

Sunday, February 25th 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

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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!

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

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn *"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"*

LSB #756

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,

C 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,

C 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

Read Together

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
he will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.

We will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



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

Kyrie

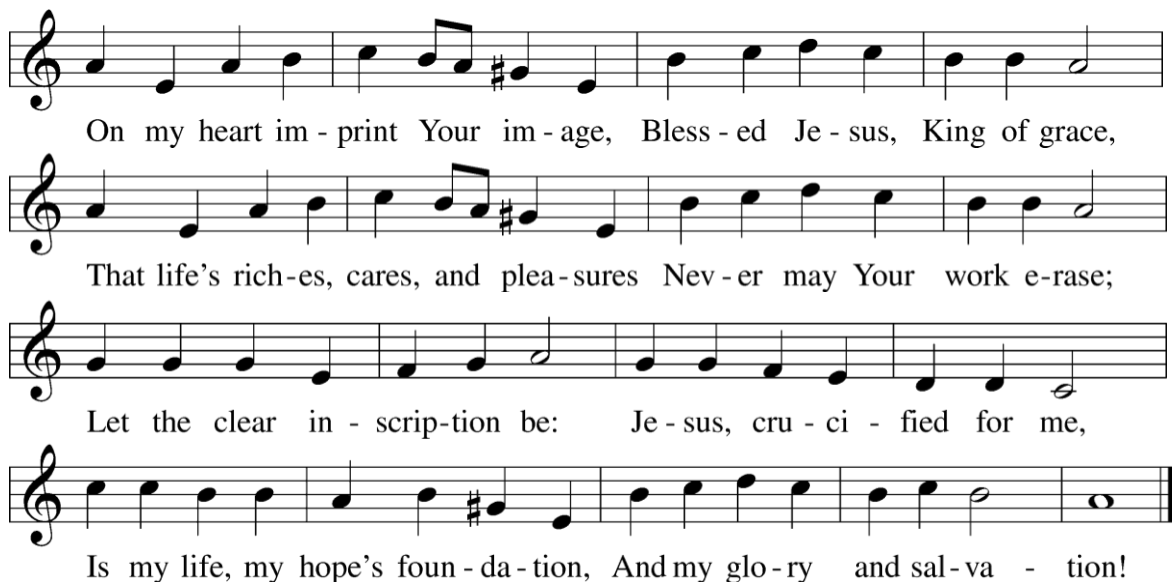
Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Hymn of the Day *"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"* LSB#708

Sermon *"Christ Died for the Ungodly"* Rev. Nate Hill
Romans 5:1-11

Offertory *Psalms 51:10-12*



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



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*



Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**☐ 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.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

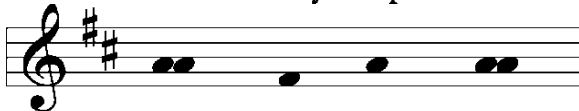


P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

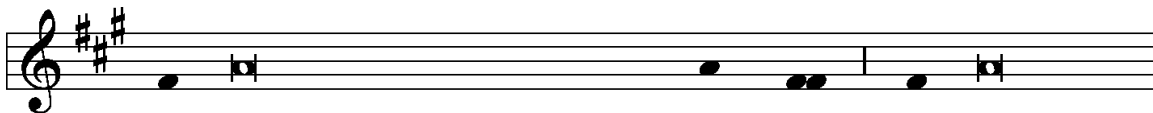
(Psalm 103:1)



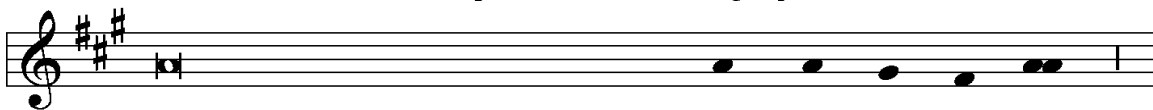
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

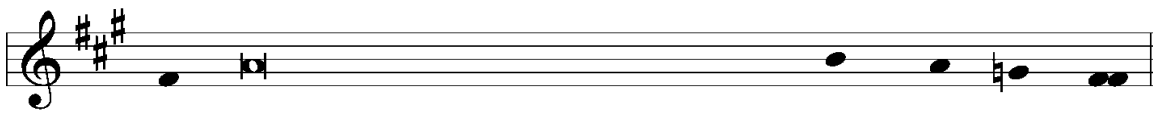
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“Built on the Rock”

LSB#645

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*
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Cannon Martin – *Kolton Montgomery's Friend*
- Karen McDougall – *Mark McClain's Sister*
- Dianna Mitschke
- Kolton Montgomery
- Janet Murphy – *Richard Davis's 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

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, February 25th

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

Monday, February 26th

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

Tuesday, February 27th

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

Wednesday, February 28th

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

Sunday, March 3rd

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

Sunday School: As we gather today, we will study “A Family Reunites,” as God helps Joseph forgive. Joseph’s siblings journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph’s early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob’s family to Egypt, promising to care for them.

Casserole Crew: Candice Hill is on for the month of February. Katrina Miertschin is on for March. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Candice at (979)966-8034 or Katrina at (979)702-0951.

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 camplonestar.org/summer-camp/ to look at the summer and activities.

Easter Eggs, Candy, and Egg Fillers Needed! Easter is fast approaching. The Education Board is looking for donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Pre-filled eggs or other items can be donated through the middle of March. Donations can be left in the youth Sunday school room. Anyone available to fill eggs can come to the education building on **Wednesday, March 20 at 5 pm**. Many hands make light work!

Children Singing for Easter: The Board of Education is inviting all of our children to join us to sing a song during the 9:00 Easter Service. Practice will begin on Sunday, March 3rd at the beginning of the Sunday School hour and will continue throughout March. Practice is not expected to be any longer than 20-30 minutes.

Feel free to reach out to Amanda Hart, at 979.540.0600, if you have any questions. We hope to have all of our beautiful children join us for this special event!

GEMS: The Post Oak GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) invite all girls 5th-12th grade to join us for our next meeting TODAY, 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 www.wolfmueller.co/cruise.

Bike MS: Texas MS 150 – April 27th - 28th

- **What:** Help those living with Multiple Sclerosis by volunteering for a Texas MS150 Rest Stop
 - Rest Stops are points along the route where our riders can stop and receive encouragement, refreshments, and repairs. We will provide all of the materials that you might need. That being said, you are also welcome to bring any additional items in order to make the Rest Stop your own.
- **Who:** Anyone 8+ years old can serve.
 - Need 11 volunteers for each shift.
 - Groups and individuals are welcome.
- **When:** Saturday April 27th
 - 2 shifts are available. Volunteers can serve during one or both shifts
 - Shift 1 (8:00am-12:25pm)
 - Shift 2 (12:30pm-5:30pm)
- **Where:** Midway Food
 - 128 Frio St, Winchester, Texas 78945
- **Why:** This event raises \$10 million annually to fund research and programs for those living with MS and we need your help to achieve that goal again this year!
- **How:** Here is the volunteer registration link for this stop:
- https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=878602
 - The first time you click “respond” to a given opportunity it will ask you to create a volunteer profile in our system. After creating the profile, it should bump you back to the opportunity page where you will click “respond” one more time to complete the registration by answering questions such as t-shirt size and emergency contact. You will know you have completed the process once you see a message inviting you to add the event to your calendar.
- **Other Questions?** Feel free to contact Reilly Nugent via phone at 970-227-0644 or via email at volunteertexasms150@nmss.org.

Moving toward Weekly Communion – Why Now?

I hope that you have had the chance to look at the pamphlet entitled “*The Blessings of Weekly Communion*” which we handed out following last week’s service. If you did not get a chance to receive one, more copies are available in the church entryway. I pray that you found it helpful in examining the Bible’s teachings about Holy Communion and the frequency of Holy Communion throughout the history of the Christian Church.

Some of you may be wondering why right now is the time that we are making a change in the frequency of our celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Why did I not lead us toward this change as soon as I arrived in Winchester, or why not wait longer before making a change? I would like to take a few words to explain. First off, pastors and congregations are always growing in the Lord and in His Word. Part of that growth is to take a fresh look at things from time to time and ask what changes the Lord might want to see us make in our lives individually or together as a congregation. I believe that the Lord is leading our congregation at this time to restore this Biblical and historic practice of the church. My experience growing up was in a twice-a-month communion congregation and when I arrived here, such was also the practice. I didn’t see any real need to make a change at that time. As I have continued to grow in my appreciation for the Lord’s Supper and have come to see evermore the comfort and peace that it brings to us sinners, the question began to become: “Why not celebrate it weekly?” Over time also, more LCMS congregations have been practicing every Sunday communion and it has proven to be beneficial to them. Another factor leading toward making the change now, is that I have become personally accustomed to the practice since when we began worship services at Epiphany – Bastrop we decided to celebrate the Supper weekly in that congregation. Finally, other pastors and congregations in the area are either currently making the shift to every Sunday communion or are seriously considering it. In our meetings together, iron sharpens iron, and the witness of other pastors and congregations in this way has been encouraging. So, why now? Why not now?

As a reminder, today in Adult Bible study, our topic in the “What About?” series will cover “What About the Sacrament of the Altar?” All are encouraged to join us in Bible Study where I will be sure to answer any questions that you might have about this upcoming change.

You are also welcome to reach out personally to me, I will be happy to speak with anyone regarding their questions.

– Pastor Nate



New Student Registration

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. 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.

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.

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2024. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2024.

Free Wednesday mornings?

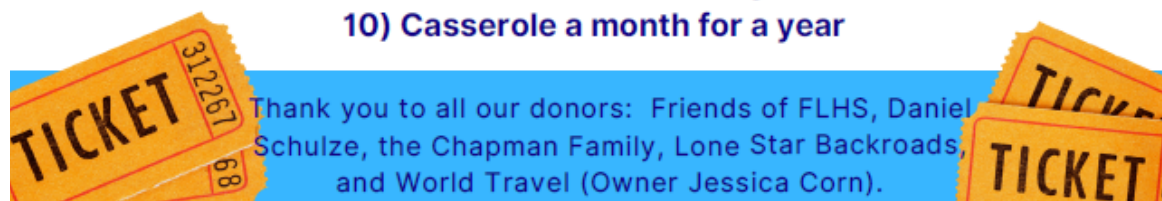
Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel will be led by Pr. Dustin Beck as a Lenten Worship Service, beginning at 10:30 am.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2023 is **March 31, 2024**.



- 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





**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.