

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Ascension of Our Lord



# SAINT MICHAEL'S

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

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Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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## **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:**

Welcome to Saint Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshiping the Lord with us this morning. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about Saint Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building was built in 1906. Unfortunately, this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this morning. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find Saint Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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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**

<b>Prelude</b>	Selected Music
<b>Ringing of the Church Bell</b>	Ushers
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>	Pastor

## Recognition and Blessing of Graduating High School Seniors

- Nichole Jakobeit – Faith Lutheran High School
- Dylan Robbins – La Grange High School
- Ali Zoch – La Grange High School

Opening Hymn

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LSB #493

### 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. 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."  
The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,  
"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."  
The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.  
*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.*  
God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

### 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,





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.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.

<sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

<sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

<sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.

<sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!

**Epistle Reading**

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ

when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**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 24:44-53

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



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

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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



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

**Children's Message**

Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**     *"Up through Endless Ranks of Angels"*

LSB #491

**Sermon**                     *"He Ascended into Heaven"*  
                                      *Luke 24:44-53*

Rev. Nate Hill

**Apostles' Creed**

**G** 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

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

Ushers

*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at [www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*



## Offertory

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Announcements

Pastor

## Closing Hymn

*"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"*

LSB #494

## Postlude

Selected Music

## PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Marie Ashutabi — *Bea Kilian's Coworker*
- Briana Beasley — *Greg Roeber's Coworker*
- Melinda Bennett — *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Don Buck
- Caleb Burton
- Beverly Desmond — *Mark McClain's Aunt*
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper — *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Kristin Laws
- Richard Laws
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson—*Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Travis Miertschin
- Clarence Mitschke—*Karen Robbins' Father*
- Dianna Mitschke—*Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Betty Richter
- Layne Schramm—*Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Michelle Smith
- Linda Tate — *Jeanette Mitschke's sister*
- Amy Wagner
- Mary Watts

### SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand — US Navy — Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton — US Army — Fort Carson, Colorado
- Warren Evans — US Army — Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Jake Hagood — US Army — Fort Hood, Texas
- Kaleb Pyle — US Army — Fort Bliss, Texas
- Ryan Spray — US Air Force — San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor — US Army — Fort Knox, Kentucky

### MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab — People of the Book Lutheran Outreach — Houston, TX
- John & Jenn Wolf — LCMS Missionaries — Kenya

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING:** are given to the glory of God by Mark and Leann McClain in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
  - 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
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**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on May 30<sup>th</sup>, Dana Hall 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 students examine “The Case of the Missing Scroll: King Josiah.” God blesses all who hear and honor His Word. Parents could discuss, “*Where do we hear God’s Word? How does God’s Word strengthen you?*”

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**Vacation Bible School:** VBS is just about a month away please consider volunteering your time to help with meals, snacks, crafts, games or even classrooms. We could use your help June 25<sup>th</sup> to set up at the park at 10 am. VBS kicks off at 5:30 pm on June 26<sup>th</sup> and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us for dinner and fun. Be watching for the link to sign up your children and grandchildren.

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**Member Directory:** We are taking photos every Sunday in the Education building ***before church starting at 8:20 and after church only until Bible Study starts.*** Photos are in family household groups. Please have **ALL** family members present. We will verify your contact info for the church records as well. This is an “in house” directory application that is already in the church software. No extra expense to the church or members. Any questions, please contact Jackie Claude 281-731-3725.

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**Taste of Winchester:** Please look into your recipe collection and create a tasty treat for community judging. Come meet your neighbors, enjoy their talents, and help us brand a “Master Chef!” Categories: Chef – ages 17 and up – Appetizer/Salad, Main Dish, Dessert; Sous Chef – ages 9-16 – Appetizer, Dessert; Chef in Training – ages 8 and under – Cake Mix creation (Create a treat using a cake mix as a base. Parent help is encouraged here!) Awards will be given for each category as well as a TOP CHEF award! This event takes place at Zilss Hall (105 Memorial Hall Street) June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

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**Saint Michael’s Annual Picnic:** It’s time to plan for our annual church picnic on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We are asking that members of the congregation consider making donations of auction items and desserts for the meal.

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**Park Improvements:** At the Special Voters Meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>, the congregation approved a project to improve our park facilities including walling in the four roll-up doors, painting the park building inside and outside, and making repairs to the roof. If you would like to donate to defray the cost of this important project, you may do so by contributing to the church with a designation of “Park Improvements” in the memo line of your check.

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**Ushers Needed:** Saint Michael’s is in need of additional people to volunteer to serve as ushers in our church services. Please contact Jerry Althaus at (512) 826-7615 for more information or to be added to the list to serve.

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**Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available:** Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children and grandchildren of our church members to attend a week of camp this summer at Camp Lone Star. For more information, contact Pastor Nate. Please visit [camplonestar.org/summer-camp/](http://camplonestar.org/summer-camp/) to look at the summer and activities.

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**Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program:** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school for Fall 2022 semester. 2022-2023 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 19<sup>th</sup> online at [texaswendish.org](http://texaswendish.org) and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.net](mailto:museum@texaswendish.net). In 2021, a total of \$15,000 was awarded in scholarships to thirteen students. Thanks for your support!

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**BBQ Pork Steak Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance plates will be sold for \$12.00 and all are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 979-540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 979-540-7154 by June 13<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

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**Mt. Calvary VBS:** Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in La Grange will have a VBS program during the week of July 18-22 this summer from 5:15 to 8:15pm. The theme is *Jerusalem Marketplace*. Children ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the fun. A meal will be provided to all who attend each evening followed by VBS activities and an adult Bible study led by Pastor Kaspar. Please register by June 19<sup>th</sup>. What better way to encourage stronger Lutheran faith than to bind our area LCMS churches together through fun events?



### **Thank You!**

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered during this academic year. It's hard to believe another school year is complete! We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers and support, as preparations are made for next year and the future. God continues to bless our ministry and YOU do as well. Thank you!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org) for registration information.

### **Youth Camps**

We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 1 - Frog Dissection - Grade 6 to 8 - \$15

June 6-8 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING! (3-5 is FULL!)

~~June 20-22 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30 FULL!~~

~~June 27-29 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30 FULL!~~

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING!

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

### **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. \*We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!



### **Amazon Smile and Wish List**

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, every time you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation.

FLHS has also created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!

### **Save the Date!**

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 22. **New this year will be - *The Battle of the Brew*** – a home brew competition. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, and lots of fun!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FOR THE ANNUAL**

**FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**



**Oktoberfest**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022**

**FOOD** 🎩 **BEER** 🎩 **MUSIC** 🎩 **SILENT AUCTION**

**DOMINOS** 🎩 **KID ACTIVITIES** 🎩 **CORNHOLE**

**NEW THIS YEAR**

**BATTLE OF THE BREWS**

**HOME BREW CONTEST**

**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AS WE GET CLOSER TO OCTOBER  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

# SAINT MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Saturday

Saturday

Saint Michael's Park in Historic Downtown Winchester  
(2 blocks north of FM 153 on Frio Street)



Seating and activities to take place outside  
and also in our AIR-CONDITIONED PAVILION

Everyone is Welcome!



## Schedule of Events:

3:00 pm-Closing

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

5:00-6:30 pm

Beer and Soda Stand Open

Washer Tournament Registration

Washer Tournament Begins

BBQ Meal is Served by the Plate (\$12 per plate;  
To Go Plates Available)

Meal Includes:

Pork or Chicken Barbecue

BBQ Sauce, Potato Salad, Noodles,

Beans, Bread,

Iced Tea

& Dessert



Bounce House  
for the kids

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

Remaining BBQ Sold by the Pound

Live Auction Begins



A portion of the picnic proceeds are dedicated to  
Congregational Tuition Assistance for Lutheran Schools



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You are invited to come to "the place where friends meet friends and  
strangers become friends!"