

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**



# **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!

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## **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.

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### **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE WITH COMMUNION**

<b>Prelude</b>	Selected Music
<b>Ringing of the Church Bell</b>	Ushers
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>	Pastor
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>"This Joyful Eastertide"</i> LSB #482

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.  
**Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*(John 20:19-23)*

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit**

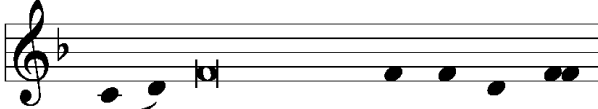
**Read Together**

*Exodus 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,  
that by it you may grow up to salvation—  
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.  
Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
 tell of all his wondrous works!  
 Glory in his holy name;  
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!  
 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.  
 He remembers his covenant forever,  
 the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.  
*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.*  
 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,  
 that by it you may grow up to salvation—  
 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

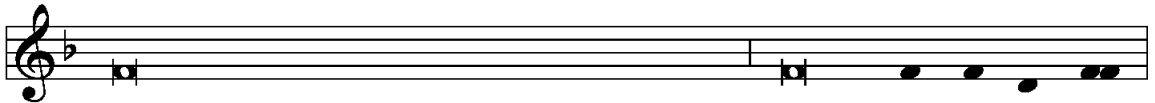
## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



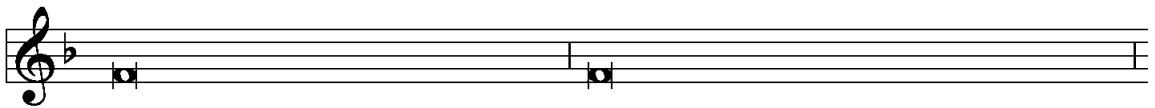
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



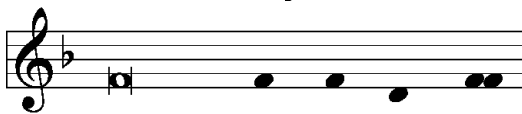
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



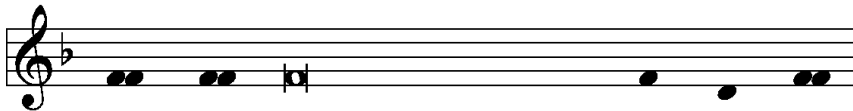
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

*"This Is the Feast"*

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*



*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



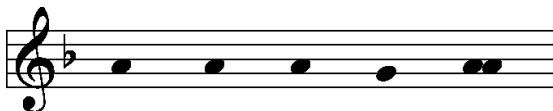
*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may

by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!



<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Children's Message**

Pastor

**Hymn of the Day** “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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**Sermon** “Born Again...With an Inheritance”  
1 Peter 1:3-9

Rev. Nate Hill

**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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,  
you may do so at [www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*



## Offertory

The musical notation is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the music. The text is in a serif font, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final note of the piece is a double bar line.

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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## 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.

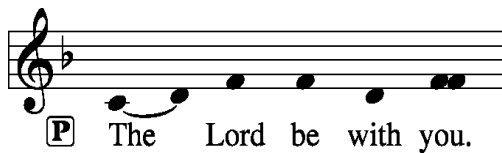
If you are a confirmed member in good standing of this or another LCMS congregation, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if you are uncertain about our beliefs and practices surrounding Holy Communion, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please let Pastor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

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

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## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

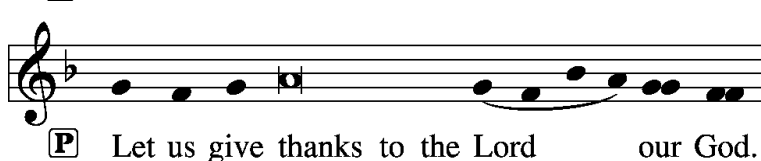
### **Preface**



*2 Timothy 4:22*



*(Colossian3:1)*



*Psalm 136*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## **The Words of Our Lord**

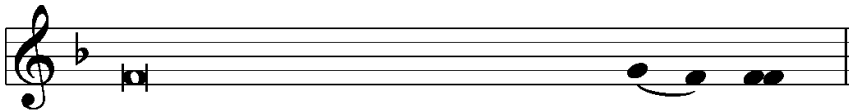
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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.”

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

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

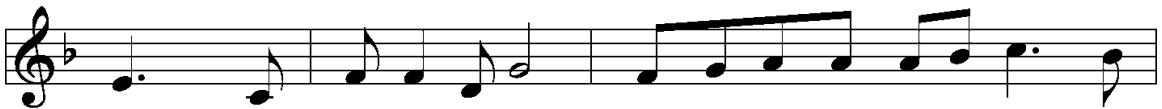
*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire”  
“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”  
“Make Songs of Joy”

LSB #553  
LSB #720  
LSB #484



## Post-Communion Canticle



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## Announcements

Pastor

## Closing Hymn

## *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

LSB #480

## Postlude

## Selected Music

## PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Katie Barker
- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Gayle Berry – *Doug Teinert's Brother-in-Law*
- 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
- 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 Jeanette Mitschke in loving memory of Rudie Lee's birthday on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:**

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00am – Rose Lehmann Funeral Service - *Sanctuary*
- 7:00pm – Church Council – *Education Building*

**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:00am – LWML – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – WACA Book Club – *Zilss Hall*

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

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**Sunday School:** This week in our Christian education time, we study “A Divided Kingdom.” Solomon’s heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, “How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?”

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**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on April 17<sup>th</sup>, Evelyn Parker 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.

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**Thank you!** Thank you to all who brought flowers to beautify the church for Easter Sunday! They were lovely!

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**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!

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**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.

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**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](mailto:secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org) to sign up.

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**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/](http://camplonestar.org/summer-camp/) to look at the summer and activities.

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**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](mailto:richardbarbschafer@gmail.com)

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**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



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### **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 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 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:** 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 [volunteer registration link](https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=757033) for this stop: [https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=757033](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](mailto:volunteertexasms150@nmss.org).
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**La Grange Baseball Club 16th Annual BBQ PORK DINNER:** Thursday, April 20, 2023. Serving 4:30 to 6:30 PM, drive-thru only, La Grange K.C. Hall. \$12.00 per plate. All proceeds go to the restoration, maintenance, and improvements to the Ballpark at The Fairgrounds in La Grange. Contact Roland Zoch for tickets, 979-966-9397.

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**GEMS:** All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting on Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. This month we will be making sock dolls for the Children's Advocacy Center in Bastrop. This will also be our last meeting until fall. We'd love to see you there!

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**Community Garage Sale:** There will be a community garage sale held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Billy Hajek by April 25<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to be on the list: (979)639-1646. Please share this information with any friends or relatives from Winchester. He will not be heading any more garage sales after this one, so if you'd like to take it over, let him know.

*You're invited!*

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE  
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
**HOLY CROSS**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**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;  
COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



**RSVPs  
Welcome!**



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*  
**O LORD OF HOSTS!**

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