

Sunday, September 11th 2022 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

W I N C H E S T E R  T E X A S

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!

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
Opening Hymn	<i>"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"</i> LSB #740

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

Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

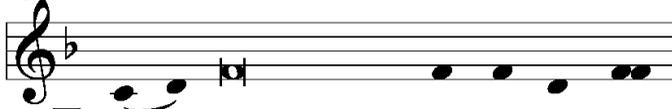
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

*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.*

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

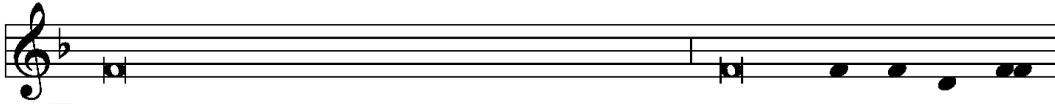
Kyrie



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.



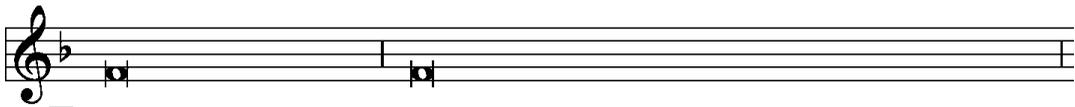
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



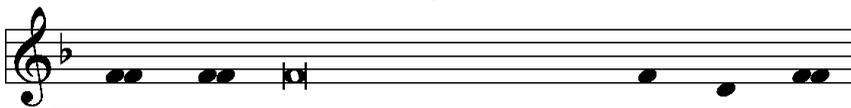
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

“Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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



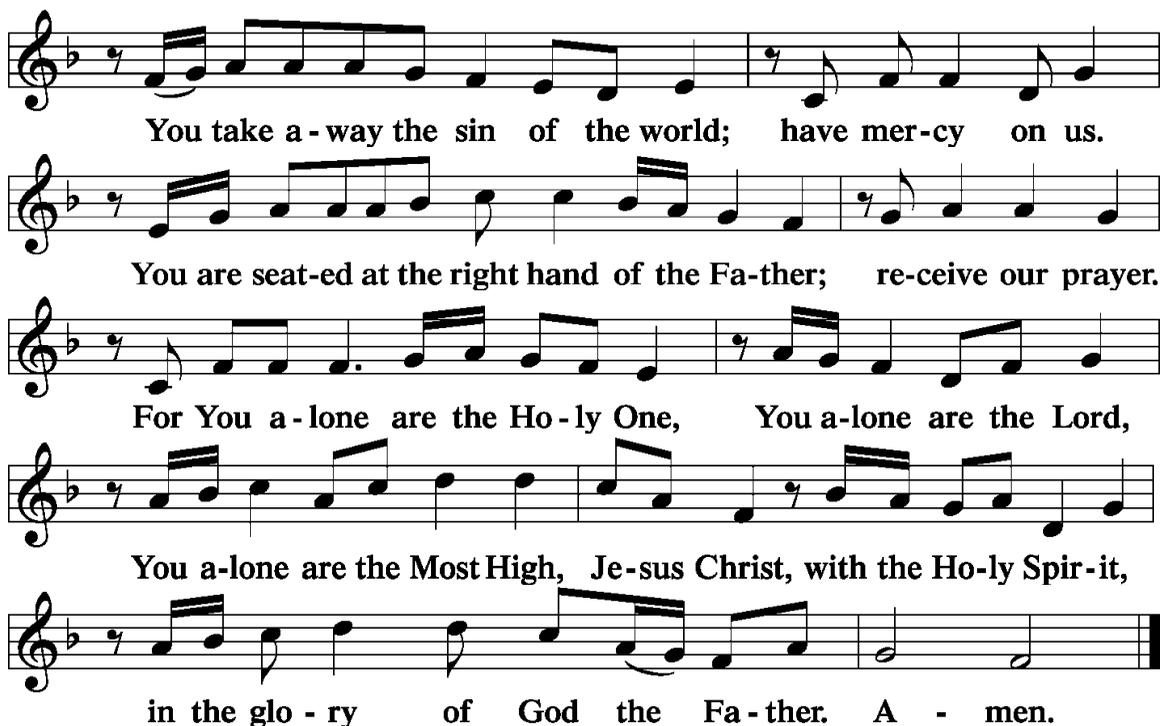
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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.

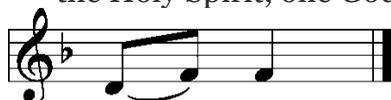
2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word!

¹⁷⁰Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your word.

¹⁷¹My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live and praise you,
and let your just decrees help me.

¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:5-17

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 15:1-10

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

LSB #709

Sermon

"One"
Luke 15:1-10

Rev. Nate Hill

Apostles' Creed

C 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

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

Ushers

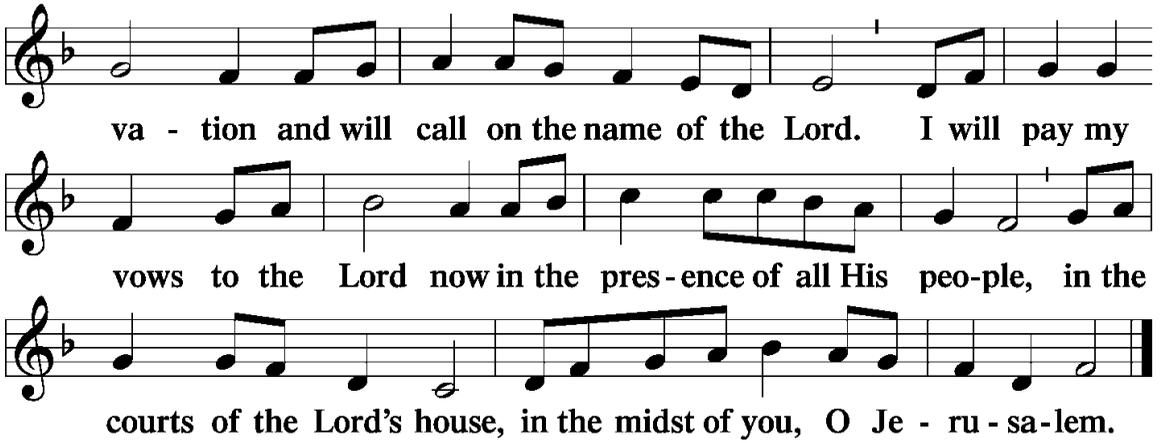
*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,
you may do so at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give*



Offertory



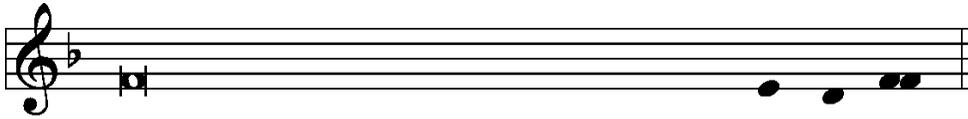
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



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.

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

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB #506

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Marian Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Mike Grafelman
- Diana Hardman – *Pastor Nate's Cousin*
- Evelyn Haschke
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Audrey Koenning
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Barb Liebmann – *Lisa Qualman's Friend*
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Travis Miertschin
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Amy Wagner

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
- Dylan Robbins – USMC Recruit – San Diego, CA

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 Glenn and Stacy Zoch in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary on September 12th.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, September 11th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*

Monday, September 12th

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

Tuesday, September 13th

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

Wednesday, September 14th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 6:00pm – Board of Education – *Education Building*

Sunday, September 18th

- 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 September 12th, Karen Kilian 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: Today's Sunday School lesson explores, "Jesus Is Our Lord: Jesus Ascends to Heaven." Students will learn that after Jesus descended into hell and rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven to prepare a place for all believers. Families could discuss, "What does it mean to you that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us?"

Thank you! Thank you to Angie, Glenn, and Barry Zoch for the donation of two Advent banners in memory of Elmo Zoch.

Lutheran Witness: It is time for the 2023 subscription. If you would like to add or cancel a subscription, please let Margie Clifton, in the church office, know before Tuesday, October 18th (secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org). For 2023, the fee will be \$14.50. Please put your payment in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to St. Michael's and indicate that it is for a Lutheran Witness Subscription.

Faith in Lyrics: Are you going to be in Middle and High school this year? Join us for a brand-new Sunday school looking through the catechism through the words of Lutheran Rapper Flame. We will meet in the finance room each Sunday starting TODAY. Any questions can be answered by Amanda and Kurtis Hankemeier. Text or call Amanda 979-540-8143.

Seeking Sunday School Teacher for Elementary Age Class: If you are interested, please reach out to Amanda Hart or Amanda Hankemeier. At this time, we teach one time every four weeks. The materials are supplied to you ahead of time for preparation. We have an immediate need to cover October 2nd. We also need people for January 8th and 15th, February 5th and 12th, and March 5th and 12th. Please talk with Amanda Hankemeier if you are able to step in on one of these dates.

Casserole Crew: The Board of Missions is re-launching the Casserole Crew. We will provide freshly prepared casseroles as a tangible way to show our care for people in our congregation and community. If you or anyone you know may be struggling with hunger, facing grief, celebrating a newborn, or just going through a hard time, simply contact the church office at secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org to let us know the situation, and we will have a casserole delivered.

Fried Chicken Dinner: Just a reminder to pick up your fried chicken dinner plates from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship today at the Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00-12:00. Thank you for your support!

WENDISH FEST: The 34th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 25, 2022 @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Michael Newman, President, Texas District LCMS; Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy) and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered @ 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities @ the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by The Shiner Hobo Band, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present *Ptači Kwas* (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society so people are encouraged to wear their sunbonnets or hats! Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org.

DESSERTS NEEDED FOR WENDISH FEST: Wendish Fest attendees really appreciate having desserts available to them during Wendish Fest. All desserts donated by volunteers are greatly appreciated. Those who wish to provide a dessert are asked to bring them uncut, to the pavilion on Sunday morning by 8:30 a.m. Desserts can also be dropped at the museum the day before. Thank you!