

Sunday, July 30th 2023

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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 worshipping 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	<i>"God Himself Is Present"</i> LSB #907

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.

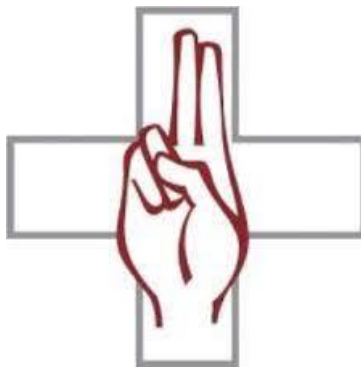
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

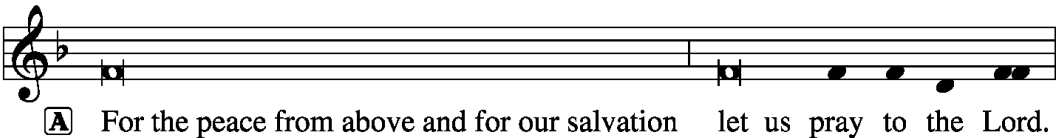
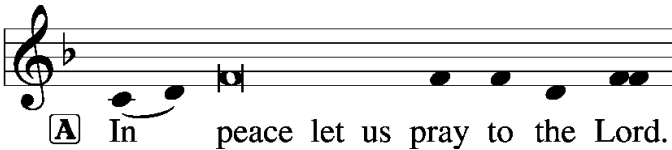
Introit

Read Together

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

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,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
*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.*
Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



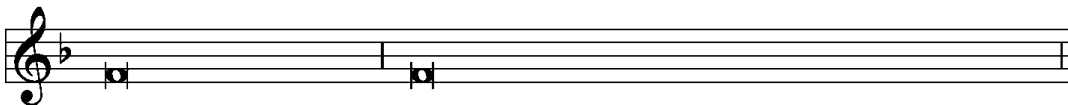
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



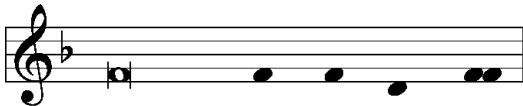
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



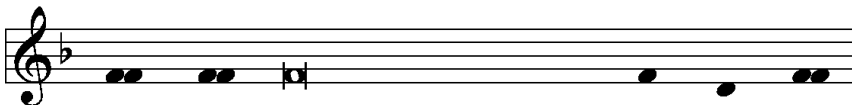
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.



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 and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

Epistle Reading**Romans 8:28-39**

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things

present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day “Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure” LSB #654

Sermon

“The Kingdom of Heaven”
Matthew 13:44-52

Rev. Nate Hill

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.

Prayer of the Church

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

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

Ushers

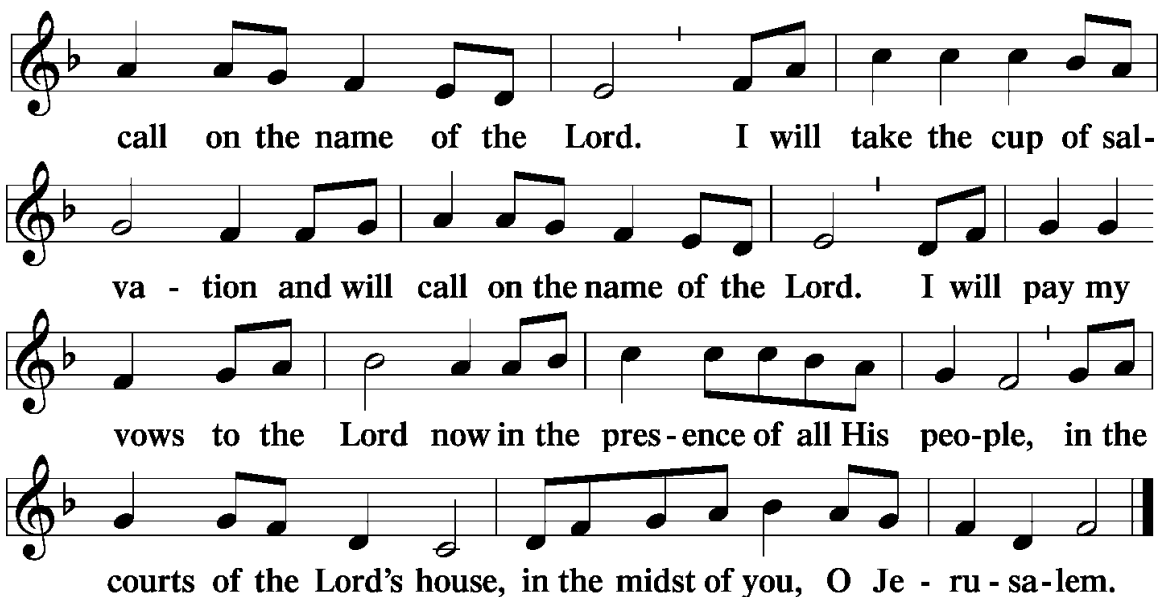
*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,
you may do so at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give*



Offertory

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes.

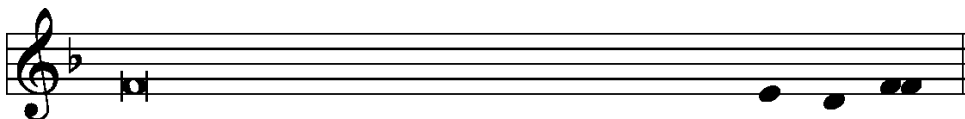
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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.



C A - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB #922

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*
- Sue Doepner – *Daniel and Karen Kilian's Friend*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Ivan Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles Lehmann's Daughter*
- 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*
- Kolton Montgomery
- Janet Murphy – *Richard Davis' Sister-in-Law*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Bea Rost
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Willie Sneed – *Greg Roeber's Nephew*
- Amy Wagner
- Darlene Warren

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 – Jacksonville, North Carolina
- 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 Mary Ann Liebscher in memory of Larry D. Liebscher.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, July 30th

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

Tuesday, August 1st

- 9:00am – Quilting – *Education Building*
- 6:30pm – Park Board – *St. Michael's Park*
- 7:00 pm – Board of Trustees – *Education Building*

Sunday, August 6th

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

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on July 31st, 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.

Casserole Crew Volunteer Sign Up: Pat Karisch is on duty for the month of August. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact her at patkarisch@yahoo.com or (281)682-2841.

Missionary Sundays: The Board of Missions is excited to announce two upcoming Sundays featuring our missionaries! On Sunday, August 13th, Julie Aftab will join us for worship and then give an update on her missionary work during the Bible study hour. Then on Sunday, September 10th, representatives from Abba's House will join us to share about their ministry and get to know our congregation. We will host door offerings and potlucks in the Education Building after the Bible study hour, and we hope you will take this opportunity to engage with and support our missionaries!

Winchester Community Meal: Save the date of Sunday, September 17th at 4:30pm for an evening community meal with games and fellowship at the Park! The Board of Missions will be sponsoring a hamburger and hot dog meal for the entire community with more details to come. All are welcome so begin inviting your friends and neighbors!

GriefShare: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings will be hosting a new GriefShare session beginning Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 6-8 PM in the small meeting room of the fellowship hall (300 N. Grimes St. Giddings). This session will be 14 weeks and will conclude on November 16. Please contact Kathy Bartels, (512) 461-5442 or by email at monniebartels@gmail.com if you plan to attend or for more information about the program.

The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum is looking to add to our amazing staff: If you or someone you know is interested in any of the positions below, please contact Chelsea Beck at chelsea@texaswendish.org or (979)366-2441. We are looking to fill all positions this summer as we prepare for Wendish Fest.

First, we are looking to hire a paid Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator to work Thursdays and Fridays from 12:30-5:00pm as well as some weekends -- around 8-12 hours per week. Responsibilities include docenting, training volunteer docents, volunteer recruitment and scheduling, community outreach, coordinating events and information with St. Paul Lutheran Church and helping the director with events, errands, and other tasks as needed. Candidates must have basic computer skills (Google Suite & Microsoft Office primarily) and be an excellent communicator.

Second, we are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to fill the position of director or co-director of the museum. Anyone looking to fill this position must be available to work Tuesday- Friday from 1:00-5:00pm as well as all TWHS events (including set up and clean up). Our director is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the society & museum and wears many hats including staff management, working with our board of directors, event planning (including Wendish Fest), some light accounting work, managing the gift shop in the museum and online, advertising the museum and TWHS events, working with vendors to maintain the museum complex's many buildings and artifacts, website and social media management, and other duties as assigned. Candidates must have basic computer skills (Google Suite & Microsoft Office primarily), be an excellent communicator, possess top-notch customer service skills and preferably an appreciation of history and Wendish heritage & culture.

Finally, the museum is seeking to hire someone to maintain our garden. If you love to work outside in a reasonably quiet and serene setting, possess gardening knowledge, and want to set your own hours, this is the job for you. Candidates should expect to work 10-20 hours per month depending on the demands of the season and the weather.

IMMANUEL ECC IS HIRING!

We are looking for:
Afternoon teachers

2- 1:00 pm -6:00 pm- 2's class

1- 11:00 am -6:00 pm - PreK class

1- 3:00 pm -6:00 pm- Afterschool program

We also need a kitchen aide
from 10:00 am -1:00 pm

If you feel like you would be perfect for
one of these positions, stop by and visit
with me 😊
179 E. Brenham St. Giddings



PIC•COLLAGE



First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 16th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 20th at 3 pm as we will officially open our seventh academic school year. "Better Together" based on Romans 15:5-6 is the theme for 2023-2024. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert and punch reception will follow.