

Sunday, November 12th 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

W I N C H E S T E R  T E X A S

Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Welcome to Saint Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you 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	<i>"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"</i> LSB #904

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

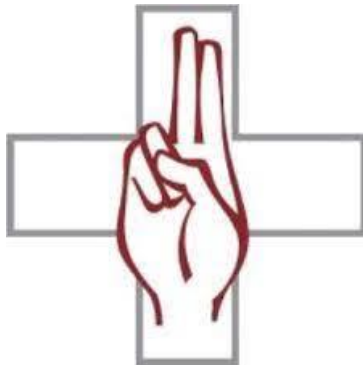
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

C Amen.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

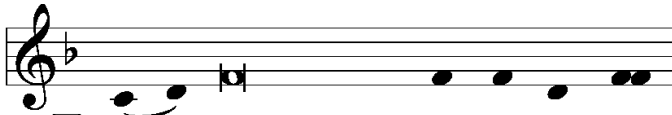
Introit

Read Together

Psalms 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may
lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of
wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in 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.*
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may
lay her young,
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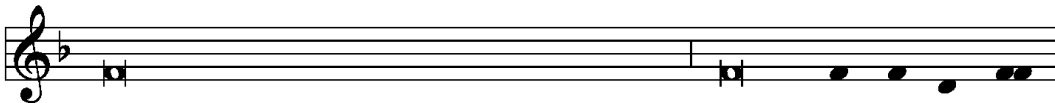
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



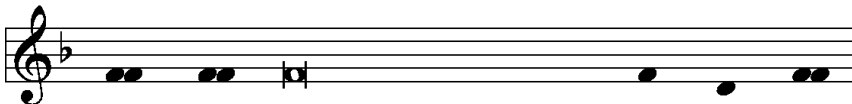
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

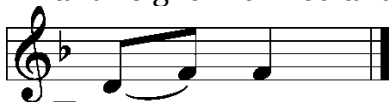
2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 70

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire my hurt!

³Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, “Aha, Aha!”

⁴May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, “God is great!”

⁵But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day *"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"*

LSB #514

Sermon *"The Foolish and the Wise"*
 Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Nate Hill

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Ushers

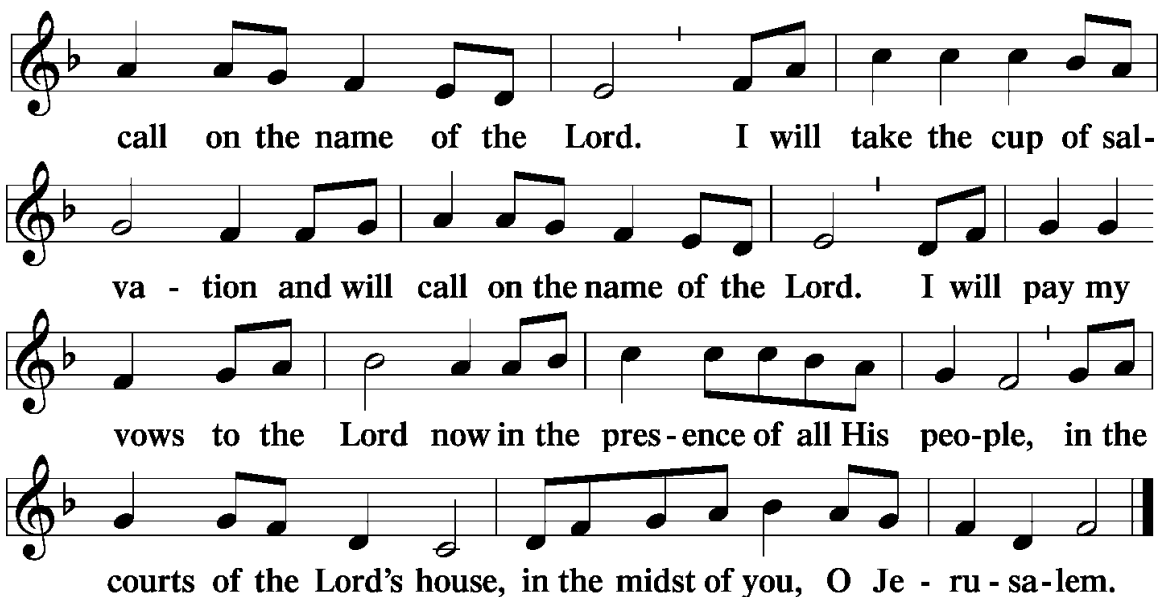
*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,
you may do so at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give*



Offertory

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

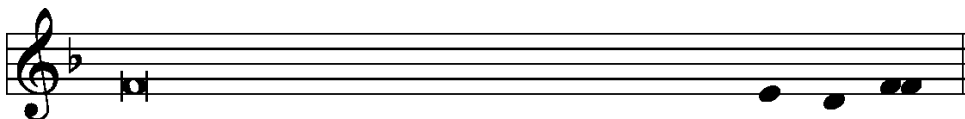
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

LSB #355

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/>

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, November 12th

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

Monday, November 13th

- 6:00pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

Tuesday, November 14th

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – WAVFD – *Fire Station*

Wednesday, November 15th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*

Sunday, November 19th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*

Sunday School: In today's Bible lesson, students study the amazing account of "An Enemy Converts." On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the living God. Despite the disciples' distrust of Saul's motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul's behalf. Discuss, "How does the conversion of Saul change the history of the world?"

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.

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting on Sunday, November 26, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. This month we will have a special service project as we color Christmas bookmarks and assemble gift bags to give away to seasoned LWML members. Please join us for this time of fellowship, service, and fun! Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions.

Rehearsals for Children's Christmas Eve Program: At this year's Christmas Eve Service, we will once again be blessed to enjoy a program put on by the children of our congregation. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate, please plan on having them attend all rehearsals for the children's program. Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School Hour each week and begin November 26th. There will also be a final rehearsal at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 20th. In order to ensure that the children are well-prepared for their songs and speaking parts, attendance at each of the December rehearsals is mandatory. Please contact Amanda Hart at 979-540-0600 or another member of the Board of Education for more information.

Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available: Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children of our church members to attend a week of camp this summer at Camp Lone Star. For more information, contact Pastor Nate. Please visit camplonestar.org/summer-camp/ to look at the summer and activities.

Grieving?

Know someone who is?



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our ***Surviving the Holidays*** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

GRIEF  SHARE®
www.griefshare.org/holidays

Sunday, November 19
3:00 -5:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church
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FAITH LUTHERAN
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Pie Sale

Pick Up
Sunday, November 19th
10:30 am-12:00 pm
at 4 Locations

(Holy Cross Warda, St. Paul Serbin,
Mt. Calvary La Grange, or Immanuel Giddings)

Place your order by calling
FLHS at (979)-242-2889.

**Deadline to order is
Monday, November 13th**

Pecan: \$30
Pumpkin: \$25

**10-in deep-dish*

**PreOrder
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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-AUG 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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Non-perishable items

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Donation box



St. Michael's Lutheran Church

Narthex

(entry to church)

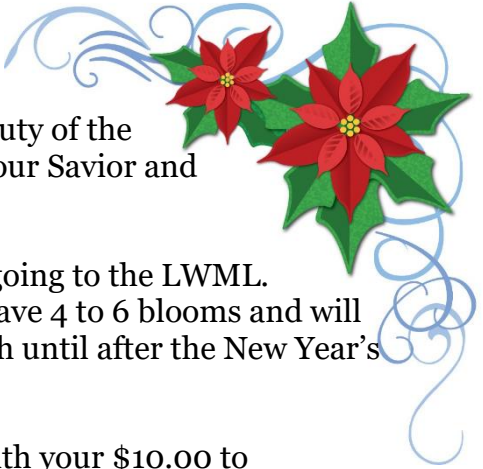
Food



Food

POINSETTIAS AT CHRISTMAS

We will soon be celebrating the birth of our Lord on Christmas. We would like to have Poinsettias in our church for the Christmas Season. The beauty of the Poinsettias gives praise and glory to the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.



We will be selling Poinsettias with the proceeds going to the LWML. The Poinsettia plants will cost you \$10.00, will have 4 to 6 blooms and will be fully dressed. The plants will remain in church until after the New Year's Eve Service when you may take them home.

Please fill out the form below and give it along with your \$10.00 to Mirlyn Griffin no later than Sunday, November 26th. Be sure to designate what you want printed in the bulletin (Memorial or Honorarium) about your Poinsettia. **Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.**

We will look forward to having the church ablaze in the beauty of your Poinsettias at Christmastime.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM (Please print clearly)

Name _____ Phone _____

I wish to order # _____ Poinsettias at \$10.00 each.

Enclosed is my check (or cash) for \$ _____.

Please print the following in the bulletin about my Poinsettias:
