

Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



# SAINT MICHAEL'S

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

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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!

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION TODAY:**

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives His true body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also a confession of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of Saint Michael's Lutheran Church or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if this is not the case, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak to the pastor. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and arrange for you to be a part of our instruction leading toward church membership and the reception of Holy Communion at Saint Michael's.

If you will not be receiving the Lord's Supper today, you are still welcome to come forward during the distribution to receive a blessing from our pastor. In this case, please cross your arms across your chest as a sign that you desire a pastoral blessing.



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

**DIVINE SERVICE  
SETTING TWO**

<b>Prelude</b>	Selected Music
<b>Ringling of the Church Bell</b>	Ushers
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>	Pastor
<b>Reception of New Member – Mary Ann Liebscher</b>	
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>“Praise Be to Christ”</i> LSB #538

**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 119:57-60, 64; antiphon: v. 105*

**Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.  
I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.  
When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;  
I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.  
The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!  
*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.*  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.**

### Kyrie

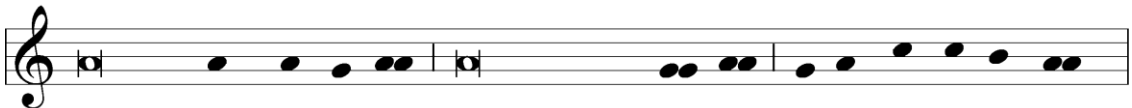
*Mark 10:47*



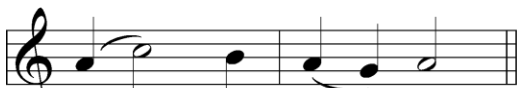
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



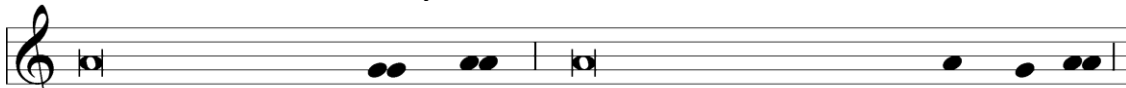
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



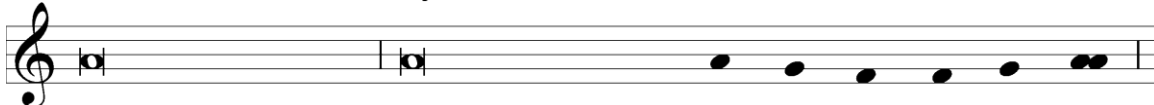
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



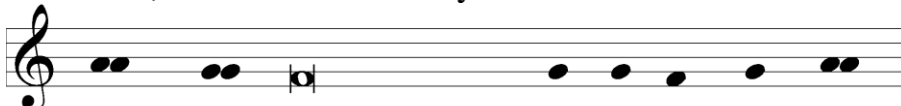
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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

## "This is the Feast"

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

**Epistle Reading**

Colossians 1:21-29

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



### Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many**

things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

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



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

**Children's Message**

Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*“One Thing's Needful”*

LSB #536

**Sermon**

*“One Thing”  
Luke 10:38-42*

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]

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

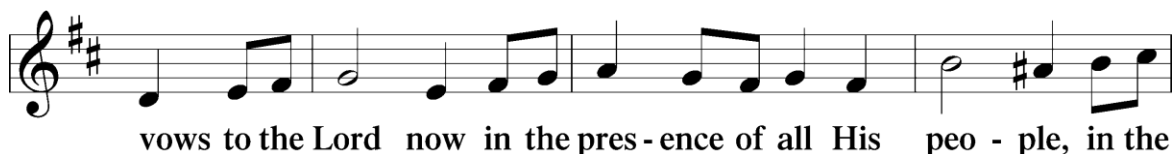
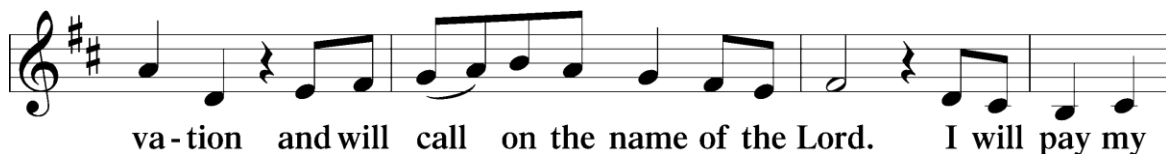
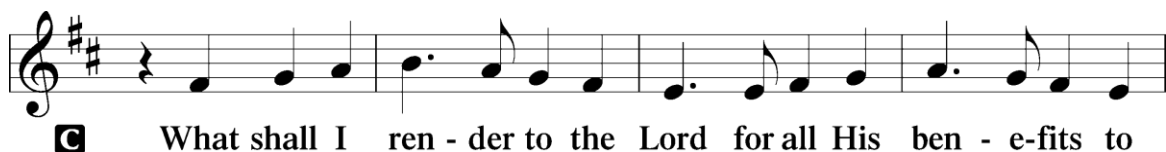
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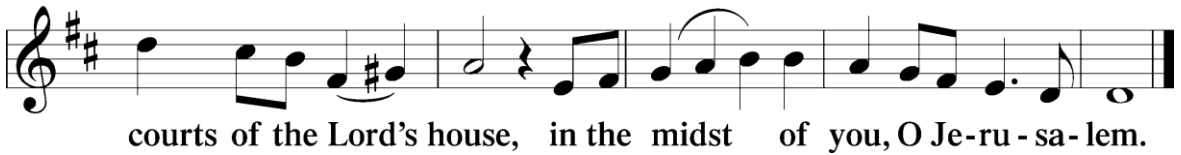
*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,  
you may do so at [www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*



## Offertory

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





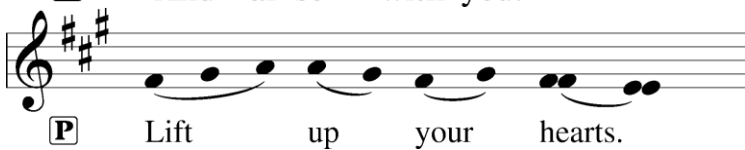
## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*For those unfamiliar with our congregation's practice regarding the Lord's Supper, please refer to "Important Information about Holy Communion Today" located at the beginning of the bulletin.*

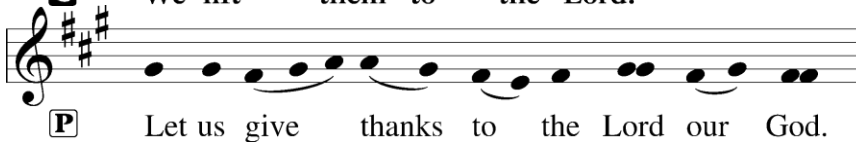
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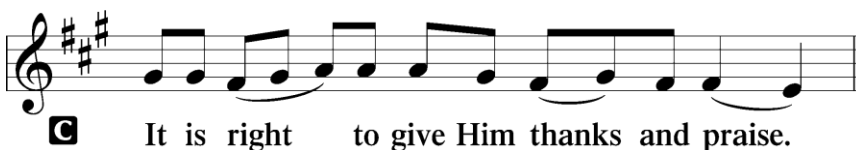
*2 Timothy 4:22*



*[Colossians 3:1]*



*[Psalm 136]*



**P** It is truly good, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## 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*

## The Words of Our Lord

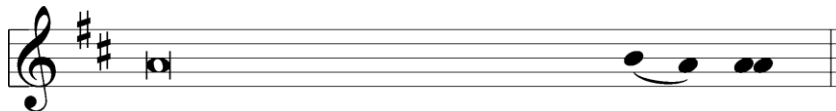
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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.”

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

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of





## Distribution Hymns

*“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”*

LSB #625

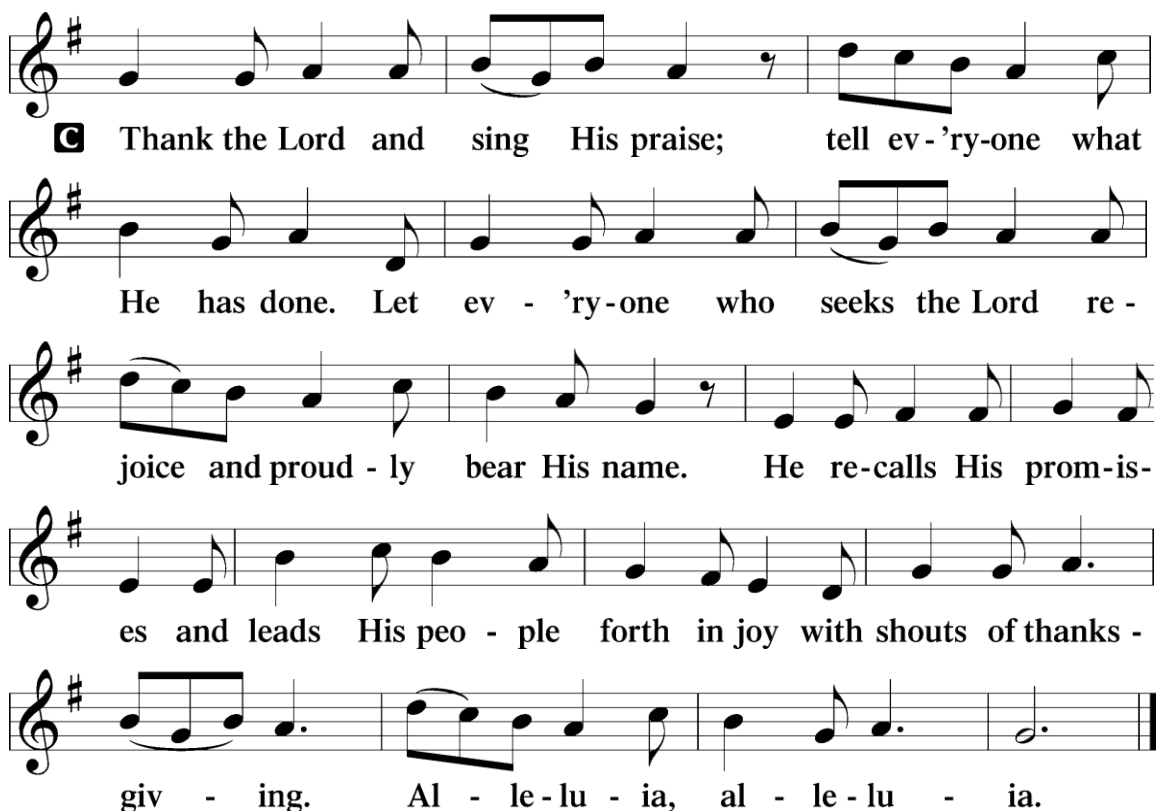
*“Oh, Blest the House”*

LSB #862

*“For All the Faithful Women”*

LSB #855 sts. 1,9,3,4

## Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”



## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

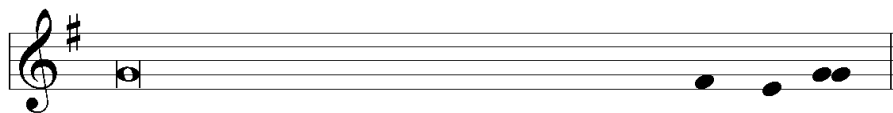
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## 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

*“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

LSB #683

## Postlude

Selected Music

## **PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S**

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Delvin Boriack – *Laverne Schulze's Brother-in-Law*
- Kourtney Burton
- Sandy Carlson – *Leann McClain's Sister-in-Law*
- Luis Chávez – *Travis and Katrina Miertschin's Friend*
- Charlene Franke
- Vance Garvey – *Roland Zoch's Friend*
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Glenda Herzog
- Douglas Hirsch – *Greg Roeber's Brother-in-Law*
- YooMi Lee Hougham – *Katrina Miertschin's Friend*
- Denise James – *Doug Teinert's Niece*
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Cannon Martin – *Kolton Montgomery's Friend*
- Karen McDougall – *Mark McClain's Sister*
- Debbie McDylan – *Laverne Schulze's Friend*
- Dianna Mitschke
- Jeanette Mitschke
- Laura Oeser – *Laverne Schulze's Friend*
- Deborah Penny – *Pat Karisch's Sister*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Haylee Reiley – *Tori Thornton's Student*
- Tom Rohde – *Tara Murphy's Grandfather*
- Craig Sample – *Laverne Schulze's Godson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Ruth Siegmund – *Amanda Hart's Aunt*
- Dana Srubar – *Trish Herzog's Sister-in-Law*
- Ken Stistare – *Bobby Miertschin's Friend*
- Kirt Watts – *Jordan Davis' Father*
- John Yerg – *Nellie Gonzalez's Brother-in-Law*

### **SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:**

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Gavin Noak – USMC – Cherry Point, North Carolina
- 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:**

- Abba's House – LCMS Ministry to Refugees – Cypress, TX

### **SEMINARIANS:**

- Kurtis Hankemeier – Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, MO

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING:** are given to the glory of God by Sammie Jo Zoch in celebration of Angie Zoch's birthday month.

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

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Divine Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:30am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 7:00pm – Church Council – *Education Building*

**Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00pm – WAVFD Fish Fry – *St. Michael's Park*

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Divine Service – *Sanctuary*
  - 10:30am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
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**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on July 21<sup>st</sup>, Dorothy Loewe 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.

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**Sunday School:** "The King Arrives" serves as the theme for this week's lesson. Following Jesus' unusual directions, two disciples bring a donkey and her young colt to transport Jesus into Jerusalem. Throwing their cloaks upon the colt, they proceed into the city. There, the crowds spread their cloaks on the road and cut palm branches to line the way as they shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9).

## Education Building Renovation – Fundraising Update

Since launching our fundraising efforts four weeks ago, we are pleased to announce that we have collected **\$114,731.00 or over 45% of our high-end goal!** This project estimated to cost \$200,000–\$250,000 will bring much-needed updates and upgrades to our classrooms, office space, kitchen, restrooms, and shared spaces—all helping us better serve our congregation and community for years to come.

As we approach our next Voters' Meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>, **we encourage and invite all members to prayerfully consider making a donation to support this important project.** Donations will be accepted through the completion of the project, but donations received before the Voters' Meeting will help the congregation decide on how quickly we can move forward with this renovation.

### Ways to Give:

- Place your donation in the church offering plate with “*Renovation Fund*” in the memo line of your check or written on the outside of a cash envelope
- Mail your donation to the church office with the same memo note
- Give online at our website under the **Giving** tab—select “*Ed Building Renovations*”
- If you're age 70 or older, consider a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** from your retirement account—a tax-free giving option. Speak to **Ron Kaiser** for more information about this.

Let's work together to renew this vital ministry space!



♦ CAMP ♦  
LONE STAR

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JOIN US FOR OUR

# ANNUAL BARBECUE & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

WORSHIP • BARBECUE LUNCH • SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

2016 Camp Lone Star Road, La Grange, TX 78945  
[www.camplonestar.org](http://www.camplonestar.org) | (979) 968-1657 | [info@camplonestar.org](mailto:info@camplonestar.org)

# **Winchester Area Volunteer Fire Department**

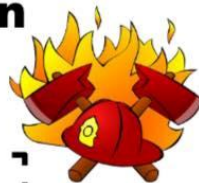
**Invites you to their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser**

## **FISH FRY & AUCTION**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

**St. Michael's Park Pavilion**

**Winchester, Texas**



Meal Served 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Free-Will Donation

Dine In or Take Out



### **SILENT AUCTION**

4:00 - 6:00 pm

### **LIVE AUCTION**

begins around 6:00 pm

Come join us in supporting our volunteer fire department  
which serves Winchester and the surrounding area!



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL BINGO

SUNDAY, AUG. 3rd @ 4-6 PM

**St. Michael's Lutheran Park**  
**310 Frio Street, Winchester**

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POPCORN, DRINKS, & PRIZES!  
COME CELEBRATE!

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Adults, EYOB

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!!!**  
**No RSVP needed.**

*St. Michael's Lutheran Church*  
979.242.3444 - [stmichaelswinchester.org](http://stmichaelswinchester.org)