

SAINT MICHAEL'S

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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 ONE

Prelude Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell Ushers

Welcome and Greeting Pastor

Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" LSB #469

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.
- 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.
- 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

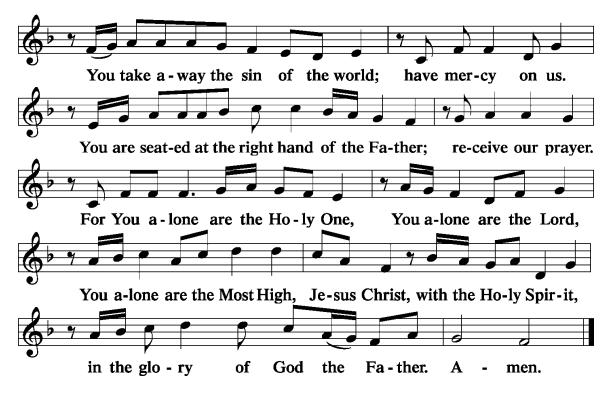
Psalm 119:89-93; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.
If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
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.
Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

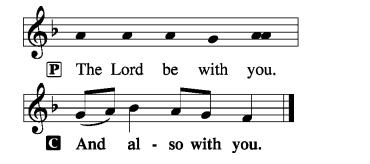




Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

"In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹²you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

¹⁴that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰Blessèd be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Epistle Reading

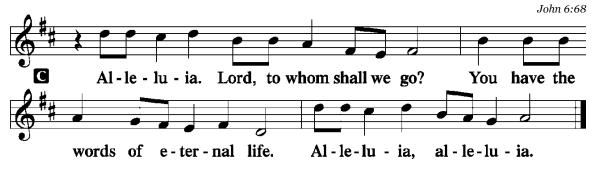
1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

Alleluia and Verse



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



¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"Built on the Rock"

LSB #645

Sermon

"God Who?" Acts 17:16-31 Rev. Nate Hill

Apostles' Creed

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,

Prayer of the Church

Offering (Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)

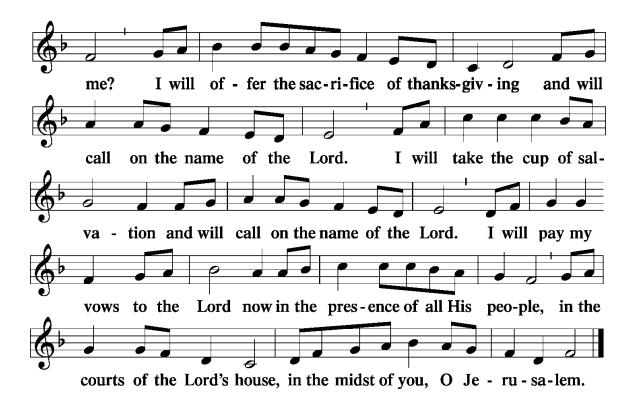
Ushers

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>



Offertory





The Lord's Prayer

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

Numbers 6:24-26



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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB #821

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 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
- Janet Murphy-Richard Davis' Sister-in-Law
- Evelyn Parker
- 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
- Willie Sneed *Greg Roeber's Nephew*
- Catherine Trevino Buddy Smith's Coworker's Daughter
- Amy Wagner

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 Jenny and Casey Fajkus in loving memory of Josie Zoch.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, May 14th

- 9:00am Worship Service Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Study Education Building
- 1:00pm 4-H Meeting Education Building

Monday, May 15th

• 7:00pm – Church Council – *Education Building*

Tuesday, May 16th

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

Sunday, May 21st

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

Sunday School: In this week's lesson, "A Nativity Night," Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, "How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?"

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on May 15th, Pat Karisch 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.

Middle and High School Youth: We need your help to distribute Mother's Day chickens TODAY. Please come to the Park building. We will help distribute from 10:30 to noon. This is in place of our Sunday School class for the day. Proceeds from the chicken sales will help with traveling Youth events including the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering.

Mother's Day BBQ Chicken: If you ordered Mother's Day Chickens and BBQ Sauce, TODAY is the day to pick them up! Thank you for your support.

Household Items Drive for Orphan Grain Train: We will be gathering items from May 14th until May 21st. Any clean clothing (infants to adults), as well as towels and linens, would be appropriate. Please put these items in plastic bags. Items NOT wanted are glass, plastic, and pillows. Items MUST be in by May 21st. Please consider donating needed items!

Casserole Crew Volunteer Sign Up: Candice Hill and Sharon Teinert are on for the month of May. If you know of a need for a casserole, please contact them. The Casserole Crew is looking for a few more members who enjoy cooking and serving their neighbors! If you are willing to be part of the monthly 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 **TOMORROW**, **May 15**. For more information email Barbara Schafer at richardbarbschafer@gmail.com

Epiphany, Bastrop Ascension Service: Please join us for an Ascension service on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00pm. We are located at the Seventh Day Adventist campus, 3300 TX-21, Bastrop. Please call (512)907-0717 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2023 semester. 2023-2024 scholarship applications are available online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14th, 2023. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net . Thanks for your support!



Graduation

Graduation for the third class of Faith Lutheran High School will be <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 27th at 1:30 pm</u> at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

FLHS Booster's Club is selling 9 X 13 Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up on Monday, May 22nd. Pre-order by Monday, May 15th. Cost is \$35 each. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 30 to June 1 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$20

June 12-14 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$20

June 19-21 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40

June 26-28 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40

July 31 to Aug 1- Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!



BBQ Brisket, Raffle & Online Auction

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

At Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church BBQ Pavilion, 800 N. Franklin Street La Grange, Texas

Barbecue Beef Brisket & Sausage Meal

Includes German Potatoes, Green Beans, Pickle, Homemade Bread

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

DRIVE THRU ONLY All plates are \$15



Meal and Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance at the church office at 800 N. Franklin St., La Grange, Mon. - Thur., 9 am till 12 noon; also at La Grange Chevron, Lukas Bakery, Weikel's Bakery and the Mt. Calvary Preschool. Raffle prizes are one \$2500 gift card, one \$1,000 gift card, one \$500 gift card, and ten \$100 gift cards. The

raffle drawings will be held on Facebook Live at 1 PM on Sunday, May 21st.



Check out the amazing auction items we have in our online auction, which will run from May 13th to May 21st. Register to bid and support our church's missions at www.charityauction.bid/MtCalvaryLG



Faith Lutheran

High School Boosters

Boosters CHICKEN SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

PICK UP:

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 5PM - 6PM

3 LOCATIONS:

SERBIN AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH GIDDINGS AT LEE COUNTY YOUTH CENTER WARDA AT FLHS

PRE ORDERS ONLY:

\$35 PER 9X13 CASSEROLE

ORDERS DUE BY MONDAY, MAY 15TH

TO ORDER CALL US AT:

979-242-2889

OR

EMAIL US AT:

KUECKJ@FLHSTX.ORG

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Saturday, June 17, 2023

Saint Michael's Park in Historic Downtown Winchester (2 blocks north of FM 153 on Frio Street)



Seating and activities to take place outside and also in our AIR-CONDITIONED PAVILION

Everyone is Welcome!



Schedule of Events:

3:00 pm-Closing

3:00 pm

3:00-5:00 pm

4:00 pm

5:00-6:30 pm

Beer and Soda Stand Open

Washer Tournament Registration

Bounce House and Face Painting for the Kids

Washer Tournament Begins

BBQ Meal is Served by the Plate

(\$15 per plate; To Go Plates Available)

Meal Includes:

Pork or Chicken Barbecue

BBQ Sauce, Potato Salad, Noodles, Beans, Bread, Iced Tea & Dessert

6:00 pm Live Auction Begins

6:30 pm Remaining BBQ Sold by the Pound











A portion of the picnic proceeds are dedicated to Congregational Tuition Assistance for Lutheran Schools



You are invited to come to "the place where friends meet friends and strangers become friends!"