

Sunday, September 25th 2022 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MICHAEL'S

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!

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

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Opening Hymn

"Praise the Almighty"

LSB #797

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.** *I 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 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.
Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,
because I have hoped in your word.
I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,

and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight.

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.

Let your steadfast love comfort me
according to your promise to your servant.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

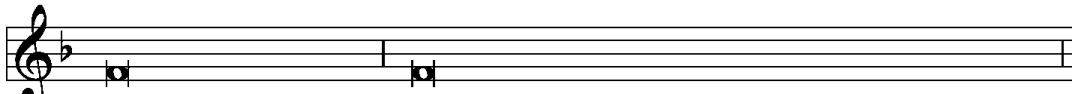
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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.



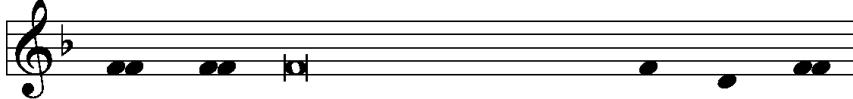
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



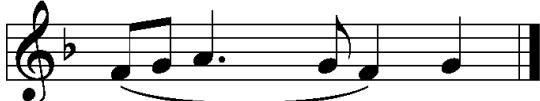
let us pray to the Lord.



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.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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.

1“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
 and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
 to whom the house of Israel comes!
2Pass over to Calneh, and see,
 and from there go to Hamath the great;
 then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
 Or is their territory greater than your territory,
3O you who put far away the day of disaster
 and bring near the seat of violence?
4“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
 and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
 and calves from the midst of the stall,
5who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
 and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
6who drink wine in bowls
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
 and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146

1Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

4When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality,

who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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 16:19-31

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in

anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

LSB #480

Sermon

*“Real!”
Luke 16:19-31*

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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB #918

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Marian Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Mike Grafelman
- Evelyn Haschke
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause – *Diana Roeber's Friend*
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Barb Liebmann – *Lisa Qualman's Friend*
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Ruth Medack – *Maclyn Lehmann's sister*
- Katrina Miertschin
- Travis Miertschin
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Gina Sanders
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Amy Wagner
- Ali Zoch

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 – Camp Pendleton, 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 the Robbins/Mitschke family in loving memory of Clarence Mitschke on his 82nd birthday.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, September 25th

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

Monday, September 26th

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

Tuesday, September 27th

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

Sunday, October 2nd – LWML Sunday

- 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 26th, Krystel Burton 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: In Sunday School, children will discuss, “The Spirit Creates Faith: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus.” Students will learn how Jesus taught Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit works a new birth of faith through Baptism. Consider discussing, “*How is this true for you also?*”

Youth Sunday School: Join us Sunday mornings to learn more about religions around the world. The youth are helping us shape this class by exploring the world through their eyes and interests. Please join us in the finance room during the Sunday School/Bible class time.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class Canceled: The Bible Class for Wednesday, September 28th has been canceled, but will resume the following Wednesday, October 5th at its regular time.

Pastor Away from Phone and Email This Week: Pastor Nate will be away from his phone and email this week as he spends some time focusing on writing associated with his pursuit of a Doctor of Ministry degree. He will be checking any accumulated voicemail and email Friday evening. If you need to get in contact with Pastor Nate before that time, please get in touch with Candice, Margie, Marceil, or any of the Elders who will have access to an alternate phone number where Pastor can be reached.

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.

New Sunday Morning Bible Class Topic: *Lutheran Spirituality: Word* will be the topic for the Sunday morning Bible class starting October 2nd. Spirituality is a common term today, but what does it mean? To find the right answer, *Lutheran Spirituality* directs adult Bible study participants to God's Word. We will explore the Bible, Small Catechism, and the Lutheran hymnal as integral resources for living out our faith lived in a spirituality confused – and confusing – world.

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.

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.

Wendish Fest: The 34th Annual Wendish Fest is hosted today by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society @ Serbin, Texas.



THE LADIES' AID GROUP AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE POST OAK ZONE FALL RALLY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

AT

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
600 FM 1482, GIDDINGS (TURN WEST OFF HWY. 77 IN WARD)
(MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)



THEME: HERE AM I! SEND ME!

GUEST SPEAKERS:



NIKKI KUECK, ADMINISTRATOR OF FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
BARBARA HOFFMAN, MEMBER OF EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BASTROP



REGISTRATION BEGINS: 1:30PM
RALLY BEGINS: 2:00PM

MONETARY INGATHERING TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN FAITH AND EPIPHANY
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "POST OAK ZONE LWML"