

SAINT MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS WINCHESTER • TEXAS

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	"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"	LSB #440
Welcome and Gree	ting	

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross + *may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

 ${\rm I\!P}\,$ In the name of the Father and of the ${\rm I\!-\!I}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b;(18:20)

 ■ 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,	
С	who made heaven and earth.	Psalm 124:8
P	I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,	
С	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

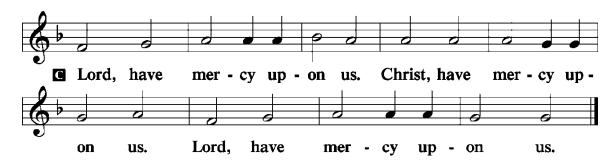
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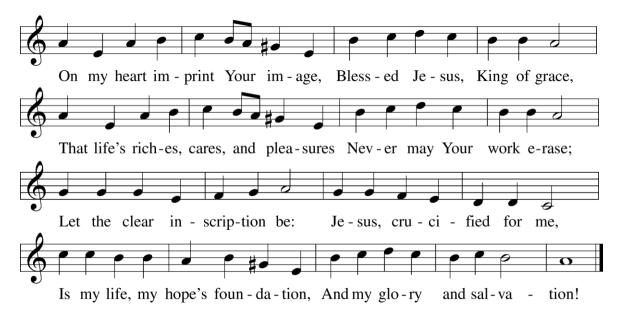
Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15



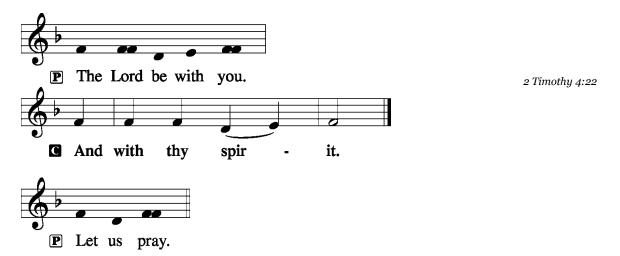
Kyrie

Mark 10:47





Salutation and Collect of the Day



 P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

Exodus 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 11:1-53

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



¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Children's Sermon

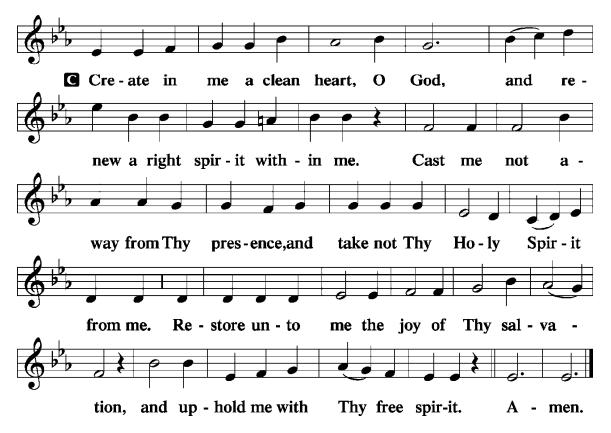
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Sermon

"No Condemnation" Romans 8:1-11

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



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 <u>www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give</u>



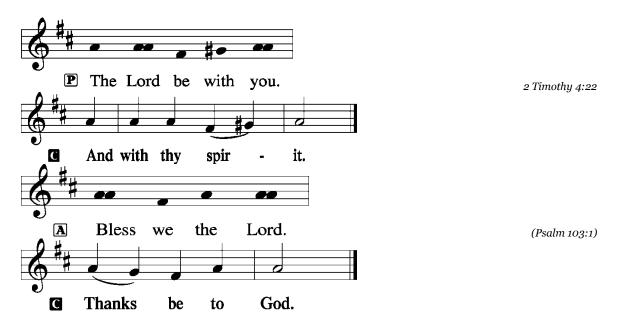
Lord's Prayer

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

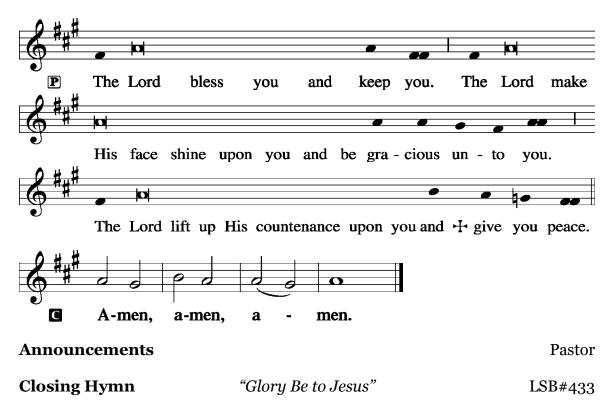
Matthew 6:9-13

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



Benediction



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
- 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 <u>https://abbashousetexas.com/</u>

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING: are given to the glory of God by the Althaus family in honor of Samantha's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, March 26th

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

Monday, March 27th

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

Tuesday, March 28th

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

Wednesday, March 29th

- 9:30am Bible Class Education Building
- 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service Sanctuary

Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday

- 9:00am Worship Service with Communion *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Study Education Building
- 1:30pm LWML Zone Rally St. Michael's Park

Sunday School: Today's lesson, "A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, "The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

Church Directories: Another batch of church directories are in the cabinet in the narthex. If you need one, please pick one up on your way out!

A Sincere Thank You: We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the Ladies of Saint Michael's for hosting such a wonderful reception following the funeral for our beloved Marian. Your kindness and hospitality provided our family a place to gather comfortably and to be well-fed as we shared our memories. Thank you for your kindness! Sincerely – The Family of Marian Fritsche

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 <u>secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org</u> to sign up.

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 <u>camplonestar.org/summer-camp/</u> to look at the summer and activities.

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) event on Sunday, March 26. This month is our service project! We will meet at Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter, located at 240 Svoboda Lane in La Grange from 3:00-5:00. We will help feed the animals and clean out stalls, so be sure to wear appropriate clothes and shoes! We'd love to see you there!

Bike MS: Texas MS 150

- **What:** Help those living with Multiple Sclerosis by volunteering for a Texas MS150 Rest Stop
 - Rest Stops are points along the route where our riders can stop and receive encouragement, refreshments, and repairs. We will provide all of the materials that you might need. That being said, you are also welcome to bring any additional items in order to make the Rest Stop your own
- Who: Anyone 8+ years old can serve.
 - Need 4-10 volunteers for each shift.
 - Groups and individuals are welcome.
- When: Saturday April 29th
 - 2 shifts are available. Volunteers can serve during one or both shifts
 - Shift 1 (8:00am-11:45am)
 - Shift 2 (11:30am-3:30pm)
- Where: Winchester United Methodist Church
 - $\circ \quad 8945 \ FM \ 153 \ Winchester, Texas \ 78945$
- **Why:** This event raises \$10 million annually to fund research and programs for those living with MS and we need your help to achieve that goal again this year!
- **How:** Here is the <u>volunteer registration link</u> for this stop: https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=757033
 - The first time you click "respond" to a given opportunity it will ask you to create a volunteer profile in our system. After creating the profile, it should bump you back to the opportunity page where you will click "respond" one more time to complete the registration by answering questions such as t-shirt size and emergency contact. You will know you have completed the process once you see a message inviting you to add the event to your calendar.
- **Other Questions?** Feel free to contact Andrew Davis via phone at 713-394-2931 or via email at <u>volunteertexasms150@nmss.org</u>.



Hosted by: St. Michael's Winchester

We will be meeting at the St. Michael's Park building 310 Frio Street, Winchester

Doors open at 1:30. Rally begins at 2:00

Guest Speaker: Rev. LeBlanc

InGathering: Monetary donations to Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Light meal provided after the Rally



Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 9 am to 3 pm Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool 800 N. Franklin St. La Grange, TX 78945

2ND ANNUAL CHURCH MUSIC BEAUTIFICATION CONFERENCE

Theme: Cultivating Musicianship

Featuring: Benjamin Kolodziej, organist and keynote speaker. Additional presentations by Rev. Bernie Schey, Mrs. Ruth Meyer, & Rev. Jason M. Kaspar. Conference opens and closes with worship. A light lunch will be provided. This is a free conference. Please RSVP by April 10th secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org 979.968.3938 JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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The day's schedule:

- 9:00AM "HOMECOMING" WORSHIP -WELCOMING BACK FORMER MEMBERS AND PASTORS
- 10:30AM REFRESHMENTS, REMINISCING, AND SPECIAL GREETINGS
- 12:00PM CATERED MEAL
- 3:00PM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WORSHIP - GUEST PREACHER, DR. MICHAEL ZEIGLER, LUTHERAN HOUR SPEAKER; <u>COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!</u>

RSVPs Welcome!

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GOD HAS SHOWN FAITHFULNESS AND STEADFAST LOVE TO THE SAINTS AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR 150 YEARS, AND WE WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE PAST, REJOICE IN THE PRESENT, AND LOOK WITH EAGER EXPECTATION TOWARD THE FUTURE WORK OF CHRIST — IN WARDA AND AROUND THE WORLD!

How lovely is Your dwelling place OLORD OF HOSTS!

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Bathroom Item Collection for Abba's House: Thank you to everyone's prompt and generous support to the mission opportunity to bless Faren and her family through Abba's House! What an amazing outpouring for this family. Pastor Meissner said the family was so grateful and felt very blessed by our tangible hospitality. Special thanks to Pat & Bill Karisch for delivering the items on a short timeline!