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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.

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### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

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**DIVINE SERVICE  
SETTING ONE  
WITH COMMUNION**

**Prelude**

Selected Music

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

Ushers

Opening Hymn

“O God of Light”

LSB #836



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
 4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
 Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain  
 To sin - ful hearts, Your jus - tice and Your grace;  
 Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,  
 That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

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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.

- 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**

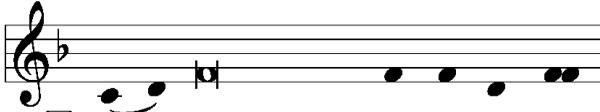
Read Together

*Ps. 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1*

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!  
Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.  
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.  
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!  
For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!  
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!  
*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.*  
Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

## Kyrie



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



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



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



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



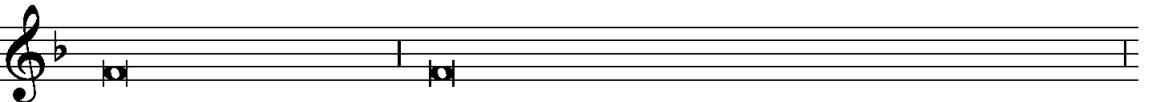
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



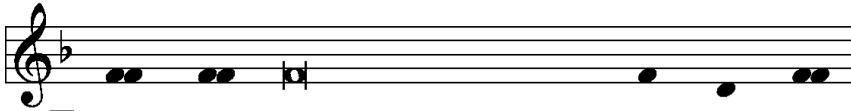
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise

### "This Is the Feast"

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-16

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is near;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the Lord,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'

<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them."

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the Lord is near,

near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,

a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

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

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

## Psalm

Psalm 90:1-12

- <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.
- <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- <sup>3</sup>You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.
- <sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- <sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.
- <sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- <sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- <sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- <sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**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.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



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

<sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day**

*“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

LSB #781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
 And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.  
 To tend the lone and fa - ther - less Is an - gels' work be - low.  
 5 The captive to release, 6 And we believe Thy Word,  
 To God the lost to bring, Though dim our faith may be:  
 To teach the way of life and peace, Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
 It is a Christ-like thing. We do it unto Thee.

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**Sermon**

*“Good and Faithful Servants of a  
 Good and Faithful Master”  
 Matthew 25:14-30*

Rev. Nate Hill

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,

**very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

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### ***Important Information about Holy Communion Today***

Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of this or another LCMS congregation, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if you are uncertain about our beliefs and practices surrounding Holy Communion, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please let Pastor Nate know. he would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and Holy Communion!

We also understand that at this time there may be some individuals who would normally receive Holy Communion with us but who may have health or other concerns that would keep them from communing today. We understand these concerns and are supportive of each individual's responsibility for their own health.

Communion will be distributed by Pastor Nate and two Elders. Those participating in the service from their vehicles will be served first. 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.

For those who are sensitive to alcohol, the cups in the center of the communion tray contain water with one drop of wine added.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*(Colossian3:1)*



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalms 136*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us

faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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*

## The Words of Our Lord

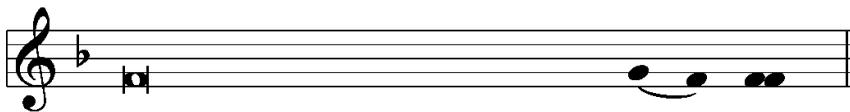
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymn

*"Your Table I Approach"*

LSB #628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,                      6 Oh, may I never fail  
 That earth and hell combined                      To thank You day and night  
 May not about this sacrament                      For Your true body and true blood,  
 Raise doubt within my mind.                      O God, my peace and light.

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**Distribution Hymn**

*“Built on the Rock”*

LSB #645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
 That, when the church bells are ringing,  
 Many in saving faith may come  
 Where Christ His message is bringing:  
 "I know My own; My own know Me.  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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**Distribution Hymn** *"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"*

LSB #428

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,  
 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing  
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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## Post-Communion Canticle



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

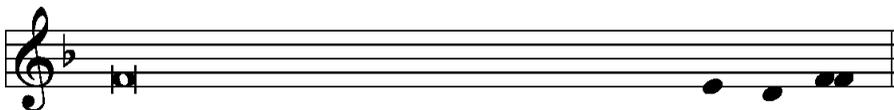
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.

## 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

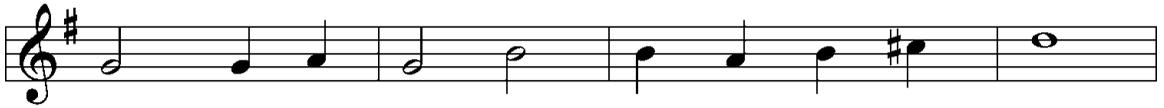
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## Closing Hymn "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

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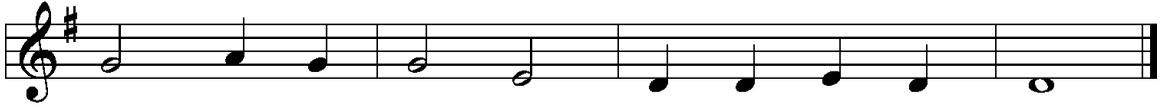
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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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](http://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
- RC Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Aaron Hirsch
- Anna Jakobeit
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson
- Roy Medack
- Jodi Miller
- James Nawara
- Charlie O'Hara
- Lillian Pietsch
- Raymond Schulz
- 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 THIS MORNING:** are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Kipp in loving memory of Marvin Kipp.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:**

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 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*
- 4:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:00am – LWML – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – WACA Book Club – *Zilss Hall*

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Voters' Meeting – *Saint Michael's Park*

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning of November 16<sup>th</sup> Margaret Atkins 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.

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**Sunday School:** Today in Sunday School, the children will complete their study of how God worked in Joseph's life. "Joseph's Forgives" and reveals himself to his brothers, telling them that though they meant evil, God used their acts for good. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments. Families could discuss, "How was God with Joseph, blessing

him through all that happened, the good and the bad? How has God turned bad or evil things in your life or world into blessings for your good?”

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**Voters' Meeting:** There is will be a Voters' Meeting on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Saint Michael's Lutheran Church Park. We will be voting on officers, board members, and the 2021 budget.

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**Nominations for Congregational Officers and Board Members:** Now is the time for the congregation to consider nominations for officers and board members for the upcoming year. Elections will take place at the November Voters' Meeting. Between now and then, please consider whether you would be willing to be considered to serve as an officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer) or on one of our boards (Elders, Education, Missions, Trustees, Cemetery, Finance, Financial Review, Park). You may also suggest other members for nomination to one of these positions. Please submit any nominations to Elna Koenning. We need you to serve!

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**Wine Offering at Thanksgiving Eve Service:** This year, during our Thanksgiving Eve Service (7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>), we will collect an offering of wine to be used in the Lord's Supper in future worship services. If you would like to participate in this special offering, please bring Mogen David brand "Concord" wine along with you to the service. We will have the opportunity to bring our offering forward during the service.

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**Children's Christmas Eve Service:** We will be having our annual Christmas Eve service led by the children. Practices start on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will only have 3 practices so we will need to know which children will be participating no later than Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Children will need to be at all three practices so that they are prepared to lead the service on Christmas Eve. Please contact Amanda Hart, Krystal Burton, Jenny Fajkus, or Amanda Hankemeier to confirm that your child(ren) will be participating in the program. \*\*Please keep in mind that COVID could halt these plans at any time and we would have an alternative service. \*\*

**WACA Decorating Contest:** The Winchester Area Civic Association met this past week and determined that the Annual Community Christmas Party will not be held this year due to COVID-19 concerns. However, WACA will sponsor an Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest for the Winchester area. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. If you are interested in participating in the outdoor decorating, please contact Richard Schafer, Chairman, by December 15 at 254-644-1193 or [richardbarbschafer@gmail.com](mailto:richardbarbschafer@gmail.com). Judging will be conducted on December 19.

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**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.

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

**DATE:** November 15<sup>th</sup> 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