

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**



# **SAINT MICHAEL'S**

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## **LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS**

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**W I N C H E S T E R      T E X A 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 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!

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### **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.

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## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO**

<b>Prelude</b>	Selected Music
<b>Ringing of the Church Bell</b>	Ushers
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>	Pastor
<b>Reception of New Members</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phil Buckley</li><li>• Diana Mitschke</li><li>• Matthew Taylor</li></ul>	

**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.*

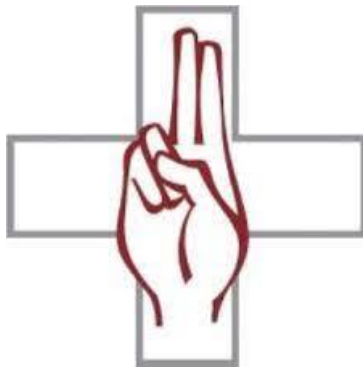
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!  
The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.  
Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!  
The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in  
Jacob.  
Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!  
*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.*  
Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!

### Kyrie

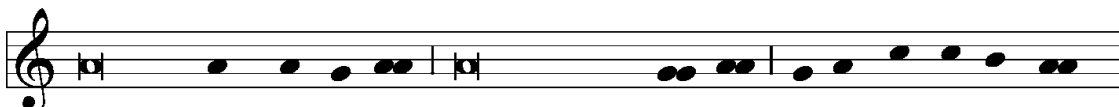
*Mark 10:47*



**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.



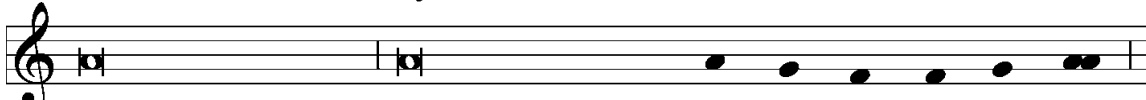
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



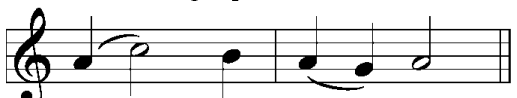
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



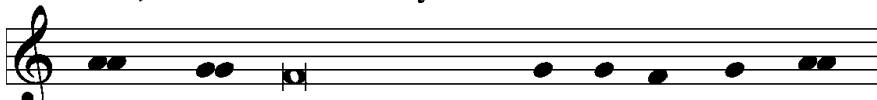
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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

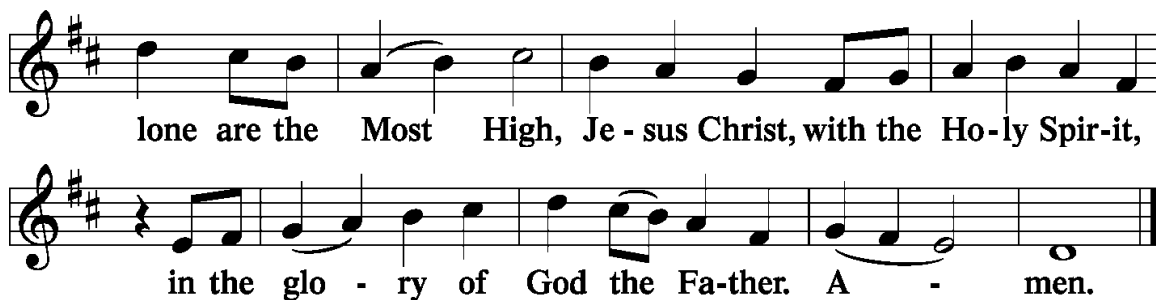
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

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

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

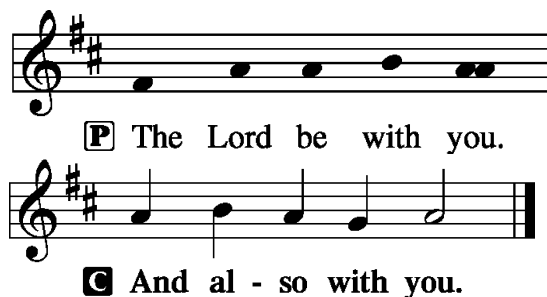
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

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.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29-35*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all

that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.

<sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!

## Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the



Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' and the second staff contains the melody for 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' is written above the staff, with the lyrics written below the notes.

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were

talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Children’s Message**

Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**      *“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”*

LSB #413

**Sermon**                      *“The Meaning of the Transfiguration”*  
Mark 9:2-9

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)*

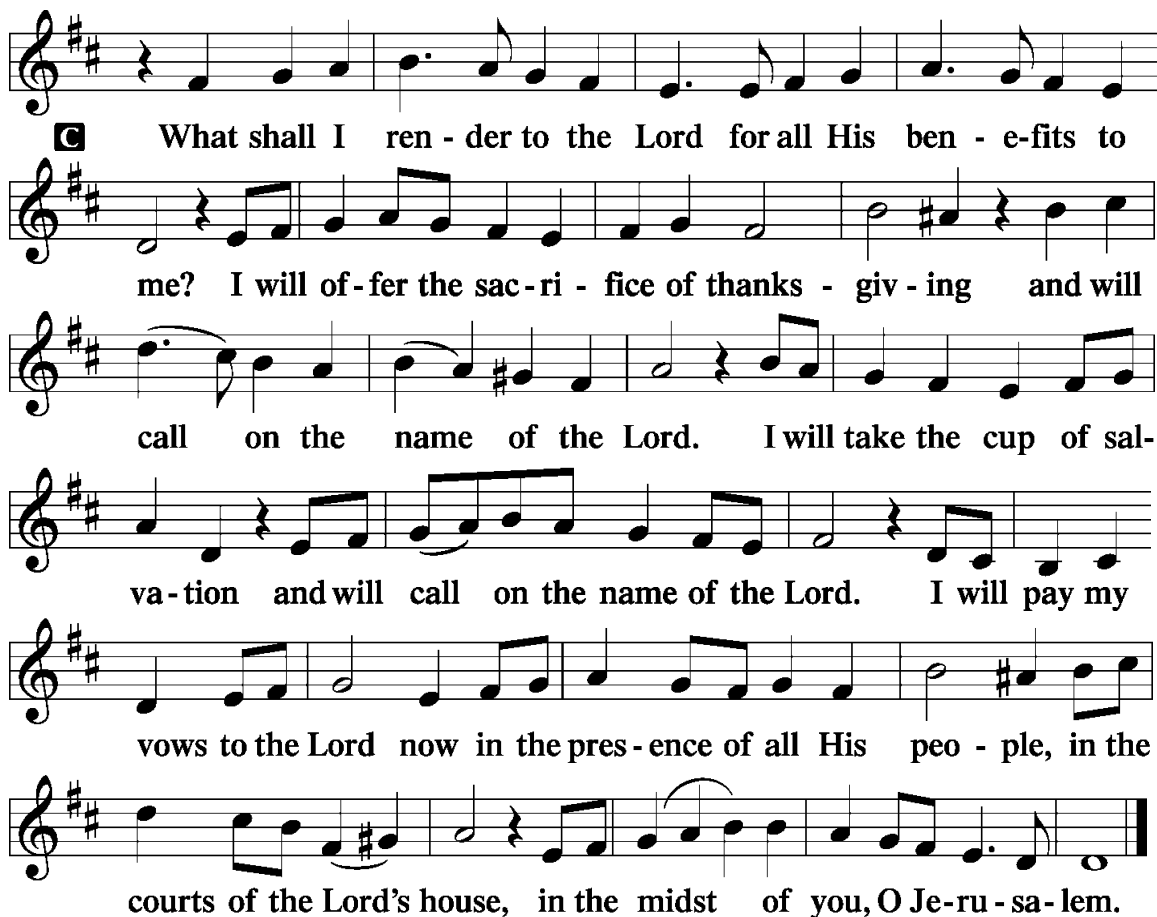
**Ushers**

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



# Offertory

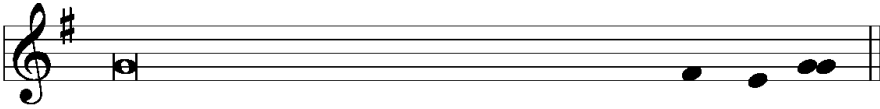
*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**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**

*“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*

LSB #417

**Postlude**

Selected Music

## PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Emmy Bielss and Family – *Candice Hill's Cousin*
- 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 Gibbbsg
- 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*
- Hilary Malloy – *Andrew Franke's Sister-in-Law*
- 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
- Barbary Spence
- 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/>

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING:** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Cindy and Scott Hielscher's 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

- 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service – *Sanctuary*

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 11:00am – WACA Domino Tournament/Dinner – *St. Michael's Park*
- 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*
- 2:00pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*

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**Sunday School:** Today, we will study Jacob's family in "A Family Grows." Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban's household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel's hand for another seven years of service.

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**Casserole Crew:** Candice Hill is on for the month of February. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact 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!!

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**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/](http://camplonestar.org/summer-camp/) to look at the summer and activities.

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**Game Day in Warda:** Holy Cross, Warda invites you to their monthly game day on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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**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.

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**Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller from St. Paul-Austin Invites You!** Set sail on a spiritual adventure with our four-day Lutheran Singles Cruise, departing from Galveston on August 1st. This journey is designed for connection and fellowship, offering daily devotions, Bible studies, and opportunities to meet like-minded singles. Embrace this chance to deepen your faith, make new friends, and enjoy the beauty of the sea. Don't miss out on this unique blend of spiritual growth and social fun – book your spot today! Learn more at [www.wolfmueller.co/cruise](http://www.wolfmueller.co/cruise).





# FEDOR VFD

## PORK STEAK FUNDRAISER



Sunday, February 18, 2024  
11:00 am, till sold out



Old Fedor Picnic Grounds  
4270 FM 1624  
Lincoln (Fedor), TX



**\$15/PLATE**

Includes: Pork steak, noodles,  
green beans, and a cookie.

**Tickets sold at event only!**

Proceeds to be used towards Fish Fry  
Property purchase.

**THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING FEDOR VFD!!**



**Christ Lutheran Church Sunday School**

# **BBQ CHICKEN PLATE FUNDRAISER**

**Friday, February 23, 2024**

**5:00pm until Sold Out**

**Plates: \$15.00**

**Includes:**

**½ BBQ Chicken, Noodles,  
Pinto Beans and BBQ Sauce**

**\*Individual Chicken Halves will be available for \$7.50/half\***

**4654 CR 114, Loebau, TX**

**All Proceeds to go to Sunday School**



### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 8, 2024 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. Pastor David Woelmer from Grace Lutheran in Smithville will be leading us this week.

### **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 Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!



- 1) \$1700 Travel Voucher with World Travel
- 2) Custom AR Rifle made by Jigsaw Weaponry (up to \$750)
- 3) Kalahari Resort - 1 night stay in 2bed/2bath suite with 5 waterpark passes
- 4) Valentine's Do Over Package (\$450+)
- 5) Relax and Chill Package (\$700+)
- 6) Staycation Package (\$400+)
- 7) Handcrafted Cedar Lineman Truck, 2024 Silver Coin and Set of Wooden Porch Rocking Chairs
- 8) Handcrafted Cedar Train, 2023 Silver Coin, and Lone Star Back Roads Framed Photo (Winner's Choice)
- 9) Dessert a month for a year
- 10) Casserole a month for a year

