

Sunday, March 12th 2023

The Third 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

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Opening Hymn

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB #435

Welcome and Greeting

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

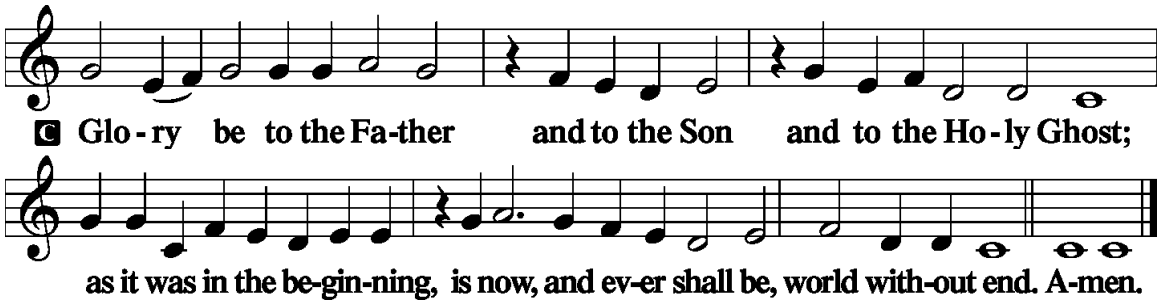
Read Together

Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

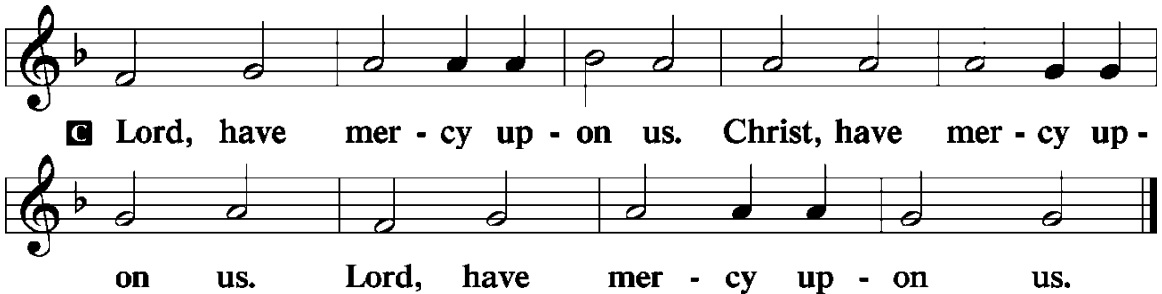
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

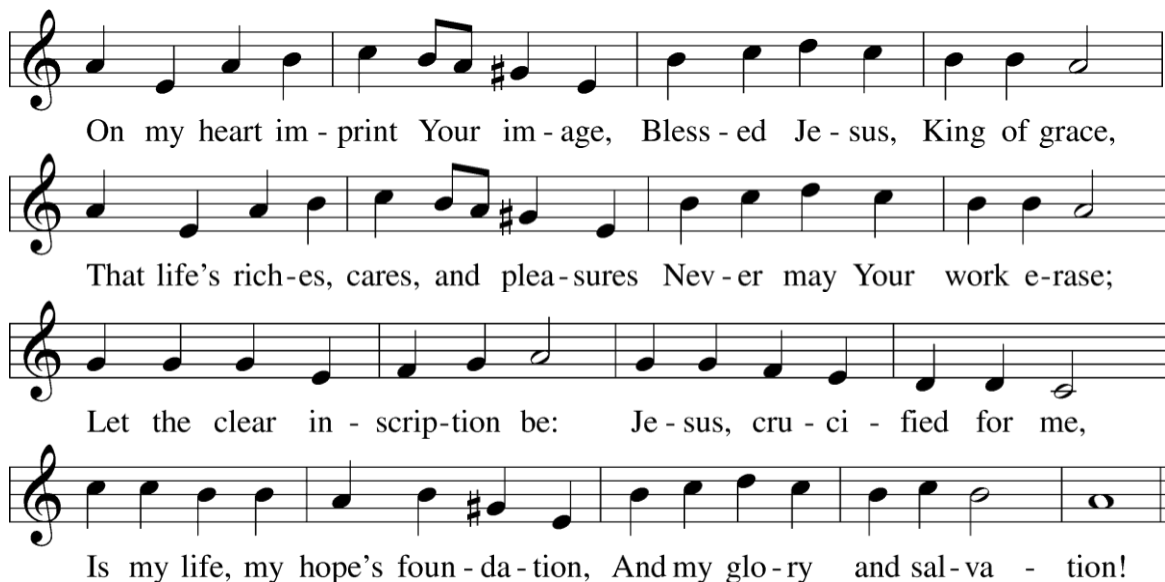
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may
lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!



Kyrie

Mark 10:47





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



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-9

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

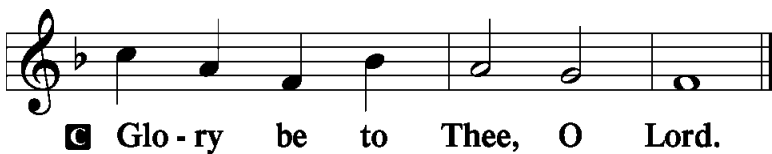
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[C] Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 4:5-30, 39-42

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, **"Give me a drink."** ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."** ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."** ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, **"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."** ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, **"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."** ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, **"I who speak to you am he."**

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the

people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.**

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12


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)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

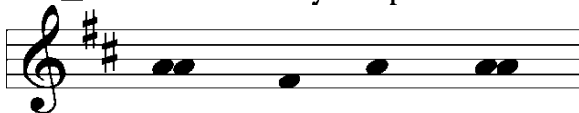


P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

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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
- 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.
- Willie Sneed – *Greg Roeber's Nephew*
- 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 Angeline Zoch in loving memory of Elmo Zoch.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL’S:

Sunday, March 12th

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

Monday, March 13th

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

Tuesday, March 14th

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 6:30pm – WAVFD General Meeting – *Zilss Hall*

Wednesday, March 15th

- 7:00pm – Lent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 16th

- 6:30pm – Gun Safety Class – *Education Building*

Sunday, March 19th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
 - 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*
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Sunday School: Today, we will study “A Judge Leads.” God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God’s improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon’s mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

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!”

LWML Rally: The Spring Rally of the Post Oak Zone LWML will be held at the St. Michael's Park building on Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm. More information will be coming soon.

Easter Eggs, Candy, and Egg Fillers Needed! Easter is fast approaching. The Education Board is looking for donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Pre-filled eggs or other items can be donated through the end of March. Donations can be left in the youth Sunday school room. Anyone available to fill eggs can come to the education building on Saturday, April 1st at 11am. Many hands make light work!

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.

WACA Spring Fling! Please join us at 9am on Saturday, March 25 for a pancake breakfast at Zilss Hall. After breakfast, the children are invited to play games, meet the Easter Bunny and join in the Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn! See you there!

**SUNDAY,
MARCH**

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HOLY CROSS YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER MEAL

Help the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Youth Group go to
San Antonio for a youth retreat in July & other summer activities
by buying your tickets today!
...and you don't have to cook lunch that Sunday!

DON'T FORGET TO STOP FOR THE BAKE SALE, TOO!

PRESALE TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS ONLY

**TICKETS
\$15**

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CHEVRON IN LAGRANGE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GIDDINGS
THE TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE MUSEUM
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AT (979)242-3333**



PICK UP YOUR PLATES

10 AM - 12:30 PM

**PLATES INCLUDE:
PORK STEAK, WENDISH
NOODLES, GREEN BEANS,
& CORN**

PICK UP LOCATION:

**Holy Cross Picnic Grounds
600 FM 1482
Warda, TX 78960**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HOLY CROSS