

## 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 WITH COMMUNION

**Prelude** Selected Music

**Ringing of the Church Bell** 

Ushers

**Welcome and Greeting** 

**Pastor** 

**Opening Hymn** 

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB #790

#### **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 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

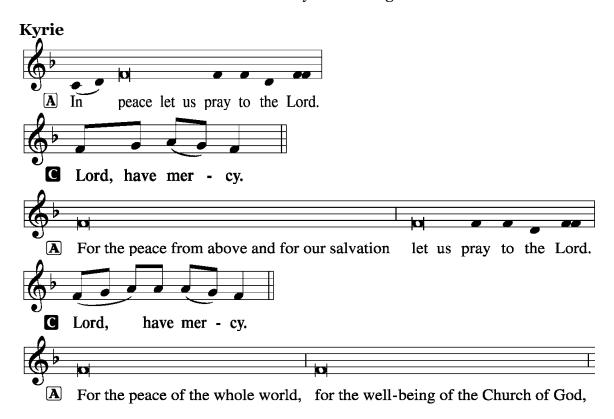
and to the Holy Spirit;

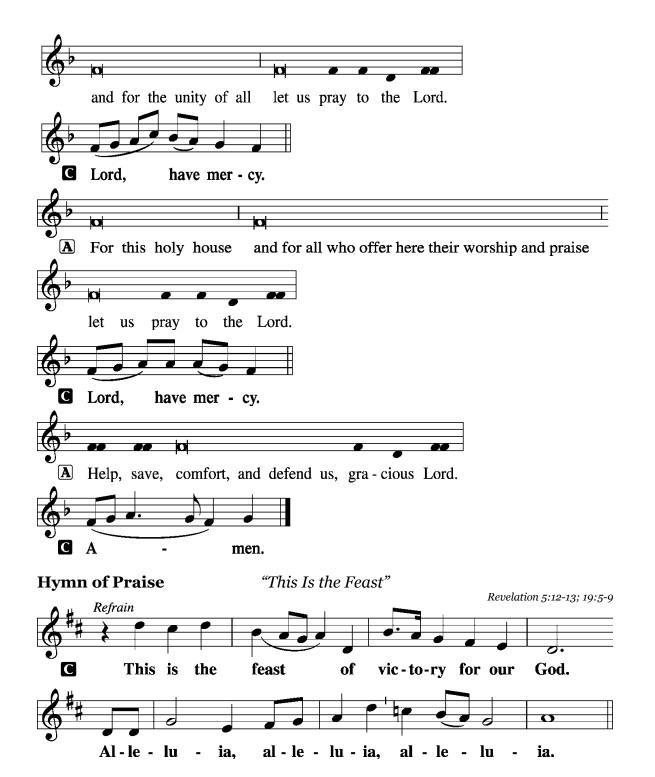
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

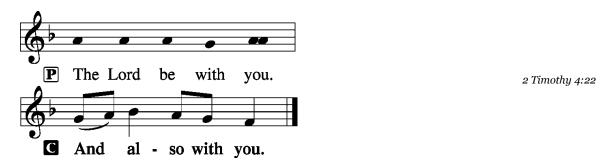
I have fled to you for refuge!







#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that

what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

#### **Epistle Reading**

Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we

are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

C Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



#### **Holy Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:21-35

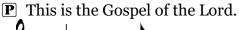
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had,

and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."





Children's Message

**Pastor** 

Hymn of the Day

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

LSB #501

Sermon

"Fear and Forgiveness" Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Nate Hill

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

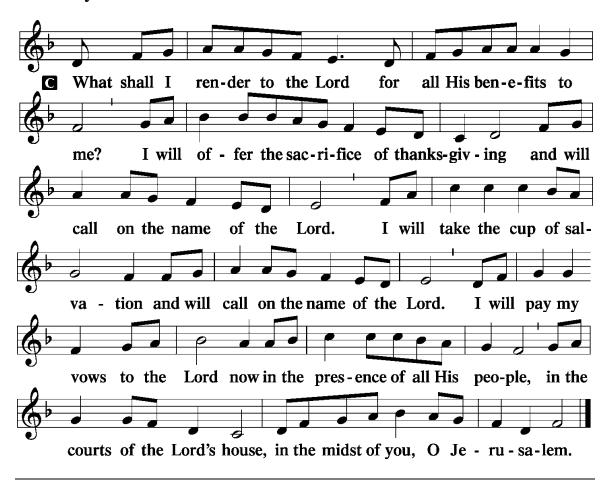
**Offering** (*Please sign the attendance books as they are passed*)

Ushers

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



#### **Offertory**



#### Important Information about Holy Communion Today

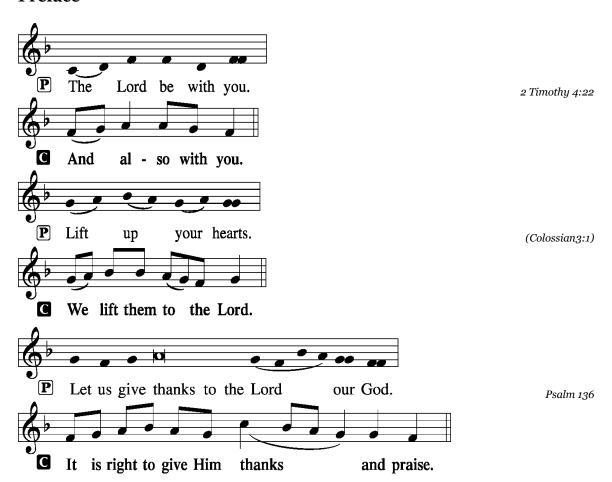
Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

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.

#### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### **Preface**



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### **Sanctus**



#### **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

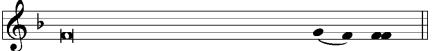
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

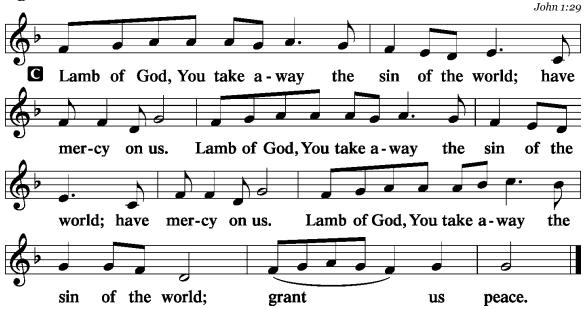
John 20:19



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







#### **Distribution Hymns**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LSB #621 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB #611 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" LSB #533

#### **Post-Communion Canticle**





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

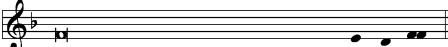
**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





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.



**Announcements** Pastor

**Closing Hymn** "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

LSB #596

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
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- · Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper-Charles Lehmann's Daughter
- Larry Hernandez-Marceil Prestridge's Son-in Law
- $\bullet \ \ Nicole\ Hernandez\hbox{--}{\it Marceil\ Prestridge's\ Daughter}$
- Cindy Hielscher
- Jerry Hielscher
- 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
- Karen McDougall-Mark McClain's Sister
- 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
- Layne Schramm-Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Gary Suttle
- 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
- Manuel Comancho US Air Force Africa Irma Gersch's Friend
- 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
- 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 in honor of Ashley and Jake Koennings's first wedding anniversary.

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

#### Sunday, September 17th

- 9:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Class Education Building
- 1:00pm 4-H Meeting *Education Building*
- 2:30pm Confirmation Education Building
- 4:30pm Winchester Community Meal St. Michael's Park

#### Monday, September 18th

• 7:00pm – Church Council – Education Building

#### Tuesday, September 19th

• 7:00 pm - WACA Book Club - Zilss Hall

#### Sunday, September 24th

- 9:00am Worship Service Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Class *Education Building*
- 2:30pm Confirmation Education Building

**Sunday School:** This week's lesson is "A Crushing Truth." The events of Christ's crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb. Discuss how you can remember the crucifixion of Christ.

**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on September 18<sup>th</sup>, Karen Kilian will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

**Updated Directories in the Narthex:** If you would like an updated directory, be sure to pick one up in the narthex on your way out.

**Casserole Crew:** Sharon Teinert is on duty for the month of September. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact her at (409)782-8949.

**Winchester Community Meal:** Today, Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm will be 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!

WENDISH FEST: The 35th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 24, 2023 @ Serbin, Texas. Guest speaker for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Dr. Gerald Paul (serving in Grad Cayman), Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy), and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered @ 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities @ the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by The Shiner Hobo Band, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present Ptači Kwas (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org

**GEMS:** Please note that the Post Oak GEMS group (Girls Embracing Mission Service) will not be meeting at our regularly scheduled time and place for September. Instead, we will have a booth at the Wendish Festival on Sunday, September 24, doing glitter tattoos from noon until 3:00. All proceeds will go toward sending our girls to the GEMS program of the LWML convention in Corpus Christi next summer. Please stop by to support us!

WACA Spaghetti Meal Postponed: The 4-H Spaghetti Fundraiser sponsored by the Winchester Area Civic Association has been postponed from September 10 to October 22 due to other community activities. Please plan on attending the dinner, either drive thru or eat in, on Sunday October 22 at 10:30 a.m. All funds raised will be given to the Winchester 4-H Club.



# FALL RALLY HOSTED BY TRINITY - DIME BOX

REGISTRATION 1:30 PM
RALLY KICKS OFF AT 2 PM

SALAD SUPPER TO FOLLOW

INGATHERING - UNIVERSITY
LUTHERAN CHAPEL AT
TEXAS A&M



Don't forget to bring your canceled stamps





## **Advance Ticket Sales Only**

Deadline for Ticket Sales is Saturday, September 30th

#### Contact

Mirlyn Griffin: 979-966-8912 Saint Michael's Church Office: 979-242-3444

#### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am – 1:00pm

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church Park 310 Frio Street Winchester, TX 78945

Proceeds Benefit Saint Michael's Missions and Our Sponsored Missionaries



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

10:30AM-4:30 PM

MEAL SERVED 11-1 (PRE-SALE ONLY)
MEAL INCLUDES: BRATS, KRAUT, POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, NOODLES, BREAD AND COFFEE CAKE

**CONCESSION STAND** 



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COSTUME CONTEST .



KID ACTIVITIES START AT 12PM

SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT 1:15 PM



BOUNCE HOUSE, RING TOSS, PHOTO BACKDROP, PUMPKIN PAINTING, AND MORE!

42 & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS START AT 1:30 PM \$5 ENTRY FEE

BATTLE OF THE BREWS/BATTLE OF THE VINE

**HOME BREW CONTEST & HOMEMADE WINE CONTEST** 

**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 10 AM** 

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