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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Our Sunrise Service today is taking place at Saint Michael's Lutheran Church Park. Gathering together here outside reminds us of the events that took place on that first Easter Sunday as Jesus' tomb was found empty!

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.

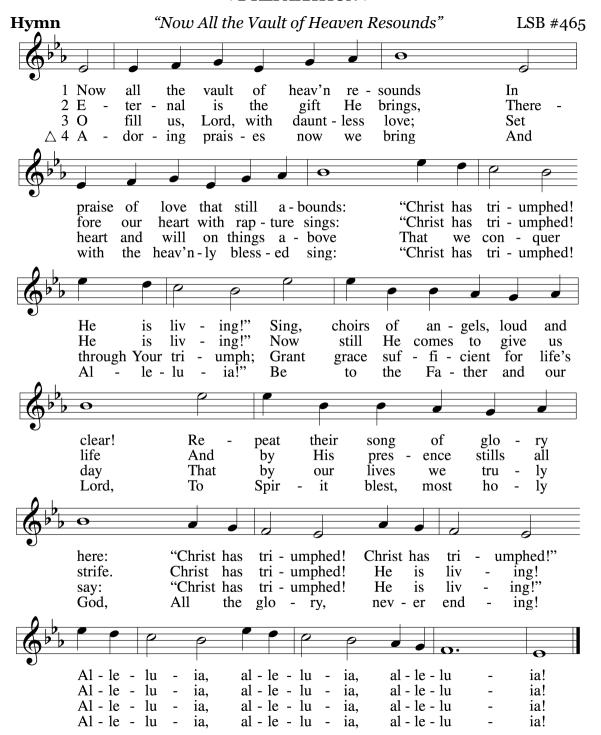
The Resurrection of Our Lord:

Welcome to the Promised Land of Milk and Honey

As We Gather

Finally! At long last! We made it! Easter Sunday has arrived, and we gather this morning to sing the praises of Him who was crucified and now bursts forth from death's grave! As the children of Israel wandered through the wilderness for forty years, they held fast to the hope that the land flowing with milk and honey was waiting for them. As we have journeyed through the season of Lent over the last forty days, we have anticipated the joy that we share together this Easter Day. We have also learned to look ahead, all the way to the promised treasure of life everlasting in heavenly glory. Today's feasting with our risen Savior gives us a preview of what awaits us in eternal life. And on that glorious coming day, we know what we will say: Finally! At long last! We made it!

+PREPARATION+



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Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences Adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **Q** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** Christ has risen from the dead.
- **G** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,
- P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- He has put all things under His feet.

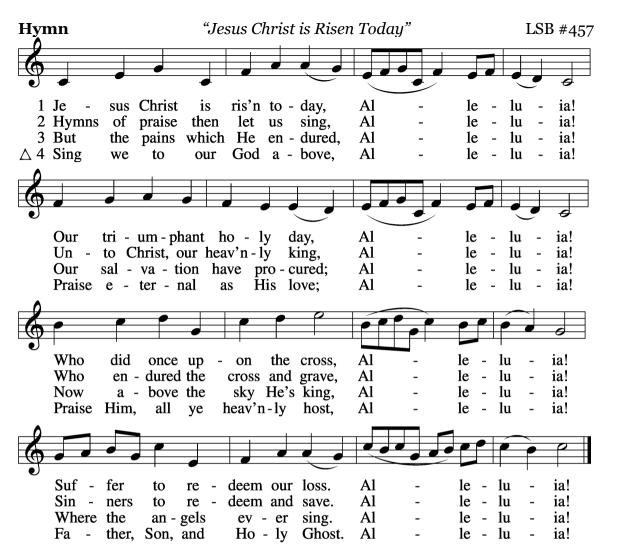
Confession and Absolution

Based on Philippians 2:1-11

Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

- **P** With humble hearts, let us pray together:
- **■** Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.
- P Your Father led His people of old to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. You also have promised us the gift of unending life, which we sinners do not deserve.
- Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us –
- **P** to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.
- With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- P Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. On this very day He conquered sin and death, opening for us the way to life everlasting in the promised land of heaven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



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Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Your servant Joshua led the children of Israel through the waters of the Jordan River into a land flowing with milk and honey.
- **A**s our Joshua, lead us, we pray, through the waters of our Baptism into the promised land of our eternal home,
- where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-10

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then He said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the

oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19-24, 27a, 28-29

- P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- **P** I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- **C** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- P This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
- **Q** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- **©** for His steadfast love endures forever!

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.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-28

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be

subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Verse John 6:68

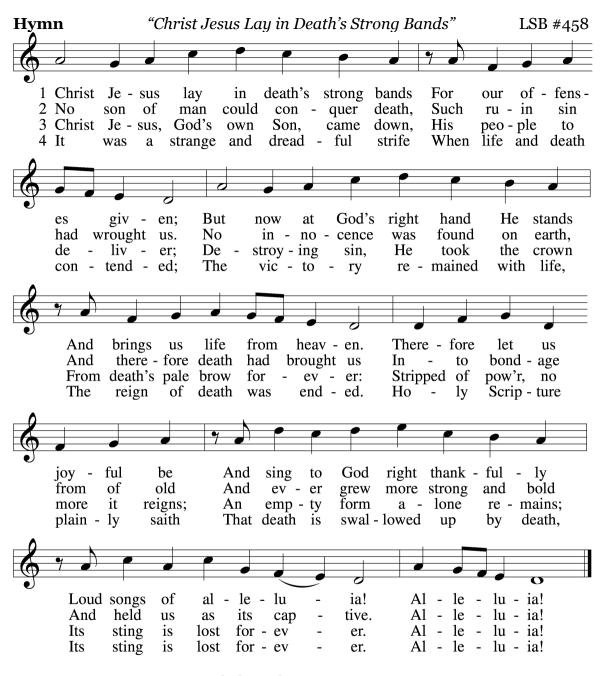
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 16:1–8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ¬But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursed tree—
 So strong His love—to save us.
 See, His blood now marks our door;
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,

And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

- 6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is Himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now His grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia!

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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.

Offertory





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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>



Prayers

- P Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You that You raised Your Son from death's grave so that life everlasting may be given to us through faith in Him.
- **C** Grant that the promised treasures of Your Word remind us of the inheritance we have received.
- Lead us to a firm reliance upon our risen Savior, trusting that He is victorious over our greatest enemies of sin, death, and the power of the devil.
- Help us to know the power of His resurrection, sharing together the joy of His Easter triumph.
- P Lord Jesus, grant that the message of that first Easter Day change hearts and lives on this day when we celebrate Your victory over death and the grave. Give strength and peace to those who grieve the death of those they love.
- **G** Help them to know that You are preparing a family reunion in heaven for all who trust in You.
- As You now reign with the Father at His right hand, You govern all the peoples and nations of the world, including the country where we live. We are strangers in this land that is not our own, so give us hearts that anticipate the day You will welcome us into eternal life,
- **g** gathering us and all Your people into the promised land, where we will dwell with You forever.
- P Holy Spirit, You bring the reality of Jesus' resurrection into our lives today, uniting with Christ those who have been baptized into His name.
- **©** Bless us through any joy or triumph, defeat or difficulty we may face.

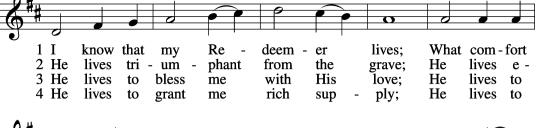
- We lift up before You ourselves, our families, our community, and our family in Christ in this congregation. Holy Spirit, give us joy in knowing the fellowship of the communion of saints, the peace of sins forgiven, the comfort of the resurrection, and the sure and certain hope of life everlasting with You in the promised land of heaven.
- All glory, honor, and praise belongs to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

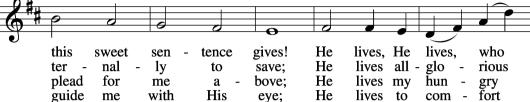
Lord's Prayer

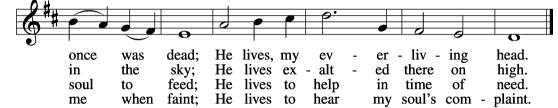
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- C Amen.







5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

Hymn

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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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

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- 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/

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, April 9th – Easter Sunday

- 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service St. Michael's Park
- 8:00am Easter Breakfast St. Michael's Park
- 9:00am Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt SMLC
- 1:00pm 4-H Meeting Education Building

Monday, April 10th

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

Tuesday, April 11th

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

Wednesday, April 12th

- 9:30am Bible Class Education Building
- 6:00pm Board of Education Education Building

Thursday, April 13th

• 6:30pm – Board of Missions – Education Building

Sunday, April 16th

- 9:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School Education Building

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on April 10th, Karen Kilian will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

Thank you! Thank you from the LWML to all that helped make our rally day so successful. ♥ The speaker, Rev. Le Blanc from Jesus Lutheran Church for the Deaf, was interesting! ♥. Attendance was good! ♥ The hall was beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. It was a wonderful day! † ♥

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!

Mother's Day BBQ Chicken: Orders for Mother's Day Chickens and BBQ Sauce are being taken now through **May 6, 2023**. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex of the church, Murphy's Steakhouse and Shorty's. Chickens can be picked up on **May 14, 2023**, 10:30 a.m. – noon at the park. Chickens will be \$12/each, sauce for \$2.00. All proceeds from the sale of chickens will go to the youth group. For more information you can contact Jake Franke at 979/966-7416 or Kelly Franke at 979/966-7414. Thank you for your support.

Casserole Crew Volunteer Sign Up: 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.

WACA Scholarship: The Winchester Area Civic Association is offering a scholarship to any person enrolling in an institution of higher learning and seeking a career in a field that will benefit their community. Application must be submitted by May 15. For more information email Barbara Schafer at richardbarbschafer@gmail.com

Team Winchester: Amanda Hart, is participating in the MS150 this year! She is not only training to yet again conquer the hills of Bastrop State Park, but also exceed her fundraising goal of \$2025.

Amanda will be riding from the State Capitol to La Grange, cycling through Winchester between 11:30 and 12:30 on Saturday, April 29th and then from La Grange to Kyle Field on Sunday, April 30th. This totals approximately 159.5 miles with an average cycle time of 5.5 hours on Saturday and 6 hours on Sunday, not including break times.

Through fundraising efforts, 79 cents of every dollar goes directly to improve the lives of people living with MS. Here's a sample of the fundraising dollars at work:

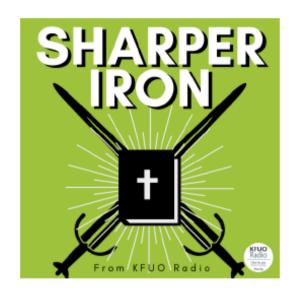
- \$35: could help deliver self-help groups to support people affected by MS in our community.
- \$65: could fund wellness programs aimed at treating the mind, body and spirit.
- \$120: could help pay for a physical therapy session to manage MS symptoms by enhancing strength and mobility.
- \$200: could provide accessible transportation to a medical appointment.
- \$400: may help fund a researcher working toward a cure.
- \$1,000: could provide two consultations with an MS Navigator for nearly 30 people living with MS.

Please contact Amanda if you would like to support her fundraising efforts. You can donate directly to Amanda at the below QR code or call her at 979-540-0600.



Bike MS: Texas MS 150

- **What:** Help those living with Multiple Sclerosis by volunteering for a Texas MS150 Rest Stop
- Who: Anyone 8+ years old can serve. 4-10 volunteers are needed.
- When: Saturday April 29th
 - o 2 shifts are available. Volunteers can serve during one or both shifts
 - o Shift 1 (8:00am-11:45am)
 - o Shift 2 (11:30am-3:30pm)
- Where: Tom Atkins' Shop Corner of Thomas St. and Frio St.
- **Why:** This event raises \$10 million annually to fund research and programs for those living with MS. We need your help to achieve that goal this year!
- **How:** Here is the <u>volunteer registration link</u> for this stop: https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=757033
- **Other Questions?** Feel free to contact Andrew Davis via phone at 713-394-2931 or via email at volunteertexasms150@nmss.org.



Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

with guest

Pastor Nate Hill

Monday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m. CT

for a study on

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 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;
 COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

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FOR THE PAST, REJOICE IN THE PRESENT, AND LOOK WITH EAGER EXPECTATION
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