

SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

WINCHESTER TEXAS

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 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB #782

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

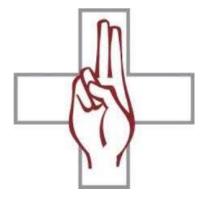
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. *Matthew* 28:19b; (18:20)
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 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 116:12-13, 15-16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

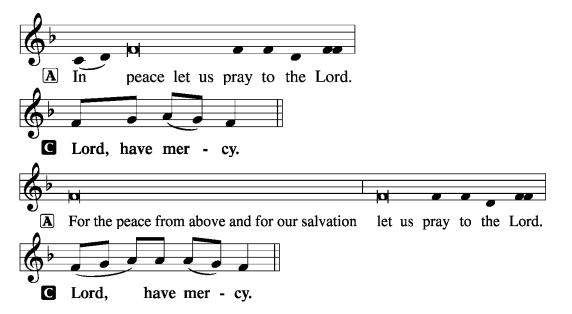
Glory be to the Father and to the Son

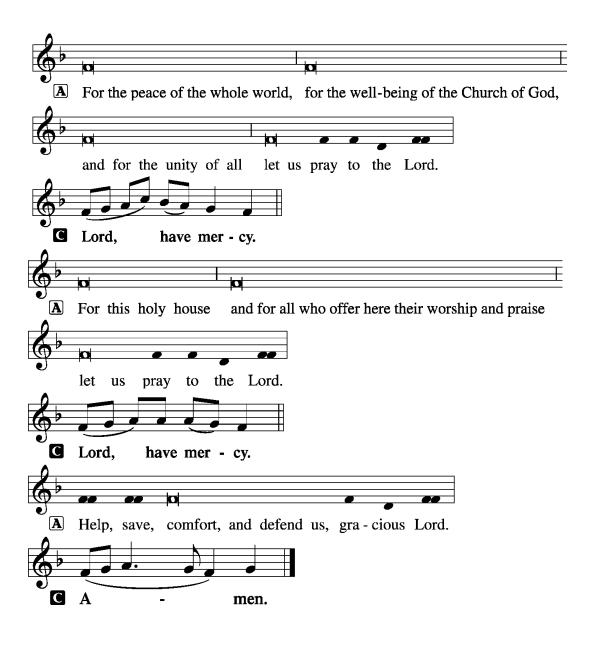
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

Kyrie







Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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

Isaiah 55:6-9

6"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

Psalm 27:1-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

4One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

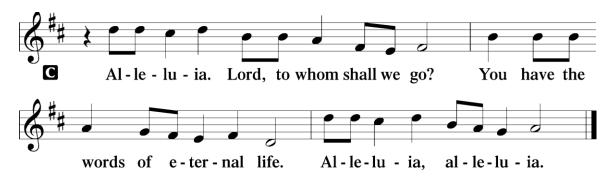
¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

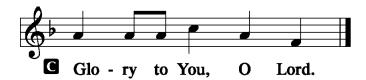
Alleluia and Verse John 6:68



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

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



¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do

what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

LSB #555

Sermon

"Never Empty Handed"

Matthew 20:1-16

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:

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

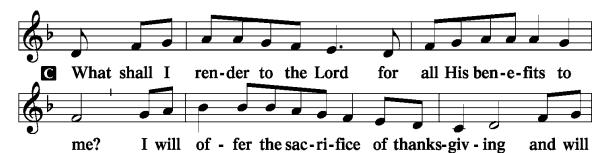
Offering (*Please sign the attendance books as they are passed*)

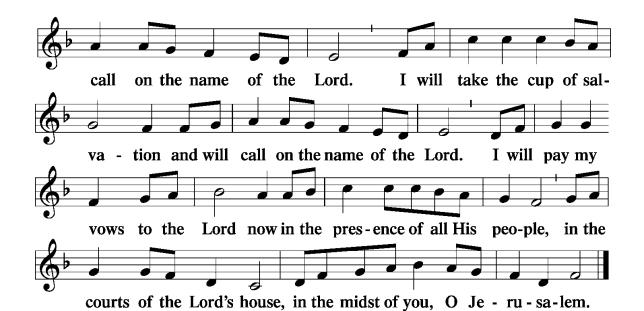
Ushers

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



Offertory





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.



Announcements Pastor

Closing Hymn "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB #826

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
- 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 by Morgan Ray and Delores Karisch in honor of Delores' 75th birthday on September 25th.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, September 24th

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

Monday, September 25th

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

Tuesday, September 26th

- 11:00am LWML *Education Building*
- 2:00pm Young @ Heart Zilss Hall
- 7:00pm WAVFD Fire Station

Wednesday, September 27th

• 9:30am – Bible Study – Education Building

Sunday, October 1st – LWML Sunday

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

Sunday School: This week, students will study "A Living Truth." The women who witness Christ's burial are the first to witness His resurrection. With great joy, they run to tell His disciples that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Discuss, "How can we as a family spread the word of Christ's resurrection?"

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on September 25th, 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.

Casserole Crew: Sharon Teinert is on duty for the month of September. Candice Hill will have October. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Sharon at (409)782-8949 or Candice at (979)966-8034.

THANK YOU: The Board of Missions would like to thank everyone for supporting and participating in both of our Missionary Sundays and our Community Meal! In addition to your generous financial support, both Julie and Claire expressed how much they appreciated everyone who came to their presentations during the Bible study hour. We had about 50 people at each potluck meal and around 80 at our Community Meal! We hope you enjoyed getting to hear directly from our missionaries and have time for fellowship as a congregation and community. Don't forget to purchase your pork steak dinner tickets as another way to support our missionaries!

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.



LWML POST OAK ZONE 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

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Sunday, October 8th 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

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Schedule:



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MISSION FESTIVAL WORSHIP &
BIBLE CLASS ON MERCY



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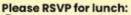
LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED BY HOLY CROSS OUTREACH COMMITTEE



12:30_{PM}

PRESENTATION ON DISASTER RELIEF, & CARE FOR NEIGHBOR

Speaker: Rev. Michael Meyer



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Rev. Michael Meyer serves in the LCMS Office of National Mission as the Managing Director for Congregations and Districts. He oversees various departments (School ministry, Youth ministry, Campus ministry, Disaster Relief, etc.) Pastor Meyer works with districts and congregations to help establish Lutheran Early Response Teams

who answer the call to serve their neighbors when disasters strike. Please prayerfully consider joining us after worship on Sunday, October 8 for a light lunch and a conversation about L.E.R.T. and what it might look like for Lutherans in Central Texas to answer the call to love and serve our neighbors in their time of greatest need! RSVPs for lunch are appreciated!