

Sunday, February 12th 2023

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



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 worshipping 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 TWO

Prelude	Selected Music
Ringling of the Church Bell	Ushers
Welcome and Greeting	Pastor
Opening Hymn	<i>"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"</i> LSB #704

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 98:7-9; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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.

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Kyrie

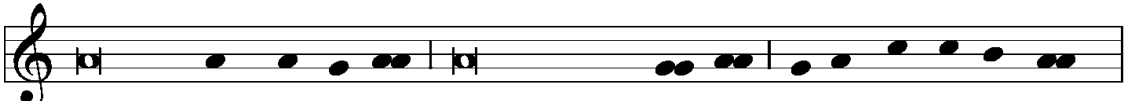
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



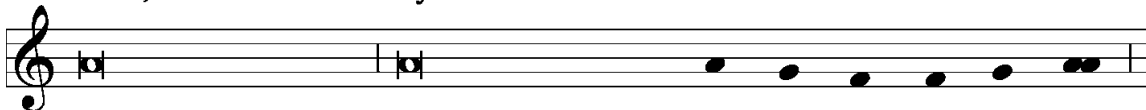
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



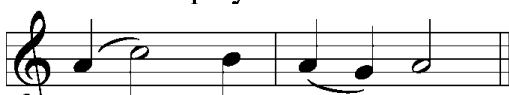
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis"



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

²Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!

⁴You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

⁵Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

Epistle Reading**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' and the second staff contains the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' is written above the staff, and the lyrics are written below the staff.

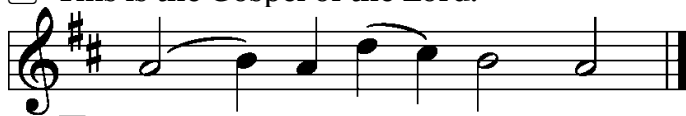
²¹[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

LSB #394

Sermon *“But What Does Jesus Say?”*
Matthew 5:21-37

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

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19

Musical notation for the Offertory song, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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 Lord's Prayer

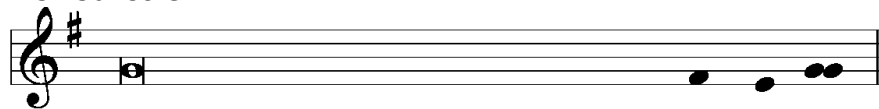
P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 **✠** give you peace.



C A - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB #707

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Katie Barker
- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- James Carr – *Buddy Smith's Coworker*
- Ray Eppers – *Dana Hall's Brother-in-Law*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles & Rose Lehmann's Daughter*
- Larry Herzog
- Mark Herzog – *Larry Herzog's Son*
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- John Kocurek – *Irma & Daniel Gersch's Brother-in-Law*
- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause – *Diana Roeber's Friend*
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Wayne Smith, Sr.
- Catherine Trevino – *Buddy Smith's Coworker's Daughter*
- 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 Bragg, North Carolina
- 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
- Abba's House – LCMS Ministry to Refugees – Cypress, TX -
<https://abbashousetexas.com/>

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING: are given to the glory of God by Erwin and Laverne Schulze in celebration of their 31st anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL’S:

Sunday, February 12th

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

Monday, February 13th

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

Tuesday, February 14th

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

Wednesday, February 15th

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

Sunday, February 19th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 11:00am – WACA Domino Tourn. & Fried Chicken Dinner – *Zilss Hall*

Sunday School: Today, we will study “Fiery Directions.” Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

WACA Domino Tournament: WACA will be hosting it’s annual Domino Tournament and Fried Chicken Dinner at the church park building on Sunday, February 19th. The \$15 meal is eat in or to-go and begins at 11:00am. Domino play begins at 1:00pm.

Abba's House: We are excited to support Abba's House! The next few years should be ones with many opportunities for growth, as they continue to add cabins and increase their capacity to care for arriving refugee families. Rev. Meissner has informed us that a new Syrian family will be arriving February 8th – a mother with three boys (ages 5, 7, and 8) and two girls (ages 14 and 15). They will stay at Abba's House for two months and then will be placed in their own apartment. Setting them up in their new apartment will also be an opportunity that St. Michael's will be taking on some time in April.

Anybody that wants to follow their blogs can sign up at the following link: <https://abbashousetexas.com/recent-blogs/>. Rev. Meissner tries to write an update every few months with the main highlights of all that is going on.

For those that do social media, the best place to get all the fun pictures and updates (when appropriate – some families have to stay incognito for safety reasons) is on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/abbashousetexas/>.

Thank You! The Winchester 4H members would like to extend a heartfelt *THANK YOU* to all those who supported the 4th Annual Winchester Show Fun Shrimp Boil and annual raffle. All proceeds will benefit Winchester 4H member's projects, which supports future livestock projects, college funds, and post-secondary opportunities.

Fayette County Junior Livestock helps 4H members acquire an understanding of scientific livestock production and management practice. 4H members acquire these skills through the experience of selecting and caring for projects. Your support helps further the future lessons and goals of Winchester 4H members as they grow into quality livestock stewards and future leaders.

Men's Retreat: St. Paul Lutheran and Redeemer, Austin have planned a men's retreat at Camp Lone Star from March 3rd through 5th and would like to invite all Central Texas Lutheran men to attend.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Will Weedon.

William Weedon has served as a parish pastor for 26 years. He served as Director of Worship and Chaplain for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 2012-

2019. He is the author of the books *Celebrating the Saints*, *Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey* and *See My Savior's Hands*.

You can find out more about Pastor Weedon, and subscribe to his podcast Bible Study, at <https://thewordendures.org>.

More information and registration for the retreat can be found at <https://www.redeemer.net/mensretreat>.

Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up: Please plan to join us for the annual Lutheran Writers Round Up at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, February 24. We are honored to have some new authors this year, including TX District president, Rev. Michael Newman. Donna Snow, who is a highly sought-after speaker and well-known in LWML circles, is joining us as well. Another author new to this event is Rev. Christopher Kennedy, pastor in San Antonio, whose third book will be released on February 14. Sarah Baughman and Ruth Meyer are both returning authors with books published by Concordia Publishing House. You are invited to join us at 8:00 for a live broadcast of Sharper Iron, with host Rev. Timothy Appel and guests Rev. Michael Newman and Rev. Dustin Beck. Then we will have a live broadcast of KFUE show The Coffee Hour at 9:00, where the authors will be interviewed. The main event begins at 10:00 with author presentations, followed by a meet and greet time, lunch, and an afternoon Q & A session with the authors. Hope to see you there!



STEW DINNER

St. John Lutheran Church
FM 1624, Lincoln

Sunday February 12, 2023

Take out or Dine in

SERVING BEGINS:

10:30 am, till sold out

\$ 12 for stew & cornbread

Dessert-Free will offering

Proceeds to be used toward
Restoration of school building

Tickets sold only at event.

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TEXAS LUTHERAN WRITERS ROUND UP

Rev. Michael Newman

Rev. Christopher M. Kennedy

Ruth Meyer

Sarah Baughman

Donna Snow

2023

February 24

8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Faith Lutheran High School

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Schedule Includes:

8:00 AM-live broadcast of KFUD show Sharper Iron
9:00 AM-live broadcast of KFUD show The Coffee Hour
9:30 AM-Meet and Greet with authors
10:00 AM-Author Presentations
11:30 AM-Meet and Greet Time with authors
12:00 PM-Lunch
1:00 PM-Afternoon Q & A sessions with authors

For More Information:

Check out the
Faith Lutheran High School
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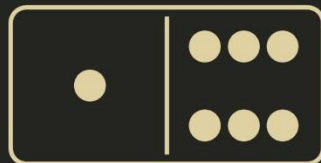
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