

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!

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

Prelude Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell
Ushers

Welcome and Greeting Pastor

Opening Hymn "Praise the Almighty" LSB #797

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.
- 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.
- 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 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1-2

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; vet after them people approve of their boasts. Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol: death shall be their shepherd. But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. 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. Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!

Kyrie Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

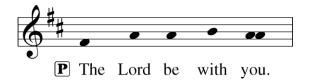








Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

³Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

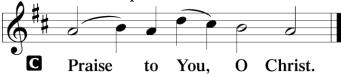
Luke 12:13-21

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



¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."





Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day *"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"*

LSB #754

Sermon *"Eat, Drink, and Be Merry?"*

Rev. Nate Hill

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Apostles' Creed

© 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

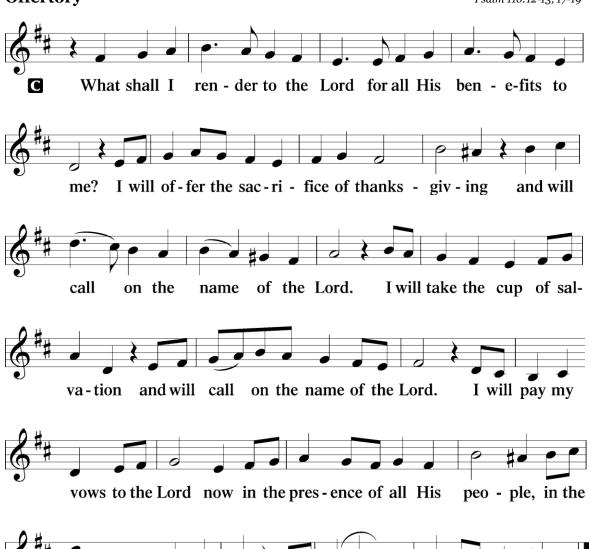
[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

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



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



of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst

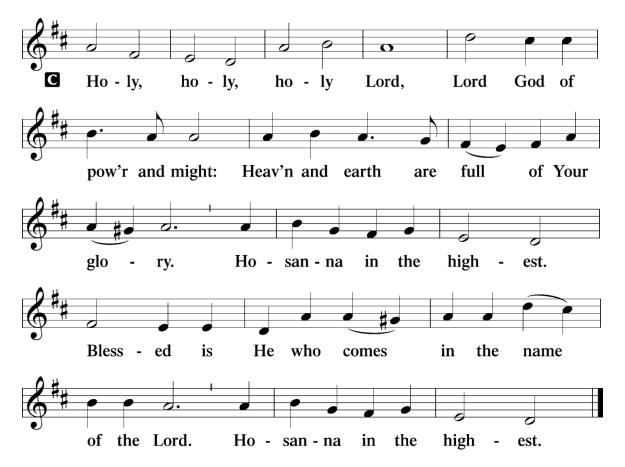
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.



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



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.

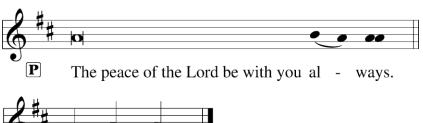
Matthew 6:9-13

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





Agnus Dei John 1:29

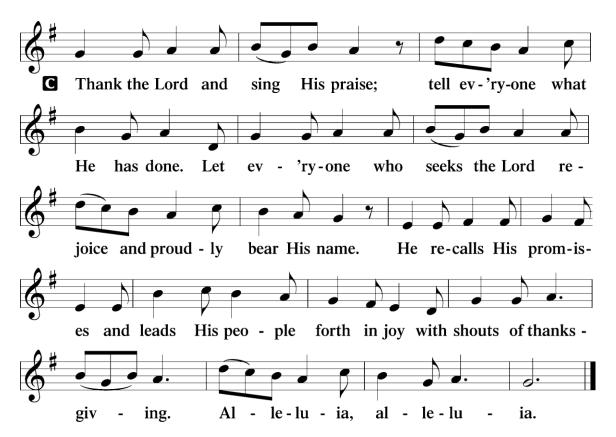


Distribution Hymns

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"
"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"
"Father, We Thank Thee"

LSB #611 LSB #704 LSB #652

Post-Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord"



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BenedictionNumbers 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.



Announcements Pastor

Closing Hymn "Christ Be My Leader" LSB #861

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
- Amy Jefferis Karen Robbins' Coworker
- 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
- Matt Wyant Roland Zoch's Friend
- John Yerg Nellie Gonzalez' 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 Mark McClain in celebration of 25 years of service as the Music Director for Saint Michael's.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, August 3rd

- 9:00am Divine Service Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School/Bible Study *Education Building*
- 4:00pm Back to School Bingo Saint Michael's Park

Monday, August 4th

• 6:00pm – Board of Elders – Education Building

Tuesday, August 5th

- 9:00am Quilting *Education Building*
- 6:00pm Park Board Saint Michael's Park

Wednesday, August 6th

• 9:30am – Bible Class – Education Building

Sunday, August 10th

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

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on August 4th, Darline Kaiser 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.

Sunday School: Students will study "Forever Food" this week. Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover for Himself and the others. They follow a man carrying water to a home with a furnished upper room, where they prepare the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus institutes what we now call the Lord's Supper. Through the bread and wine, Jesus lovingly gives them, and us, His very body and blood.

Join the "Cattle Drive" for Our Education Building Renovation! We're hitting the trail for our next big fundraiser to support the renovation of our Education Building—and we need help from your herd! Members and friends are invited to participate in a Cattle Drive by donating a calf, cow, or any animal that can go through the ring at Giddings Livestock Commission. The donated animals will be sold at the Monday, August 25th auction, with all proceeds going toward the renovation project. To lead the way, Pastor Nate will be donating one of his own calves. If you'd like to contribute an animal or learn more, please contact Pastor Nate to make arrangements for drop off, pickup, or hauling. The auctioned value of each donated animal will be included in your year-end giving statement from the church. Every hoof helps us move closer to our goal—thank you for your support!

Education Building Renovation - Fundraising Update

Since launching our fundraising efforts a couple of months ago, we are pleased to announce that we have collected **\$185,500.00** or over **74%** 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.

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.

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!

Howdy, church family!

We're back from New Orleans, with tired feet, full hearts, and probably still a few powdered sugar stains from beignets.

Our adventure started early on Friday, July 18th as we loaded the van packed with teens, snacks, pillows, and excitement. From that moment on, it was non-stop, in the best way!

We explored the city, solved our way through an escape room, and spent time serving others by assembling braille books and helping Ysleta Lutheran Mission prepare supplies for families near the El Paso/Juarez border. These youth jumped right in with joy, energy, and big hearts.

Each night, we joined 20,000 other Lutherans in the Superdome for powerful worship and messages that reminded us we are all fearfully and wonderfully made, and that we belong. The music, the energy, and the community were unforgettable.

We wrapped up with worship and a trip to the National World War II Museum, where we were reminded of freedoms we're blessed to have, freedom to worship a wonderful God and a responsibility to use that freedom.

We can't thank you enough for your prayers, encouragement, and support. This trip was filled with moments we'll carry for a lifetime, and it wouldn't have been possible without the love and generosity of our church family.

Thank you for helping make this experience one we'll never forget!





BACK-TO-SCHOOL BINGO

SUNDAY, AUG. 3rd @ 4-6 PM

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

POPCORN, DRINKS, & PRIZES!

COME CELEBRATE!

Adults, FYOB

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!!!
No RSVP needed.

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ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW FAMILIES

- \$1,000 off of the first semester tuition for any new applicant starting in 25/26
- Tuition Scholarship Program available
 Additional Scholarships Available too!

More Information:

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