

Sunday, March 5th 2023

The Second Sunday in Lent



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 THREE WITH COMMUNION

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn *"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"*

LSB #429

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Ps. 105:4-7; antiphon: v. 8

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

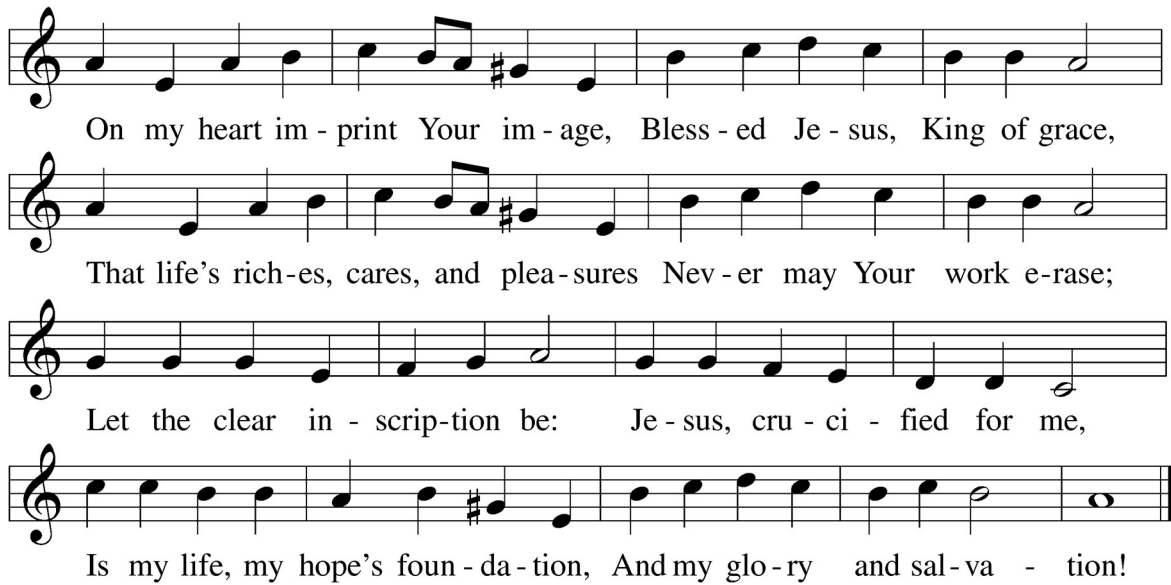
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

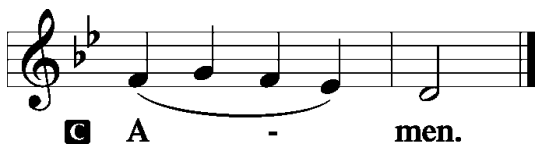


On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Salutation and Collect of the Day*2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

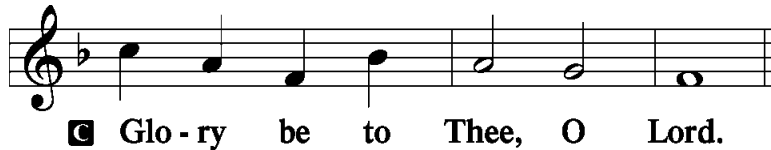
¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

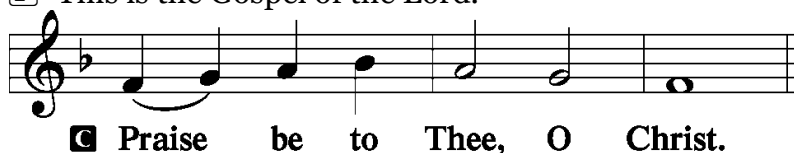


¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

LSB#708

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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*



Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Important Information about Holy Communion Today

Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

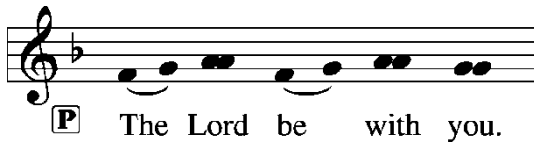
If you are a confirmed member in good standing of this or another LCMS congregation, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if you are uncertain about our beliefs and practices surrounding Holy Communion, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please let Pastor Nate know. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and Holy Communion!

We understand that at this time there may be some individuals who would normally receive Holy Communion with us but who may have health or other concerns that would keep them from communing today. We are supportive of each individual's responsibility for their own health.

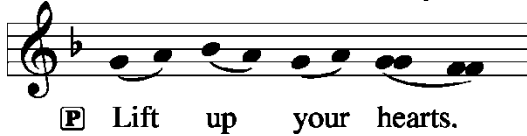
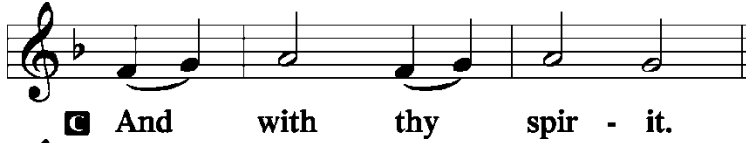
For those who are sensitive to alcohol, the cups in the center of the communion tray contain water with one drop of wine added.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface



2 Timothy 4:22



(Colossians 3:1)



(Psalm 136)



C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.





Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

■ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

LSB #560

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

LSB #596

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB #542

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

■ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

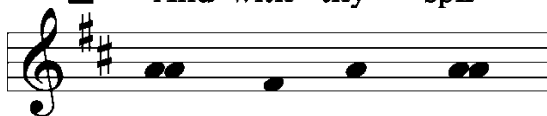


P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

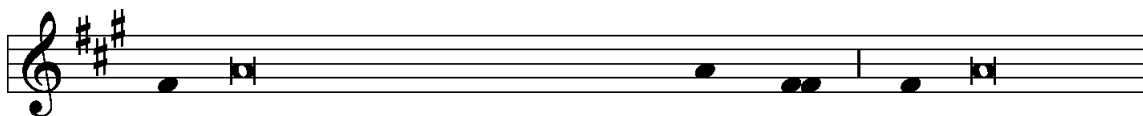
(Psalm 103:1)



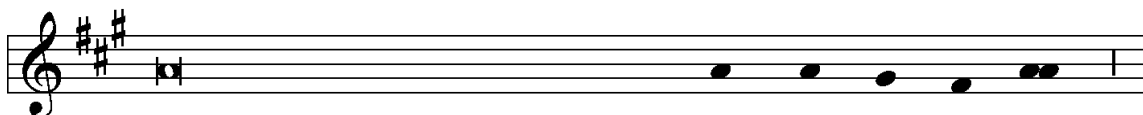
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

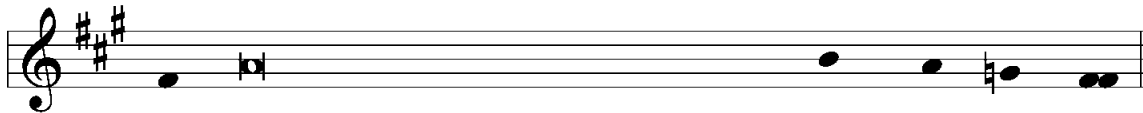
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

LSB#936

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*
- 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
- Margan 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*
- Jeanette Mitschke
- 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
- Darlene Warren
- Nathan Wilson – *Ron and Darline Kaiser's Grandson*

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 Barry and Sandy Zoch in celebration of their 28th anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, March 5th

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

Monday, March 6th

- 7:00pm – WACA – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – Board of Elders – *Education Building*

Tuesday, March 7th

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

Wednesday, March 8th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 6:00pm – Board of Education – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Lent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 9th

- 6:30pm – Board of Missions – *Education Building*

Sunday, March 12th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
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Sunday School: “The Land at Last” is the title for today’s lesson. For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn’t wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses’ death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but, hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God’s faithful care for His people. As a family, discuss how God leads us today.

Mission Opportunity: With the expedited move timeline for Faten and her children from Abba's House, in speaking with Rev. Meissner, we decided a full apartment furnishing would be difficult. Instead, we will sponsor a bathroom item collection to stock their two bathrooms - one which will be for Faten and her two teenage daughters and one for the three boys. If you would like to volunteer to purchase an item, give a monetary gift, or be part of the delivery team, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. What a wonderful opportunity to show hospitality and love to a family who has had so much loss!

Thank You! Our playground project is complete! Thanks to all that played a part in this endeavor including Mikey Adams, Matt Adams, Josh Leer, Jon Adams, Jerry Hielscher, Jake Franke, Jeff Michalka, Barry Zoch, Nick Brooks, Glenn Zoch, Tom and Margaret Atkins. The community will enjoy this park for years to come.

Thank you,
St. Michael's Park Board

Gun Safety Class: Join us here at St. Michael's on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30pm for a discussion on Gun Safety, Texas self-defense and carry laws. Learn about the importance of safe storage of firearms, the justifications for the use of force and carrying guns in Texas. The speaker is a peace officer with 18 years of law enforcement experience and a veteran of the Marine Corps. This is an outreach event for friends and neighbors. Please invite others as we want to "love our neighbors as ourselves!"

Casserole Crew Volunteer SignUp: The Casserole Crew will be starting a monthly volunteer schedule for the 2023 calendar year. Crew members will be assigned a month at a time to be "on-call" for providing meals for our neighbors in need, if and when there are opportunities to serve during that month. If you would like to be part of the Casserole Crew volunteer rotation, please email secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org to sign up.

Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available: Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children 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/ to look at the summer and activities.

Wendish Fish Fry: The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will be hosting a drive through Fish Fry lunch on Sunday, March 19 at Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The menu includes Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies. There will also be a country store with desserts, dry noodles, coffeecake, etc. Tickets are \$15 and calling to reserve tickets is encouraged. To reserve tickets call 979-366-2441 or email museum@texaswendih.org. All proceeds benefit the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.

Church Work Recruitment Survey: Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. We would appreciate receiving all responses by March 15. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. Thank you.

Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Knox was an active and contributing member of the neighboring community for many years. Through her service to the community, she made a lasting impression on countless individuals. Mrs. Knox was a teacher of Social Studies for seven years at the La Grange Middle School and an active member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid. She worked with the gifted and talented (GT) students and helped train teachers in the use of upcoming classroom technology and best teaching practices. She was a devoted wife, mother, and friend and enjoyed helping others by volunteering her time at church and other community functions. Amanda's family and friends would like to honor and remember Amanda and her educational-driven legacy by providing this scholarship opportunity to benefit a student attending Faith Lutheran High School in Warda, Texas in 2023-2024.

Available Scholarship:

One (1) scholarship for the amount of the annual tuition is available for a student who will be attending Faith Lutheran High School in Warda, TX for the 2023-2024 school year. This scholarship automatically renews annually (for an additional 3 years) assuming the student continues to meet the criteria as outlined below.

Details:

- The scholarship considers academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in school and community events.
- Applicants must have a minimum grade average of B+ for all 7th and 8th grade courses.
- Scholarship funds will be paid in August, 2023 for tuition for the Fall Semester of the 2023-2024 school year and in December, 2023 for the Spring Semester of the 2023-2024 school year. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to Cyndy Zoch, at each time, an invoice for each semester's tuition. Scholarship payment will be made in the name of the recipient to Faith Lutheran High School.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of the Faith Lutheran High School principal, Mrs. Nikki Kueck, on their application attesting that the applicant is a qualified fit for this scholarship program and that they have been accepted as a student at Faith Lutheran High School. Application deadline is May 1, 2023. Late applications are **not** accepted.
- The scholarship will be paid every semester the student attends Faith Lutheran High School in Warda, TX and only if the student maintains a 3.25 GPA per semester and outstanding merit within the school and community. The endorsement of the Faith Lutheran High School principal, attesting to the applicant's GPA and school service, is required every semester. The scholarship recipient may also submit attestations from other community leaders outlining community services performed outside of Faith Lutheran High School to be considered in the biannual review.

Mail one original completed application package (including the completed application, signed off by Mrs. Nikki Kueck, principal of Faith Lutheran High School, the essay, your middle school transcript, and the letter of recommendation) to:

Cyndy Zoch
c/o Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship
1035 Private Road 4487
La Grange, Texas 78945

The applications will be reviewed and the recipient will be selected by the scholarship board with input from Faith Lutheran High School. The scholarship will be awarded in May 2023.

Please submit any questions to: cyndy.zoch@gmail.com with "Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship" in the subject line.

Amanda (Zoch) Knox was an active and contributing member of the La Grange and Warda communities for many years. Through her service, she made a lasting impression on countless individuals. Mrs. Knox was a teacher of Social Studies for seven years at the La Grange Middle School and an active member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid. She worked with the gifted and talented (GT) students and helped train teachers in the use of upcoming classroom technology and best teaching practices. In 2016, Amanda was diagnosed with breast cancer. While going through chemo treatments and surgery, she continued to teach. In the summer of 2017, Amanda was diagnosed with a glioblastoma, a rare but fatal type of brain tumor and passed away in December of 2018.

Amanda was a devoted wife to Cory, mother to Emma, and friend to many and enjoyed helping others by volunteering her time at church and other community functions. Amanda's family and friends would like to honor and remember Amanda and her educational-driven legacy by creating the Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) designated non-profit organization. This academic-based scholarship given to an 8th grade student will pay full tuition for all four years at Faith Lutheran High School in Warda, Texas, assuming the student continues to meet the criteria outlined in the scholarship application. Faith Lutheran is open to all students, regardless of religious affiliation and offers a caring, nurturing and loving environment. More information about Faith Lutheran can be found on their website at <https://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com>. 8th grade students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or Nikki Kueck at kueckn@flhstx.org for an application packet. Most area middle schools should also have packets available. The deadline to apply is May 1st, 2023.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund can be mailed to Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Cyndy Zoch, 1035 Private Road 4487, La Grange, TX 78945.

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SPRING RAFFLE

Drawings March 6th-10th via Facebook Live

\$20 tickets

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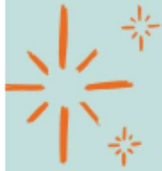
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Hello to our mission partners at St. Michael,

I wanted to give you a quick update on some rapidly changing dynamics with our current family. What a story this one has been! In early February, we welcomed in a mom and 5 kids from Turkey. They are originally from Aleppo, Syria, but were displaced when Assad bombed their city into ruins during the war. They fled as refugees to Turkey seven years ago, and then the dad died shortly after from cancer. Two of the children have some fairly significant medical issues (they describe it as holes in the heart and lung), so Turkey opted to put them at the top of the list for export since they couldn't (or wouldn't) provide the necessary medical care. They left for the Istanbul airport the day before the recent earthquake hit. Their city was right at the epicenter, so they turned back around to check on family, but had to leave shortly after to make their flight to the U.S. So, when they arrived at the Houston airport they were exhausted and traumatized. The first couple of days was them either sleeping or checking for news from their family in Turkey to see who had survived. When all was said and done, 11 of their immediate family had been killed. 3 out of 7 kids from her brother's family, her sister and two kids from another family, etc. What a devastating time....and yet I am so thankful that God brought them to Abba's House where they could process all this loss in a loving and safe space. They have been an absolute delight....maybe my favorite family yet (though I say that with each family).

Now, for the big change. We heard two days ago from the agency that her oldest son, daughter-in-law, and two children had been approved to come and will be arriving tonight! So, that family will be placed directly into the Westward Square Apartments in SW Houston, and they are working to find an apartment for Faten and her family sometime next week. Since they now have family in town, it makes sense for them to be together, for the kids to get enrolled in school, etc. While we hate that they will be leaving us several weeks earlier than we expected, it seems to be the best thing for their family.

My apologies for the sudden change . . . but that's pretty much the norm in this line of work.

I pray all is going well for you in this Lenten season.

Rev. Michael Meissner -- Abba's House