

Sunday, January 28th 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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 worshipping 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 TWO

Prelude	Selected Music
Ring of the Church Bell	Ushers
Welcome and Greeting	Pastor
Opening Hymn	<i>"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"</i> LSB #819

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.

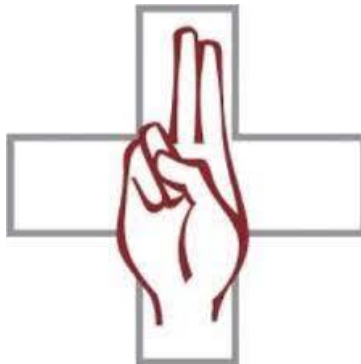
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity
of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be
found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

*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.*

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but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Kyrie

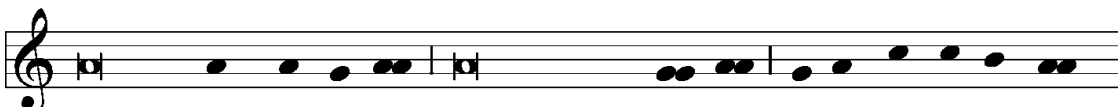
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



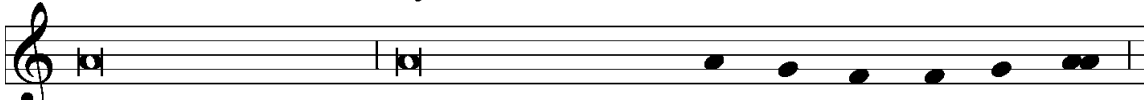
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



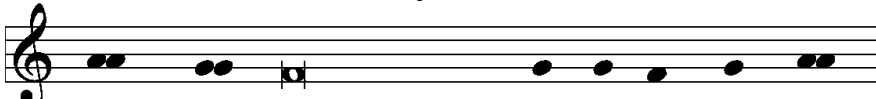
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

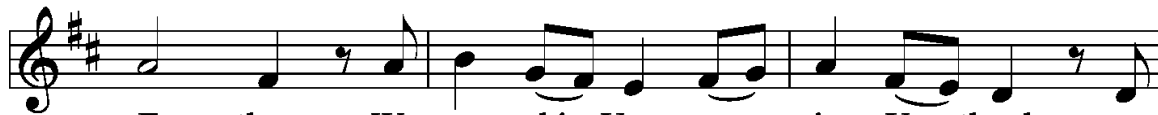
"Gloria in Excelsis"



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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



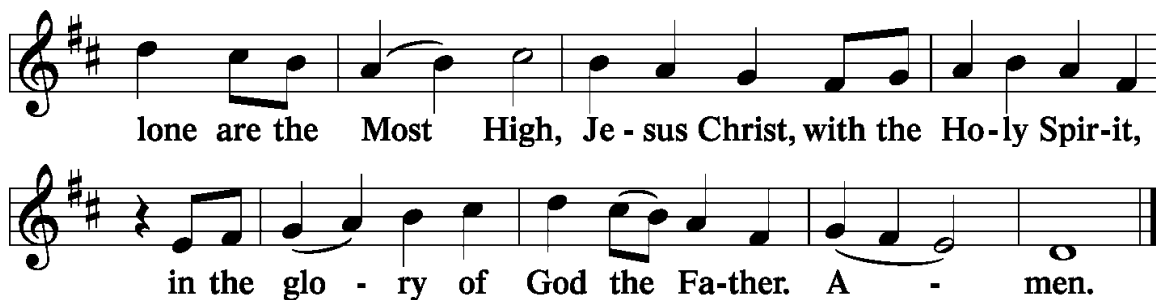
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

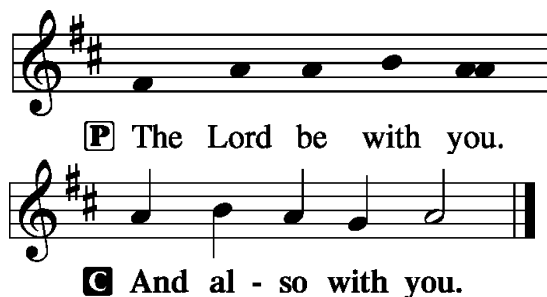


Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-



Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will

require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 111

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be silent, and come out of him!”** ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day *“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”*

LSB #754

Sermon

“Knowledge vs. Love”
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

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

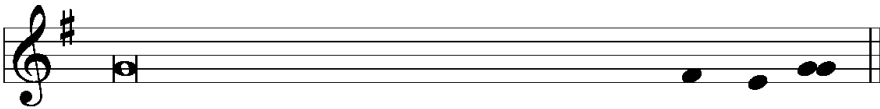
Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19

A musical score for a single voice part, written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "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." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics.

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-
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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

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB #842

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*
- Lindi Braddock – *Katrina Miertschin's Friend*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Gavon Grayson – *Glenn and Stacy Zoch's Friend*
- Jerry Hielscher
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Audrey Koenning
- Mary Lehmann
- John Lievsay, Jr – *Kelly Franke's Brother*
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Cannon Martin – *Kolton Montgomery's Friend*
- Karen McDougall – *Mark McClain's Sister*
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Kolton Montgomery
- Janet Murphy – *Richard Davis' Sister-in-Law*
- Dianna Noack – *Secretary at St. Paul Serbin*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Marceil Prestridge
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Erwin Schulze
- Laverne Schulze
- Barbara Spence
- Amy Wagner
- Angeline Zoch

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton – US Army – Fort Carson, Colorado
- Manuel Comacho – US Air Force – Serving in Israel – *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, January 28th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 2:00pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*
- 5:00pm – WACA Taste of Winchester – *Zilss Hall*

Wednesday, January 31st

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

Saturday, February 3rd

- 6:00pm – 4-H Shrimp Boil – *St. Michael's Park*

Sunday, February 4th

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

Sunday School: This weeks lesson is “A Servant’s Mission.” Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham’s homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah’s family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

Casserole Crew: Sharon Teinert is on for the month of January. Candice Hill is scheduled for February. 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.

Socks and Undies Sundays: Time for Socks and Undies Sundays again. All sizes for adults and children are needed. They must be NEW. The LWML will be collecting all Sundays in February. There will be a box in the Narthex. We thank you in advance for your support!!

GEMS: The Post Oak GEMS invite all girls 5th-12th grade to join us for our first meeting of 2024! We will meet at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda, on Sunday, January 28. This month we will vote on which mission project to support with our offerings, and then make posters for our mission goal. Please join us for snacks, a devotion, and Christian fellowship!

Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up: You are invited to attend the 5th annual Lutheran Writers Round Up at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, February 9, from 8:00-2:00. The day begins with a live broadcast of Sharper Iron at 8:00, with host Rev. Timothy Appel interviewing Rev. Brian Kachelmeier and Rev. Dustin Beck. At 9:00 there are two Bible studies from which to choose, one led by Donna Snow on her book "Unshakable," and the other led by Rev. Bryan Wolfmuehler on his book "Has American Christianity Failed?" After a group opening at 10:00, there are adult and student breakout sessions during the morning and afternoon (with lunch provided at noon). Adults will be in the main fellowship hall, while student groups will move from classroom to classroom. Featured authors include Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Rev. Brian Kachelmeier, Rev. Chris Kennedy, Donna Snow, and Rev. Bryan Wolfmuehler. If you plan to be there for lunch, please RSVP to FLHS at 979-242-2889 for planning purposes. Hope to see you there!

Game Day in Warda: Holy Cross, Warda invites you to their monthly game day on Thursday, February 15th, from noon to 2PM. A light lunch will be provided followed by a variety of games including dominoes, bingo, cards, and others. Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!

Holy Cross Fundraiser: The Holy Cross Youth Group annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 10th. Drive thru only at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00-12:30. Plates are \$15 each and include pork steak, green beans, noodles, and corn. This meal is presale only by Thursday, Feb. 29th. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Chevron in LaGrange, First National Bank of Giddings, or from any Holy Cross youth group member. There will also be a bake sale with homemade items for a freewill donation.