

Sunday, March 31st 2024, 7:00am

Easter Sunrise Service



SAINT MICHAEL'S

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Welcome to St. 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 St. Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building is over 100 years old. 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 St. Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Because of My Integrity

As We Gather

Do you consider yourself a person of integrity? Would you stand before God and declare, as King David does in Psalm 41:12, "You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever"? Certainly, no one has earned a place before God's throne on the grounds of an upright character, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Yet God has given this psalm that His church may pray it. Do not be afraid to make it your own; Christ was raised for just that purpose. For in Christ, the Father has indeed raised you up with Him and seated you in the heavenly places.

Order of Service

*(We come together to worship our living Lord,
gathering silently outside the sealed tomb.)*

P But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:20). Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(The congregation enters the church through the open tomb façade while singing the Opening Hymn.)

+PREPARATION+

Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

*Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7-8;
Psalm 118:24, adapted*

P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under His feet.**

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father.**

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a blessed life on earth and finally a glorious eternal Easter vision of the Savior and life full and complete with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love, You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so uphold us and raise us from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit and finally set us in Your gracious presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eternity.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-11

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,

I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
¹¹"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Series Psalm

Psalm 41:11-13

P May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us.

**C May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us.**

P By this I know that You delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
But You have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in Your presence forever.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

**C May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?**” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “**Mary.**” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “**Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’**” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.


P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C 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 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.

Prayer of the Church

- P** As we celebrate this day of resurrection, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole Church, that the message of salvation be joyfully proclaimed throughout all the world, and we pray for ourselves, gathered around the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of our strength and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** We pray for the nations of the world, that their governments and their leaders bring blessing to those who are governed, and that security and well-being be experienced in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** We pray for ourselves in this season of Easter, that we be people who radiate the light of Christ and continually share Easter joy in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and emergency personnel. We also remember the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose selfless and sacrificial efforts serve to defend our nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and those for whom the joy of Easter is missing in some way. Bless them, merciful Father, that they would have a sense of Your presence in their lives and, encouraged by our acts of care, would find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this Easter Day of resurrection, we remember those no longer among us here, who have completed their earthly lives and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow their example of faith and faithfulness, that in the end we shall rejoice together eternally at Your Table and celebrate eternally in that place You have prepared for all who love You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** These things and all else You know we need for which we should have asked in our petitions this day, grant us, gracious Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior,

Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, today and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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

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



Offertory

Musical notation for the Offertory hymn, consisting of two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines.

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

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



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Benediction

- 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 Amen.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

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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*
- Shey Buckley – *Phil Buckley's Daughter*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- Luis Chávez – *Travis and Katrina Miertschin's Friend*
- Jeannie Doyle – *Larry Herzog's Daughter*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Gavon Grayson – *Glenn and Stacy Zoch's Friend*
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles Lehmann's Daughter*
- Jerry Hielscher
- Denise James – *Doug Teinert's Niece*
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Trevor King – *Tori Thornton's Student*
- 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*
- Travis Miertschin
- Dianna Mitschke
- Kolton Montgomery
- 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
- Haylee Reiley – *Tori Thornton's Student*
- Tom Rohde – *Tara Murphy's Grandfather*
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Barbara Spence
- Betty Yerg – *Nellie Gonzalez's Sister*
- John Yerg – *Nellie Gonzalez's Brother-in-Law*

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 – Cherry Point, 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, March 31st – Easter Sunday

- 7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service – *Sanctuary*
- 8:00am – Easter Breakfast – *Education Building*
- 9:00am – Divine Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt – *Outside by the Church*

Monday, April 1st

- 7:00pm – Board of Elders – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – WACA – *Zilss Hall*

Tuesday, April 2nd

- 9:00am – Quilting – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Board of Trustees – *Education Building*

Wednesday, April 3rd

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

Sunday, April 7th

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

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on April 1st, Margaret Atkins will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

Casserole Crew: Pat Karisch is on for the month of April. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Pat at (281)682-2841.

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Sunday School Time Change: Starting Sunday, April 7th, the Sunday School/Bible Study time will change to 10:30am.

Come join us! LWML is inviting ALL St. Michael's ladies to join them in Bible Study and fellowship on the Third Tuesday each month at 11:00am in the Education Building. Always interesting, educational, and informative about the service of LWML ladies throughout the USA.

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.

The Warda Bunch Show Fund will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$10.50/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. Pre-Orders only by calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser: Faith Lutheran High School Boosters are selling chicken spaghetti casseroles to be picked up on Monday, April 15th. Pre-Orders only – by Monday, April 8th. 8x8 casseroles are \$25 and 9x13 casseroles are \$35. To order, call Nikki Kueck at (979)242-2889 or email kueckj@flhstx.org. Pick up locations are St. Paul, Serbin; FNB drive thru parking lot, Giddings; Lukas Bakery parking lot, La Grange; or FLHS, Warda.

Spiritual Warfare with Modern Thought Men's Retreat

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin has planned a men's retreat at Camp Lone Star for April 19-21 and would like to invite all Central Texas Lutheran men to attend.



Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jordan Cooper, who will be discussing modern philosophers ranging from René Descartes to Michel Foucault, how their thought has shaped our world today and how we should respond as Lutheran theologians. Dr. Cooper is an ordained Lutheran pastor, a Professor of Systematic Theology, the Executive Director of Just and Sinner, and the President of the American Lutheran Theological Seminary.

You can find out more about Dr. Jordan Cooper at <https://www.jordanbcooper.com>.

More information and registration for the retreat can be found at <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/lonestar/>.

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.

Team Winchester: Amanda Hart, is participating in the MS150 this year! This is the MS150’s 40th anniversary in Texas and Amanda’s 4th time riding

She is not only training to yet again conquer the hills of Bastrop State Park, but also exceed her fundraising goal of \$3000!!!

Amanda will be riding from the State Capitol to La Grange, cycling through Winchester between 11:30 and 12:30 on Saturday, April 27th and then from La Grange to Kyle Field on Sunday, April 29th. This totals approximately 160 miles

with an average cycle time of 5.5 hours on Saturday and 6 hours on Sunday, not including break times.

Through fundraising efforts, 79 cents of every dollar goes directly to improve the lives of people living with MS. Here's a sample of the fundraising dollars at work:

- \$35: could help deliver self-help groups to support people affected by MS in our community.
- \$65: could fund wellness programs aimed at treating the mind, body and spirit.
- \$120: could help pay for a physical therapy session to manage MS symptoms by enhancing strength and mobility.
- \$200: could provide accessible transportation to a medical appointment.
- \$400: may help fund a researcher working toward a cure.
- \$1,000: could provide two consultations with an MS Navigator for nearly 30 people living with MS.

Please contact Amanda if you would like to support her fundraising efforts. You can donate directly to Amanda at the below QR code or call her at 979-540-0600.

