

Sunday, October 25th 2020

Reformation Sunday (Observed)

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SAINT MICHAEL'S
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Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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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 Members: Iris Franke; Ben and Nellie Gonzalez; Randy and Sherry Lovekamp; Kathy Morgan; Gina Sanders; Coleen Smiley; Larry and Barbara Spence; Dewayne and Mary Patterson

Opening Hymn

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB #506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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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

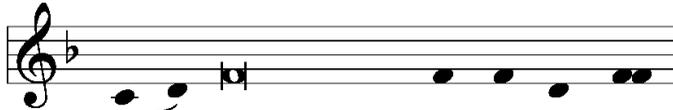
Read Together

Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.
I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
*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.
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

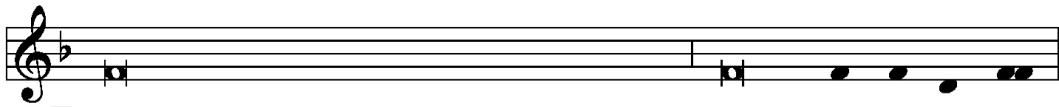
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



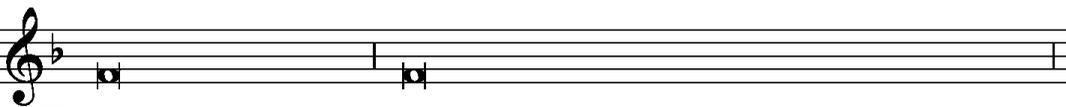
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



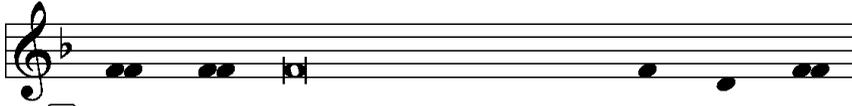
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.



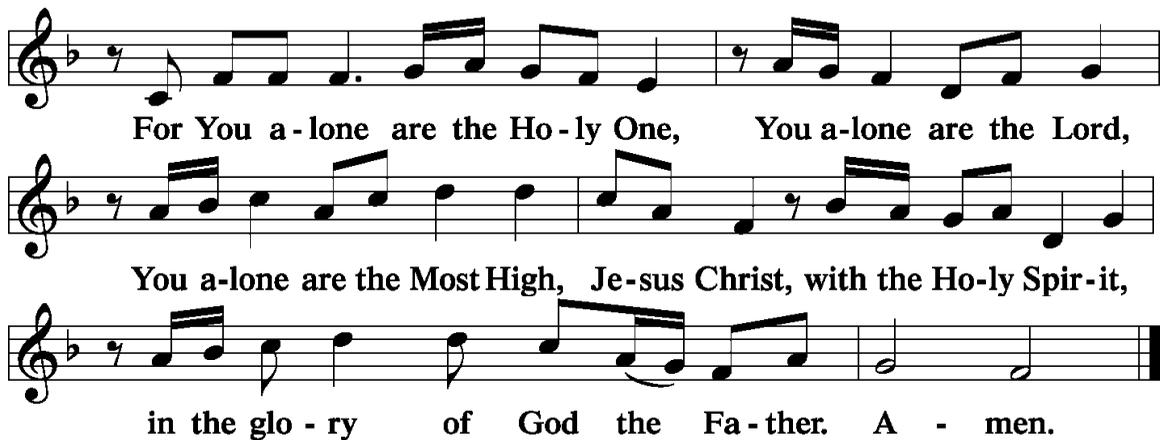
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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

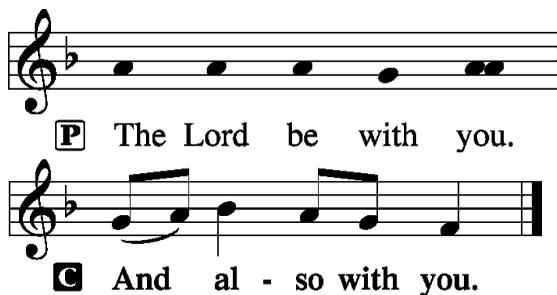


You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the

hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God

through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

John 8:31-36

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

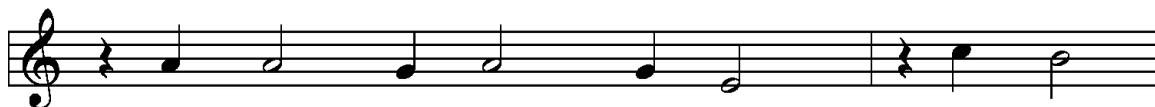
³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none,
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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Sermon

"Re-formed by the Word of Truth"
John 8:31-36

Rev. Nate Hill

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

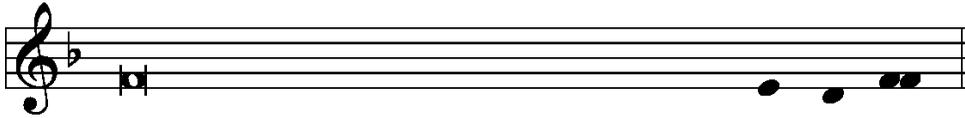
P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

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

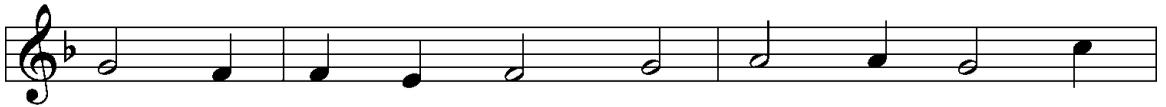
Pastor

Closing Hymn "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

LSB #580



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be
sad;
The weary, burdened souls it
cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings
spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our
righteousness.

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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
- Megan Hart Burch
- Sherry Cook
- Charlene Franke
- Jeanette Franke
- RC Franke
- Tommy Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Irma Gersch
- Aaron Hirsch
- 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:

- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Kevin Gonzalez – US Marines – San Francisco, California
- 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: The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by the former members of Vineyard of Christ Lutheran Church who are being accepted into membership at Saint Michael's this morning. They are in appreciation and thanksgiving for the warm welcome we have received during our time of transition. The flowers are also in celebration of this day of Reformation in the Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, October 25th (*Reformation Day Observed*)

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary and Parking Lot*
- 10:15am – Adult Bible Study – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Children's Sunday School – *Education Building*
- 10:30am – Drive-Thru Meal – *Saint Michael's Park*
- 1:00pm – Youth Confirmation – *Education Building*

Monday, October 26th

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

Tuesday, October 27th

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

Wednesday, October 28th

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

Sunday, November 1st (*All Saints' Day*)

- 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*

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning of October 26th Candice Hill 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: For the next few weeks in Sunday School, the children will be studying true story of the life of Joseph. It begins today with the account of “Joseph and His Brothers.” Though the brothers didn’t know it, God would use their treachery to bring about His plan to deliver His people and ultimately to deliver us from sin and death through Jesus. *A family discussion might include, “How can hatred and unkind thoughts lead to hateful words and actions?”* On the cross, Jesus saved us from the hurt and harm of our own sins and the sins of others.

BBQ Pork Steak: Today you will be able to pick up your BBQ Pork Steak dinner from 10:30am – 12:30pm at Saint Michael’s Park. Advanced tickets will be guaranteed until 12:00pm.

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.

Halloween Trunk and Treat: You are invited to a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31st from 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Zilss Hall. You may walk or drive through. Please wear masks and social distance.



FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 13th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! It may look a little different this year, due to Covid, but we are excited to host this memorable event. Parents, you must call FLHS to reserve your child's spot at Game Night this year, as limited space will be available! Please join us!

Accreditation Visit

Faculty and staff at FLHS are anxiously preparing for our accreditation visit on November 8th - 10th. This visit was delayed last spring due to Covid, but we are so excited to walk through this process as the ministry at FLHS continues to grow.

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Wednesday, November 18th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship and students will be assisting with music. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

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 at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Scholarship Program

Have you ever had this thought? "Faith Lutheran High School sounds great, but my family can't afford it." We firmly believe that EVERY family desiring a Christ-centered education for their children should have the opportunity to attend FLHS. We have a Tuition Scholarship Program with funds available, and EVERY family who applies (through TADS) will receive some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. We will be practicing social distancing.

Follow Us On Facebook!

See the exciting things happening at Faith Lutheran High School on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (faithlutheranhighschool.com) which is updated regularly as well.

Thank you!

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS - through our fall envelope fundraiser, wish list items, and so much more. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support. 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, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.



Current Worship Format: Continuing for all future worship services until notified otherwise, Saint Michael's 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 during the final hymn.

On communion Sundays, those participating in the service from their vehicles will be served first and will be communed in their vehicle by Pastor Nate and two Elders. If you will be communing today, please roll your window all the way down as a sign for us to come to you. If you will not be Communing today, please crack your window about an inch as a sign for Pastor Nate to give you a verbal blessing. Following the outdoor distribution, those participating in the service in the sanctuary will come forward to receive communion in a continuous distribution style leaving physical space between each family group.

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

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

DATE: October 25th 2020

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