Jodi Miller
- James Nawara
- Ross Payne
- Lillian Pietsch
- Frank Schwartz
- Reedy Schwartz
- Barbara Spence
- Amy Wagner
- 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

Altar Flowers This Morning: are given to the glory in honor of JD and Ashley Kilian's 20th Wedding Anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, September 27th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:15am – Short Voters' Meeting / Adult Bible Study – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Children's Sunday School – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – Youth Confirmation – *Education Building*

Monday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

- 7:00pm – Park and Mission Boards Combined Meeting – *Education Building*

Wednesday, September 30th

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

Sunday, October 4th (LWML Sunday)

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:15am – Adult Bible Study – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Children's Sunday School – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – Youth Confirmation – *Education Building*

Changes to Our Worship Format Beginning Today: Beginning today and continuing for all future worship services until notified otherwise, Saint Michael's will be changing the format of our worship services as we continue to adapt to COVID-19. Our new worship format will allow those who are comfortable returning to worship services in the sanctuary to do so while still making accommodations for those who would prefer to participate from their vehicles in the parking lot.

Pastor Nate will conduct the worship service from inside the sanctuary rather than from outside in the parking lot.

For those who would like to participate in the service inside the sanctuary, we ask that you monitor your health and only participate inside if you are free of any COVID-19 related symptoms and have not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. The wearing of a mask or face covering is also required at this time for those participating in the sanctuary. Every other pew will be marked off to allow spacing between groups. Family groups are allowed to be seated together, but we ask that you leave at least 6 feet of space in each pew between groups. At the end of the service those who plan on participating in the Adult Bible Study may remain in their places while those leaving the sanctuary will be ushered out row-by-row. The offering and attendance sheets will be collected in a basket as you exit the sanctuary and Pastor will not be shaking hands at the door of the church.

For those who would prefer to continue to participate in the service from their vehicles, you will be able to do so. You will be directed to park on the east side of the church building and will be provided with a bulletin. You will be able to fully participate in the service as we have been doing in previous weeks with the only difference being that you will not be able to see Pastor Nate who will be inside. The offering and attendance sheets will be collected from you as you leave the parking lot.

More information about communion distribution will be available ahead of October 4th which will be the first communion Sunday after these changes have been made.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Pastor Nate at 979-966-8036.

Short Special Voters' Meeting Today before Adult Bible Study: Between the close of the Worship Service and the beginning of the Adult Bible Study on today, a short Special Voters' Meeting will be held to consider a recommendation from the Church Council that the voters amend their previous approval for Pastor to move a "tiny house" into the pasture behind the parsonage to another location. Those who wish to participate from their vehicles in the parking lot will be able to do so.

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning of September 28th Dorothy Loewe will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

Sunday School: The account of “Jacob and Esau” that our children will study in Sunday School today is a story of competition and bad feelings between brothers, parental favoritism, and family squabbling. Amidst this chaos, God acted with grace toward all of them – and to us. Parents might ask, *“How do these sins afflicted every family? Why is forgiveness important in families?”*

Lutheran Witness: It is time for the 2021 Lutheran Witness subscription. If you would like to add or cancel a subscription, please let Amanda Behrens in the office know before October 15th. For 2021, the fee will be \$14.25. Please put your payment in the offering plate, checks should be made out to Saint Michael’s and indicate it for Lutheran Witness Subscription.

Historic Church Window Preservation Project: Work to repair and preserve our historic church windows needs to be done to ensure that they are well maintained for decades to come. At the July Voters’ Meeting, the congregation approved contracting with Willet Hauser Architectural Glass to make all necessary repairs to our existing windows and add a separate protective window covering over each window to protect from future damage. The total cost of the project is \$63,159. To help fund this important project, we are asking members of the congregation to consider making a generous donation to help cover the cost. A contribution of any amount would be greatly appreciated, but the following contribution amounts will be acknowledged on a commemorative plaque in honor or memory of the person or thing of your choice:

- \$3,500 – The amount equal to the cost of preserving one window
- \$1,750 – The amount equal to half the cost of preserving of one window
- \$875 – The amount equal to a quarter of the cost of preserving one window

Any funds raised in excess of the total cost of the project will be retained for use in future capital improvements. Donations can be made by writing “Church Window Project” in the memo line of a check written to Saint Michael’s. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Marceil Prestridge at 832-567-8636.

Drive-Thru Meal: Saint Michael’s Board of Missions and Park Board will be hosting a drive-thru BBQ Pork Steak lunch with all the trimmings on October

25th. Keep watching to the bulletin, website, and/or Facebook for more information.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Fundraiser: The TWHS board made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel our normal Wendish Fest for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have an alternative event today, at St. Paul that will allow us to safely celebrate the rich heritage of the Wends here in Texas and raise some funds for the society. Please join us for a pick-up only meal at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds in Serbin. Meal tickets are \$12 and will be loaded with sausage, Wendish Noodles, pickles, beets, sauerkraut, green beans, bread, and peaches. Pick up your plate from 10am to 1pm. After you pick up your meal, stop by our drive-through country store where you can purchase uncooked sausage & noodles, pickles, sauerkraut, pot holders, hats, and other Wendish related goods.



Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

Thank you to those who pre-ordered chicken spaghetti. Pans will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at either Immanuel or FLHS from 4pm to 6 pm. Cost is \$20 each.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Mr. Dylan Zoch, DCE, will be leading us beginning at 10:30 am. Please join us!!

Oktoberfest

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting a drive through to-go plated meal in place of our traditional Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Pre-orders are encouraged. Additional details are still forthcoming, so watch your church bulletins and our Facebook page for more information.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your participation in the Fall Envelope fundraiser. It has been a wonderful blessing to us. Your generous contributions continue to enable Faith Lutheran High School to grow and instill wisdom as the students become faithful leaders for tomorrow. THANK YOU!!

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 Nikki Kueck to learn more.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

DATE: September 27th 2020

NAME(S) AND CONTACT INFORMATION*		MEMBER	VISITOR	DESIRES A CALL	COMMUNING TODAY?
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***NOTE:** VISITORS, PLEASE PROVIDE ALL CONTACT INFORMATION; MEMBERS, UPDATED INFORMATION ONLY