

### SAINT MICHAEL'S

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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 THREE WITH COMMUNION

**Prelude** Selected Music

**Ringing of the Church Bell** 

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

**Opening Hymn** "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

LSB #454

#### **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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **©** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

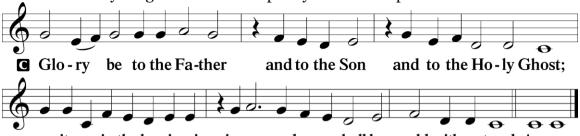
C Amen.

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

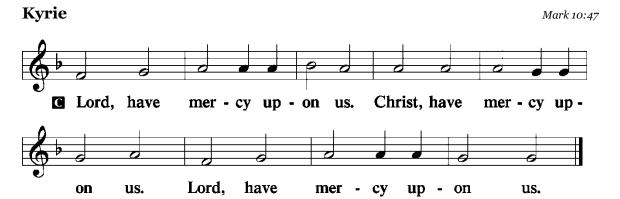
#### **Introit**

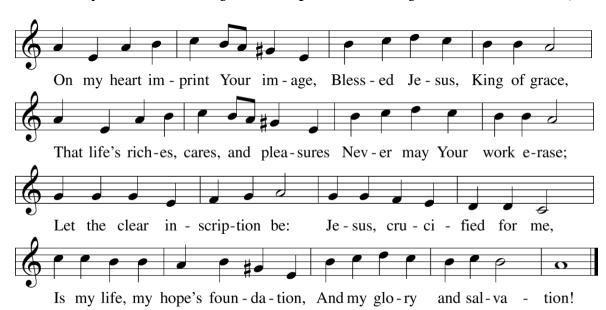
Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.



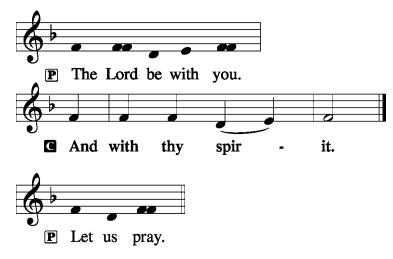
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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**

Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ¬And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

#### **Holy Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:9-15

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



<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."





#### Children's Sermon

**Pastor** 

#### 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 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.

Hymn of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB#656

Sermon

"Get Behind Me, Satan! I'm Baptized!"

Mark 1:9-15

Rev. Nate Hill

**Offertory** 

Psalm 51:10-12



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



#### **Prayer of the Church**

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

#### <u>Important Information about Holy Communion Today</u>

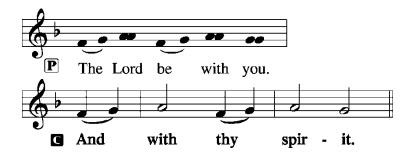
Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

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!

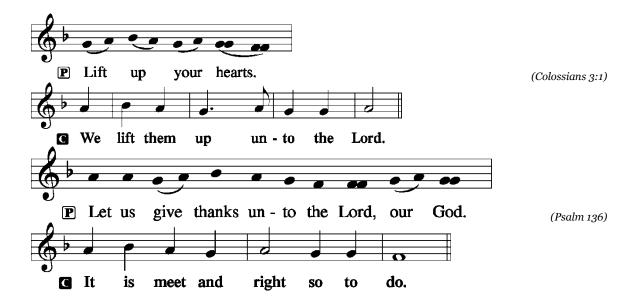
For those who are sensitive to alcohol, the cups in the center of the communion tray contain water with one drop of wine added.

#### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

#### **Preface**

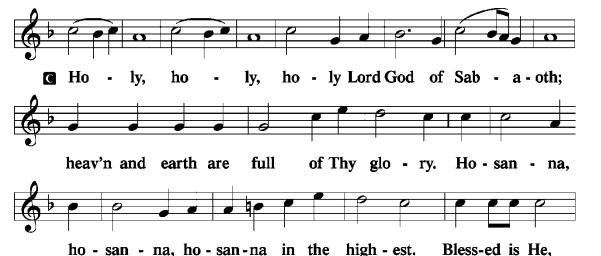


2 Timothy 4:22



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:







bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

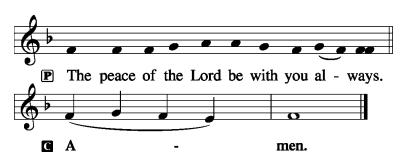
#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

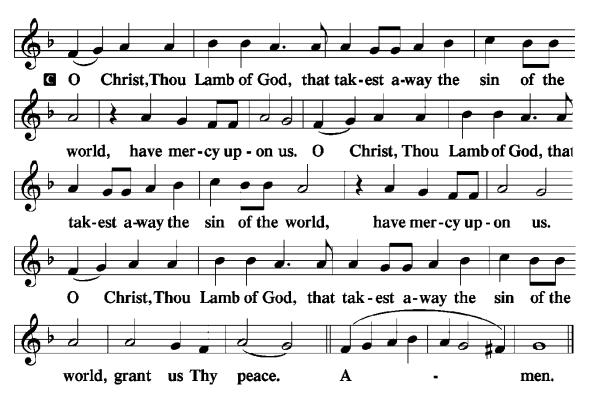
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when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

Pax Domini John 20:19



Agnus Dei John 1:29



#### **Distribution Hymns**

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"	LSB #438
"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"	LSB #607
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"	LSB #655

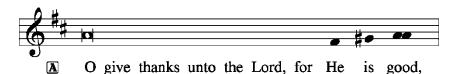
Nunc Dimittis

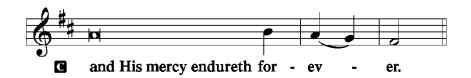
Luke 2:29-32



Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



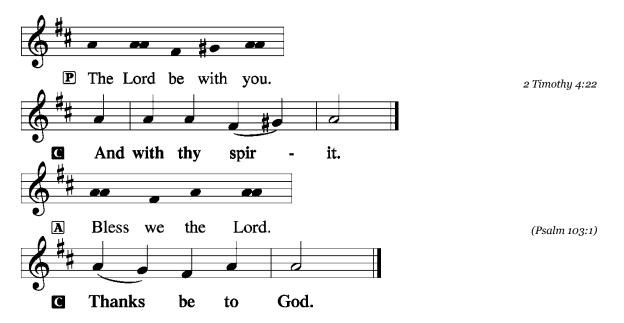


#### **P** Let us pray.

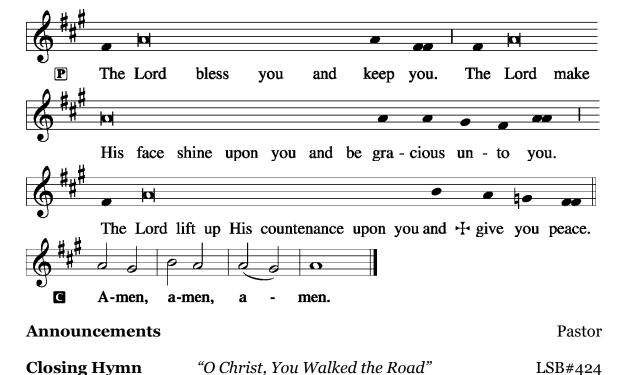
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Salutation and Benedicamus**



Benediction Number 6:24-26



**Postlude** Selected Music

#### PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

#### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

- Melinda Bennett Bill Karisch's Friend
- 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

- 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
- Laverne Schulze
- Barbara Spence
- Angeline Zoch

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- 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 by Casey, Jenny, and Josey Fajkus in celebration of Josey's baptismal birthday.

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

#### Sunday, February 18th

- 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

#### Monday, February 19th

• 7:00pm – Church Council – Education Building

#### Tuesday, February 20th

- 11:00am LWML Education Building
- 7:00pm WACA Book Club Zilss Hall

#### Wednesday, February 21st

- 9:30am Bible Class Education Building
- 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service Sanctuary

#### Sunday, February 25th

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

**Sunday School:** In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises," students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.

**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!!

**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 <u>camplonestar.org/summer-camp/</u> to look at the summer and activities.

**Fedor VFD Pork Steak Fundraiser:** TODAY, Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Old Fedor Picnic Grounds (4270 FM 1624 Lincoln, TX). 11:00am until sold out. \$15 per 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!

**GEMS:** The Post Oak GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) invite all girls 5th-12th grade to join us for our next meeting on Sunday, February 25. We will meet at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda, for snacks, a devotion, and fellowship time. This month we will finish our mission posters and make sets of "Resurrection Eggs" to take home! We hope to see you there!

**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.

**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 <a href="https://www.wolfmueller.co/cruise">www.wolfmueller.co/cruise</a>.

#### **Weekly Communion:**

Following discussion, contemplation, and prayer with the Board of Elders, Saint Michael's will be moving toward the practice of including the Lord's Supper in the Sunday Divine Service every week. The goal is that we would begin this practice on Easter Sunday and continue it from that point forward.

During the Season of Lent, I will address different aspects of this upcoming change during the announcements at the end of the service. Each week, information will be included in the bulletin to help address the reasons behind this change and questions that the congregation may likely have about it.

Today, on the way out of the church, the ushers will hand out a pamphlet entitled "The Blessings of Weekly Communion" which is a synopsis written by Rev. James Woelmer of a book by the same title by author, Rev. Kenneth Wieting. The full version of the book is available at cph.org or on Amazon, but consider this pamphlet to be the "Cliffs' Notes" version.

Feel free to read through it this week to learn about the practice of Holy Communion throughout the history of the Christian Church. Included toward the end of the pamphlet are four common concerns that arise when a congregation moves toward weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper. The answers to these concerns are especially helpful!

Next Sunday in Adult Bible study, our topic in the "What About?" series will cover "What About the Sacrament of the Altar?" If you have any questions, I encourage you to join us in Bible Study. You are also welcome to reach out personally to me, I will be happy to speak with anyone regarding their questions about this upcoming change.

- Pastor Nate

#### 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\*

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All Proceeds to go to Sunday School



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

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# LWML POST OAK ZONE SPRING RALLY HOSTED BY HOLY TRINITY - FEDOR

REGISTRATION 1:30 PM
RALLY KICKS OFF AT 2 PM

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

INGATHERING - FUNDS TO SEND
OUR GEMS TO CONVENTION
THIS SUMMER.



Don't forget to bring your travel fund check. \$7 per member for each group.