

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

Recognition of Lutheran School Students and Presentation of Congregational Tuition Assistance:

- Clara Adams Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Emma Adams Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Carter Hill Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Jack Hill Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Gabe Qualman Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings

Opening Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

LSB #717

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.

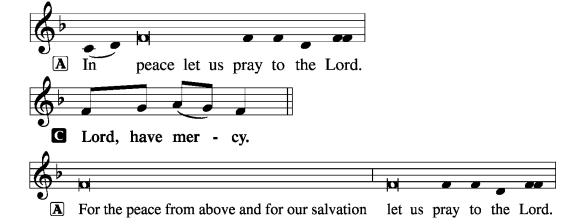
Introit Read Together

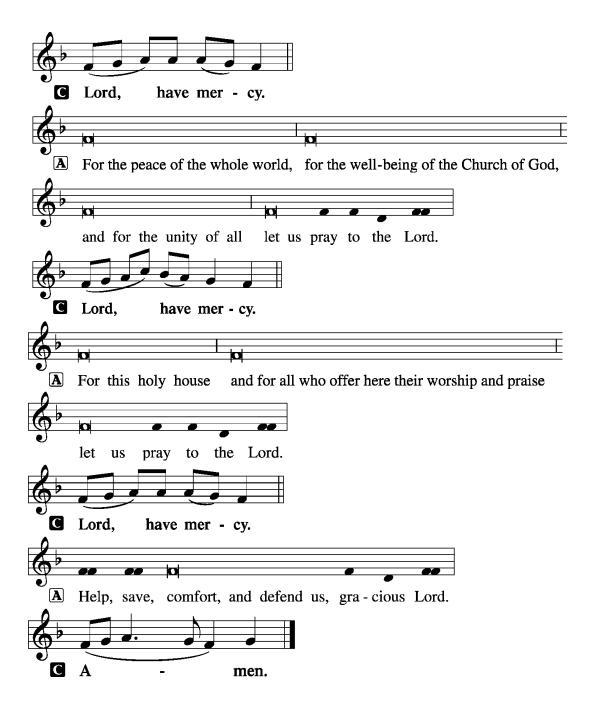
Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v. 1

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
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.
I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kyrie







Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone.

7when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

9when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

12"Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 18:1-6

¹I love you, O LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;

5the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. 5Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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



²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

LSB #765

Sermon

"God Rules the World Totally and for Good" Job 38:4-18

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, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

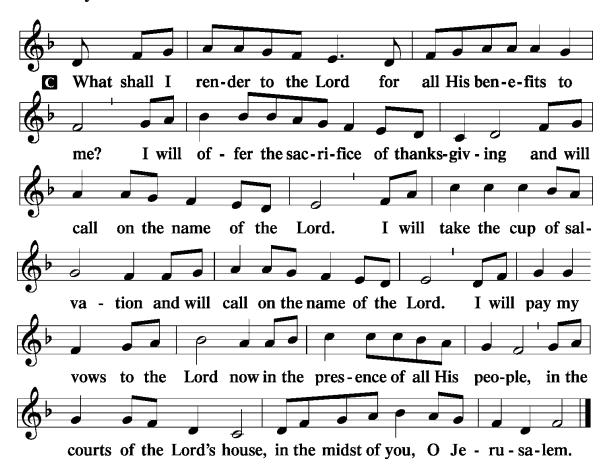
P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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



Offertory





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 "How Shall They Hear,' Who Have Not Heard" LSB #831

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 Pastor Nate and Candice in celebration of their wedding anniversary on August 15th.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, August 13th - Door Offering: POBLO

- 9:00am Worship Service Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Julie Aftab Missionary Presentation Education Building
- 11:30am Potluck Meal Education Building

Monday, August 14th

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

Sunday, August 20th

- 9:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Study *Education Building*
- 1:00pm 4-H Meeting *Education Building*
- 2:30pm Youth Confirmation Info Session Education Building

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on August 14th, Jackie Claude 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.

Winchester Community Meal: 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. We are asking members to bring a side or dessert, your families, and your favorite games and beverages. All are welcome so begin inviting your friends and neighbors!

Missionary Sundays: The Board of Missions is excited to announce two upcoming Sundays featuring our missionaries! TODAY, 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!

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.

Fried Chicken Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 26th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 10th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$15.00. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 6th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

GEMS: We are excited to start up GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) again for the new school year! All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda, for some devotional time, a fun activity, snacks, and fellowship. Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We hope to see you there!

IMMANUEL ECC IS HIRING!

We are looking for:
Afternoon teachers
2- I:00 pm -6:00 pm- 2's class
I- II:00 am -6:00 pm - PreK class
I- 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



Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel

with guest

Rev. Jason Kaspar

Monday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m. CT

for a study on

Series: "Wisdom for Life Under the Sun" Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

Listen Live or On-demand at: kfuo.org/sharperiron



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EVERY TUESDAY STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 5 FROM 10 A-12 P

AT



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For more information contact:

Rhonda Thompson, Health & Wellness Coordinator at rthompson@capcog.org, 512/916-6180 or Fayette County Extension at 979/968-5831





MEDICARE 1 ON 1

TWO DATES AND LOCATIONS

Thursday, September 21, 2023 10 am to 12 noon

Fayette Agricultural Building 255 Svoboda Lane La Grange, TX OR

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 10 am to 12 noon

Schulenburg Regency Villas 205 East Avenue, Ste A Schulenburg, TX

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Presented By: Yvette McVey

Lead Benefits Counselor/Certified Benefits Counselor II/ Certified Long Term Care Planning

Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area

REMINDER:

*Open Enrollment starts October 15, 2023 And goes to December 7, 2023! *Make sure you have signed up for all parts of Medicare to avoid penalties.

> Co-hosted by Fayette County Committee on Aging

For further information or to register contact: Fayette County Extension Office at (979)968-5831

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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Fayette County Extension Office at (979)968-5831 ten workdays prior to the meeting to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.



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.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun!

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

Help us clear our list!

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

2023 - 2024 Faculty and Staff

- Mrs. Chelsea Beck History, Spanish,
- Pastor Dustin Beck Part-time Religion
- Ms. Kristin Becker Science, Math, Technology
- Mr. Gary Himmler Part-time Science, Math
- Mr. Jonathan Kueck Religion, English, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck Administrator, Electives
- Mrs. Jane Obersat Part-time German, Art, Library
- Mr. Dan Schaefer Part-time History, Music