

Sunday, October 30th 2022

Reformation Day (Observed)



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>"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"</i> LSB #656

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

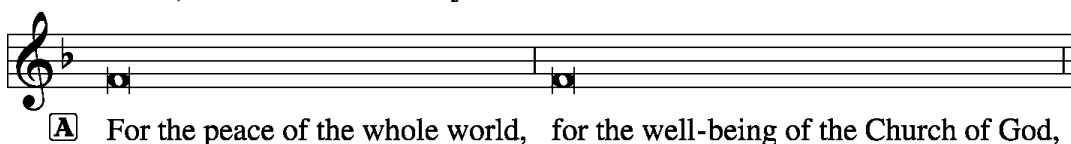
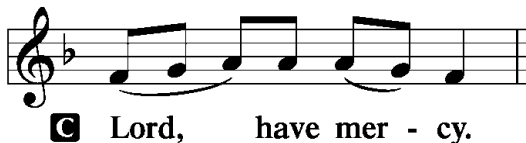
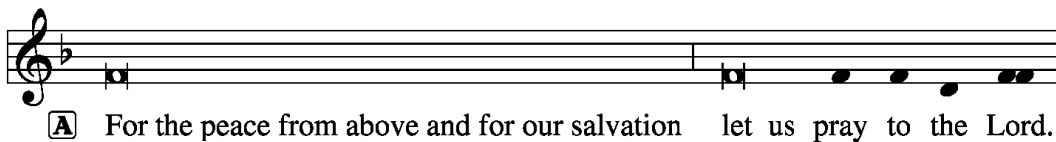
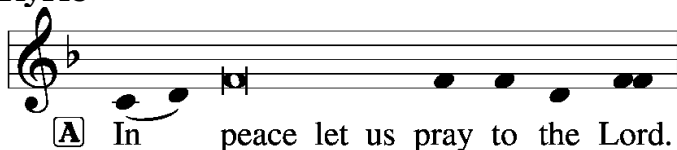
Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

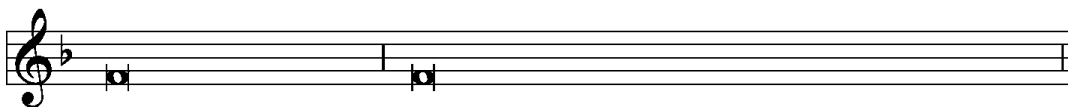
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie





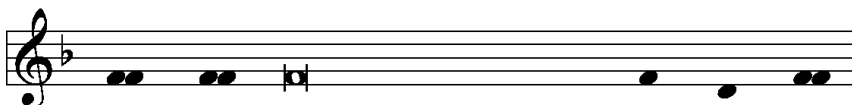
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



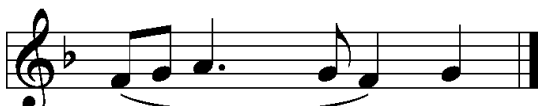
let us pray to the Lord.



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.

C And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

LSB #555

Sermon

*“The Baby and the Bathwater”
Romans 3:19-28*

Rev. Nate Hill

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

**☩ 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.**

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*



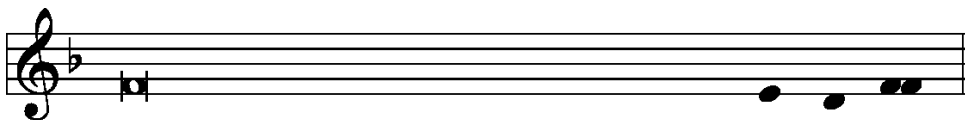
Offertory

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 written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a double bar line.

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 *“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

LSB #655

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- Jeannie Doyle – *Larry Herzog's Daughter*
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Marian Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles & Rose Lehmann's Daughter*
- 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
- Barb Liebmann – *Lisa Qualman's Friend*
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Ruth Medack – *Maelyn Lehmann's sister*
- Katrina Miertschin
- 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
- Tracy Taylor – *Buddy Smith's Friend*
- 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
- Dylan Robbins – USMC – Newport, Rhode Island
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Erik Vallejo – Texas National Guard – United States Border

MISSIONARIES:

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, October 30th – Reformation Day (Observed)

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

Tuesday, November 1st – All Saints' Day

- 9:00am – Quilting – *Education Building*
- 6:30pm – Park Board – *St. Michael's Park*
- 7:00pm – Board of Trustees – *Education Building*

Wednesday, November 2nd

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

Sunday, November 6th – All Saints' Day (Observed)

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

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on October 31st, 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.

Thank You! Dear Members of Saint Michael's, thank you so much for the many cards and gifts that you presented to me and my family last week for Pastor Appreciation Month. It is such a great privilege to be called to serve this congregation and you all hold a place in my heart. Over the last decade as I have served as your pastor, I have always been confident of your care and concern for me and my family. I pray that the Lord will grant us many more years together in ministry! – Pastor Nate

Clothing Drive for Orphan Grain Train: We have already collected socks and undies. Now we need any clean clothing (infants to adults), as well as towels and linens. **Please put these items in plastic bags.** Items **NOT** wanted are glass, plastic, and pillows. Items **MUST** be in by **November 6th**, as they will be picked up on November 11th. Drop off point: St. Michael's Education Building. Please consider donating needed items!

Explore Epiphany Sunday: “Explore Epiphany Sunday” is an initiative by the pastors and congregations involved in supporting Epiphany-Bastrop to encourage their members to regularly visit Epiphany. The intent is to show their support for the ministry and serve as a sort of critical mass as we invite others and grow. What a wonderful encouragement you can be for the congregation at Epiphany – Bastrop! Saint Michael’s is assigned to the first Sunday of every month for our “Explore Epiphany Sunday”. If you would like to participate, please plan on attending our service at Saint Michael’s and then skipping the Sunday Bible Study to instead caravan with our other members to Epiphany to attend their service which takes place at 11:30!

Grace for Life

Grace for Life is a new branch of Lutherans for Life that will offer recurring opportunities for young people to engage in and support pro-life activities in their area. We are partnering with Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center, the only organization currently serving Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette counties. Come join us for our first event!

WHAT: A tour of the BPRC facility followed by a free lunch at a restaurant in Bastrop

WHO: Lutheran youth 13+

WHEN: November 12th, 10:30 A.M.

WHERE: Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center (inside Faith Baptist Church)

2007 N. Main Street

Bastrop, TX 78602

Please RSVP to pastor.roth@gmail.com or 512-229-8899 by Monday, November 7th.





Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

with guest

Pastor Nate Hill

Thursday, Nov. 3, at 8:00 a.m. CT

for a study on

Joshua 19:1-31

The Promised Land Delivered

Listen Live or On-demand at:

kfuo.org/sharperiron



Turkey Supper

Friday, November 4th, 2022

Christ Lutheran Church – Loebau
4654 CR 114
Lincoln, TX 78948

All Plates \$15.00

Drive – Thru Only

Serving Begins at 5:00pm

First come, First served - No Pre-Orders





Free Wednesday Mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 4th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 4th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 11th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

Basketball and Archery Season Underway

FLHS archery program has been hard at work the past two months preparing for the archery season and did well at their first competition last week. Basketball practices are underway and the boys are excited for another fun season. Information will be coming soon regarding schedules so you can make plans to come cheer on your Falcons!

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale on Sunday, November 20th with pick up at the Warda Picnic Grounds. This will be in addition to the Holy Cross Couple's Club fried chicken dinner, which is also occurring that day. All pies are a generous 10-inch size and deep-dish. PreOrders only. **Pecan pies** are \$30 each and **Pumpkin pies** are \$20 each. Place your order by calling FLHS at 242-2889. Deadline to order is Monday, November 14th.



Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Wednesday, November 16th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

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 beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 22nd.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and you can share them with your friends!

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.



Amazon Smile

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.

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has 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!

Thank you!

There have been so many people, organizations, groups, and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support and allowing our ministry to continue to grow. THANK YOU!