

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

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

LSB #673

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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

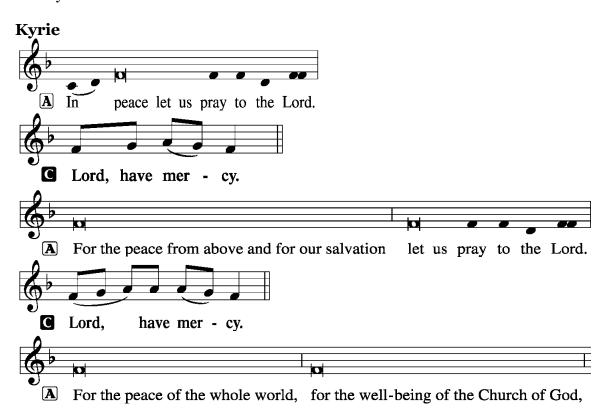
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

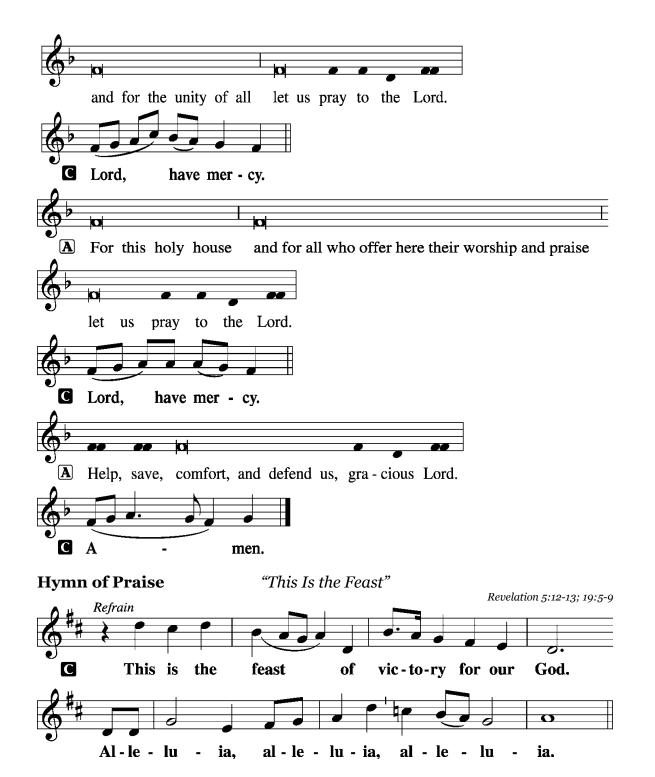
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

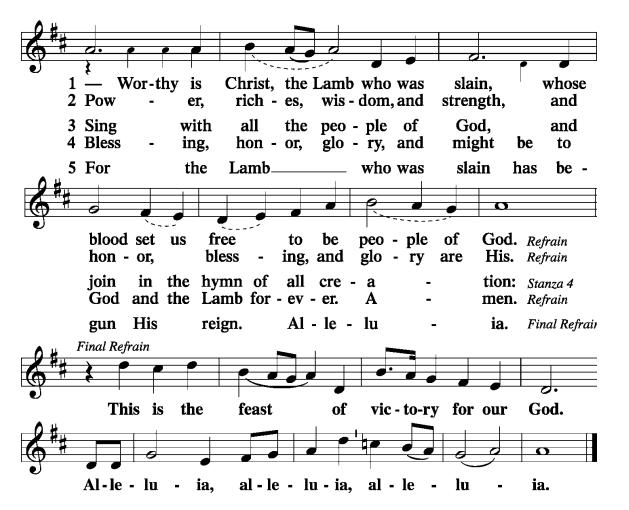
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen. These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

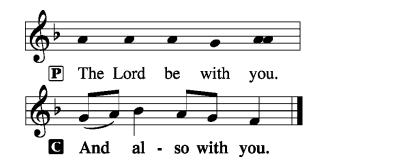
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading

Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
612,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
712,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

7to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

⁸to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

9to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

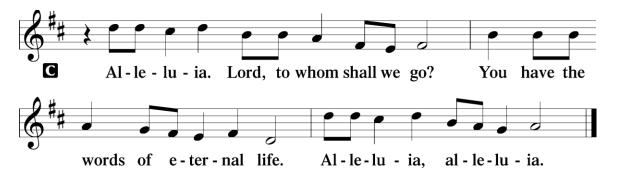
¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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



¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- 3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 - 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 - 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 - 9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."





Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"For All the Saints"

LSB #677

Sermon

"What Happens When You Die?"

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.

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection, we remember before the Lord our beloved fellow church members who have gone to their heavenly home during the past year:

Marian Frances (Karisch) Fritsche – January 24, 2023 Raymond Charles "RC" Franke – January 31, 2023 Rose Ann (Petrash) Lehmann – April 12, 2023 Delton Roy Koenning – September 15, 2023 Evelyn Louise (Diers) Haschke – September 24, 2023 Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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

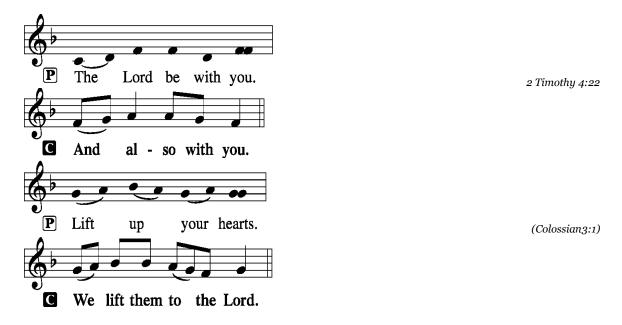
Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

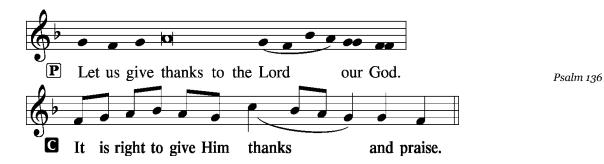
If you are a confirmed member in good standing of this or another LCMS congregation, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if you are uncertain about our beliefs and practices surrounding Holy Communion, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please let Pastor 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.

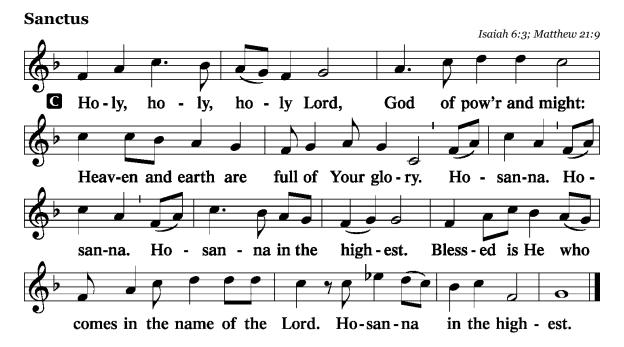
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface





It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

The Words of Our Lord

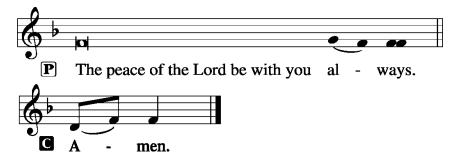
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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John 20:19





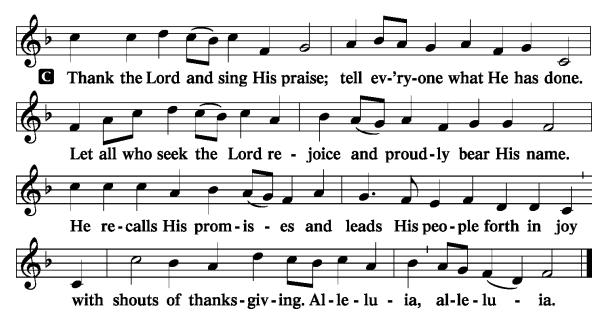




Distribution Hymns

"Jesus Sat with His Disciples" LSB #932
"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" LSB #676
"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" LSB #671

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.



BenedictionNumbers 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:

- Melinda Bennett Bill Karisch's Friend
- Sheila Bojorquez-Charles Lehmann's Daughter
- Debra Bradley Garry Synatschk's Mother
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson Leann McClain's Brother
- Sue Doepner Daniel and Karen Kilian's Friend
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel Carol Ahlschlager's Friend
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Larry Hernandez-Marceil Prestridge's Son-in Law
- Nicole Hernandez-Marceil Prestridge's Daughter
- Cindy Hielscher
- Jerry Hielscher
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper Bill Karisch's Mother
- Thelma Kieschnik

- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause Diana Roeber's Friend
- Mary Lehmann
- John Lievsay, Jr Kelly Franke's Brother
- 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
- Michelle Smith
- Amy Wagner

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 Iris Franke, Gina Sanders, and Coleen Smiley in memory of James Franke's birthday on Nov. 5.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, November 5th – All Saints' Day (Observed)

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

Monday, November 6th

- 7:00pm WACA Zilss Hall
- 7:00pm Board of Elders Education Building

Tuesday, November 7th

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

Wednesday, November 8th

- 9:30am Bible Class Education Building
- 6:00pm Board of Education Education Building

Saturday, November 11th

- 8:30am-Noon Farmers Market and Craft Bazaar Zilss Hall
- 9:00am Veterans' Breakfast Zilss Hall

Sunday, November 12th

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

Sunday School: This week, we will study "A Deacon Delivers" in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, "Who helps us understand Scripture today?"

Thank You! Dear Members of Saint Michael's, thank you so much for the many cards and gifts that you presented to me and my family last week for Pastor Appreciation Month. Serving as your pastor is a great joy to me! Your constant care and concern for me and my family is something we always notice and are thankful for. I pray that the Lord will grant us many more years together in ministry! – Pastor Nate

Casserole Crew: Katrina Miertschin is on for the month of November. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Katrina at (979)702-0951.

Offering of Nonperishable Food Items: At this year's Thanksgiving Eve service, we will collect a special offering of nonperishable food items. Please bring these items along with you to the service where we will have a special opportunity to place them at the altar before they are gathered together to be taken to AMEN food pantry in La Grange.



Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School hosted the 5th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 3rd for students in K to 8th Grade. We were excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on <u>Friday</u>, <u>November 10th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm</u> at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us for this fun evening!

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale on Sunday, November 19th with pick up at Holy Cross, Immanuel, St. Paul Serbin and Mt. Calvary. All pies are a generous 10-inch size and deep-dish. <u>Pre-Orders only.</u> **Pecan pies** are \$30 each and **Pumpkin pies** are \$25 each. Place your order by calling FLHS at 242-2889. Deadline to order is Monday, November 13th.

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us <u>Thursday</u>, <u>November 16th</u>, beginning at <u>10:30 am</u> for our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

Shadow Davs

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.





2024 SUMMER SESSION SCHEDULE & AGES:

JUNE 2-7 Alpha & Omega

JUNE 9-14 Alpha, Omega & Alliance

JUNE 14-16 Expedition, Endeavor & Family Camp

JUNE 16-21 Alpha, Omega & Night Owl

JUNE 23-28 Alpha & Omega

JUNE 30-JULY 5 Discovery

JULY 7-12 Alpha & Omega

JULY 12-14 Expedition, Endeavor & Family Camp

JULY 14-19 Alpha, Omega & Night Owl

JULY 21-26 Alpha, Omega & Alliance

JULY 28-RUG 2 Expedition*, Alpha, Omega & Teen Night Owl

* two night session ** Full Week Sessions Monday-Friday

Ages:

Expedition (5-8) Alpha (8-12)

Endeavor (9-14)

Night Owl (10-12)

Teen Night Own (13-18)

Alliance (13-18)

Omega (13-18)

Discovery (14-18)

Family Camp (all ages)

**Day Camp (5-13)



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