

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



# **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 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**

**Prelude**

Selected Music

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

Ushers

**Welcome and Greeting**

Pastor

**Recognition of Lutheran School Students and Presentation of  
Congregational Tuition Assistance:**

- Clara Adams – Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Emma Adams – Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Carter Hill – Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin
- Jack Hill – Saint Paul Lutheran School, Serbin

**Opening Hymn**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

LSB #728

**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 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7*

**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!**  
**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.**  
**He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.**  
**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**  
***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.***  
**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

Kyrie

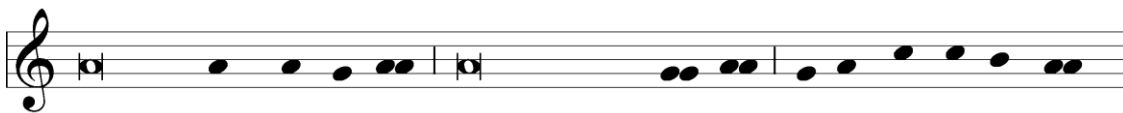
*Mark 10:47*



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



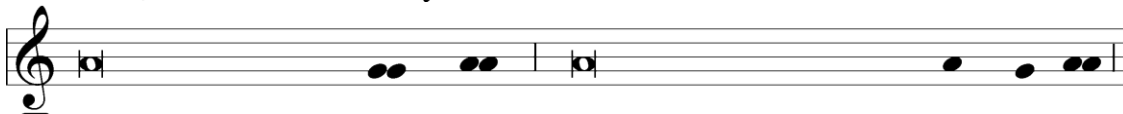
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



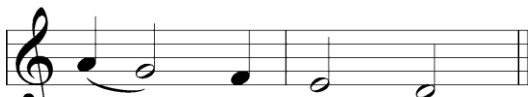
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



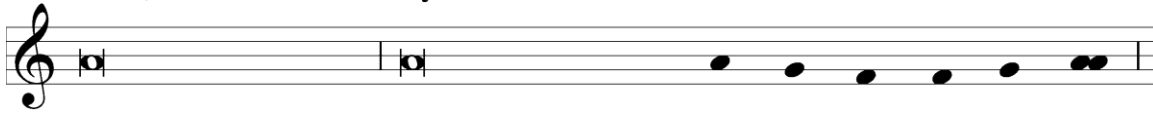
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



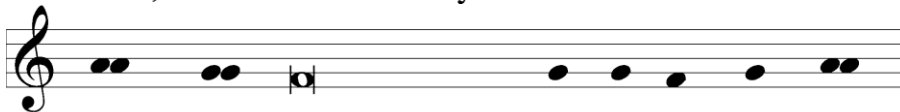
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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.

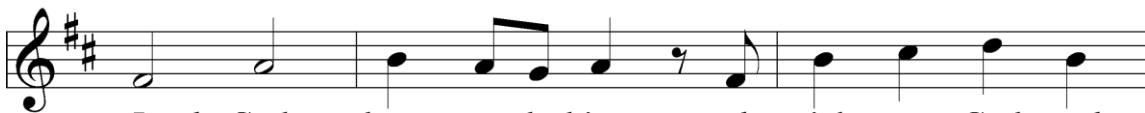
## Hymn of Praise

## *"Gloria in Excelsis"*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



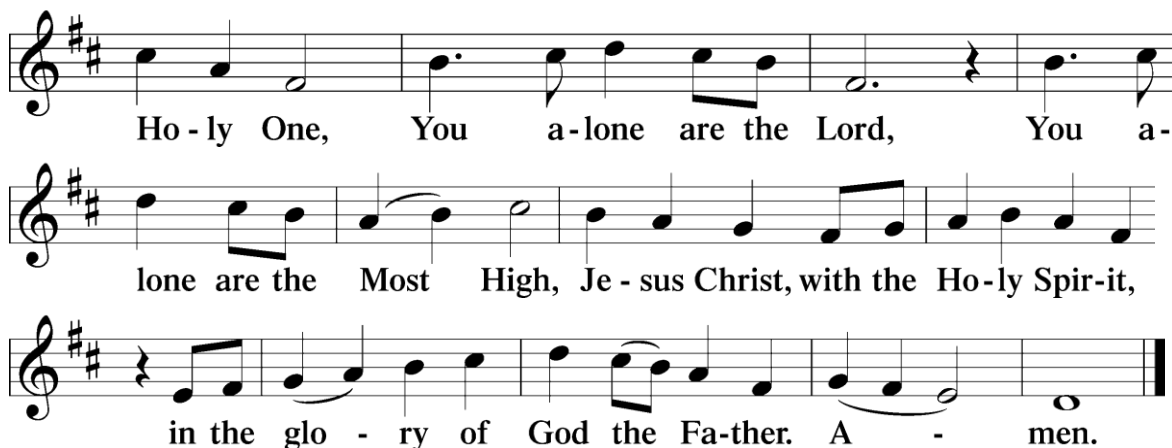
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



## 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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said,

“O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;

<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

<sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.



<sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

## **C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:22-34*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail,

where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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



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

**Children's Message**

Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"*

LSB #729

**Sermon**

*"Anxiety"*  
*Luke 12:22-34*

Rev. Nate Hill

**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**

[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 [www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*

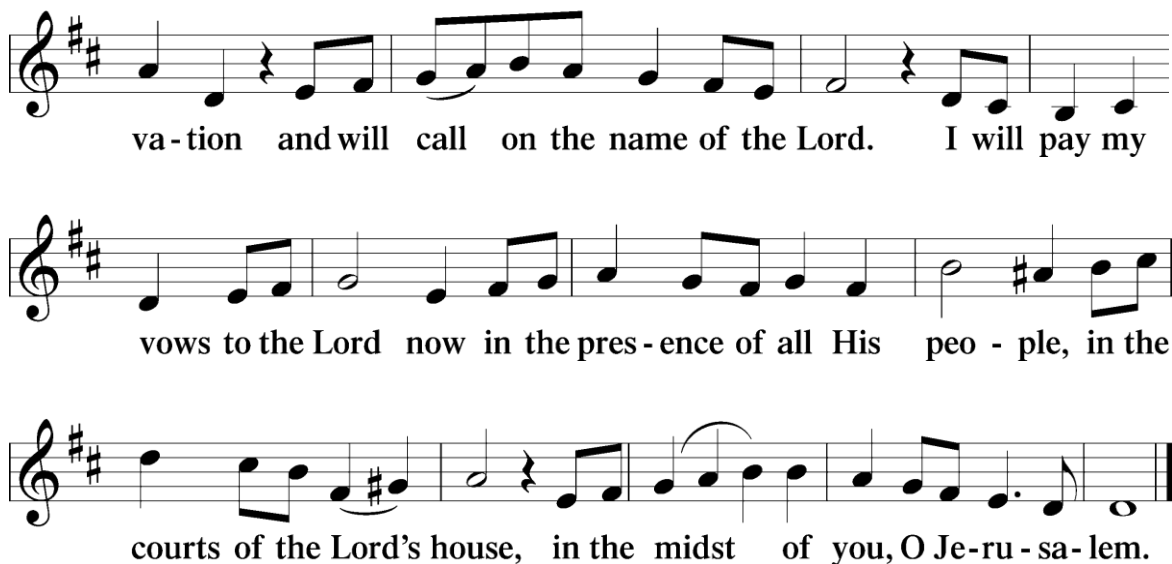


## **Offertory**

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## 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.*

### Preface

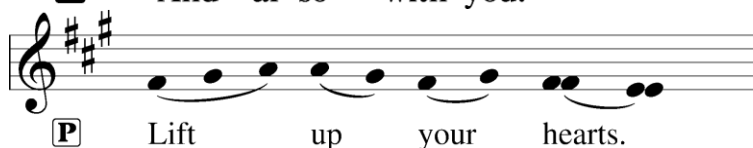


**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



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

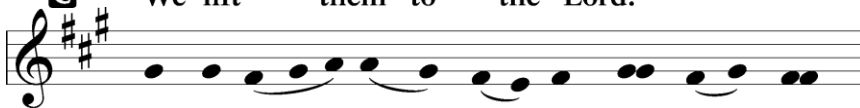


**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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. 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



## 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

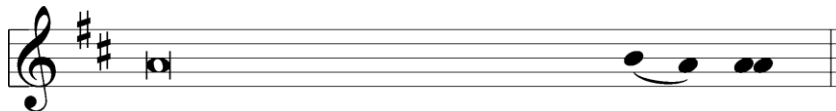
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

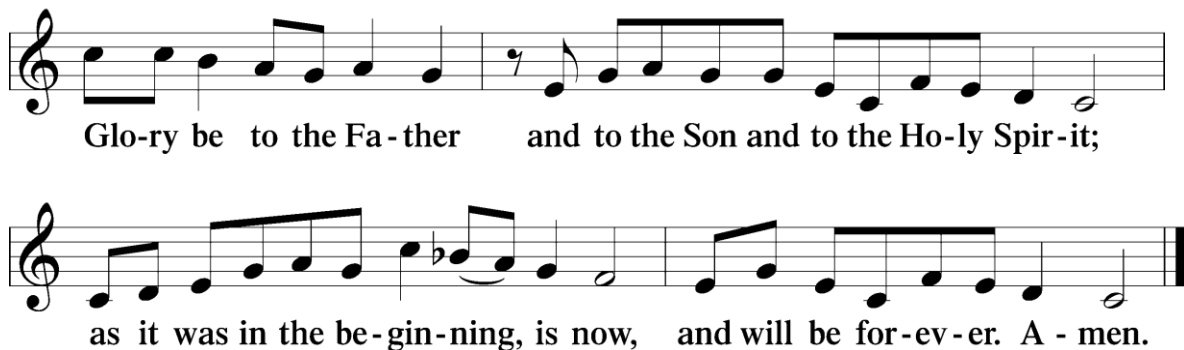
## Distribution Hymns

<i>"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"</i>	LSB #618
<i>"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"</i>	LSB #750
<i>"Have No Fear, Little Flock"</i>	LSB #735

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

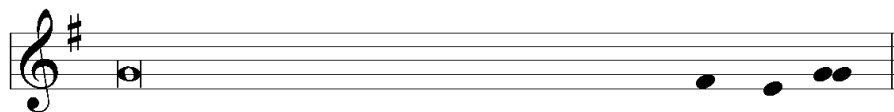
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

*“We Are Called to Stand Together”*

LSB #828

**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 Angeline Zoch in memory of Angeline and Elmo's wedding anniversary on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30pm – Board of Missions – *Education Building*

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on August 11<sup>th</sup>, Candice Hill 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:** Today, students will study “Betrayed and Arrested.” Knowing His final hours are drawing close, Jesus goes with His disciples to Gethsemane. Taking Peter, James, and John deeper into the garden, Jesus goes off alone three times to pray. His prayer reflects His willingness to fulfill the Father's plan despite the suffering that lies ahead. The armed mob arrives to arrest Jesus, whom Judas betrays with a kiss. Peter brashly tries to defend Jesus with a sword but only manages to injure the high priest's servant. Jesus allows Himself to be taken by the armed mob to fulfill the Scripture.

**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!

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## **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!

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**Now Hiring** – Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & Preschool, La Grange, TX, is seeking a part-time church secretary; flexible scheduling; up to 30 hrs/wk; Office Hours: Tu-Th 8am-Noon; up to \$20/hr.; full job description application can be found at <https://forms.gle/Bp8kYxpW8tjtK1nA7>



### **Be a Falcon!**

It's not too late to register for the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics and numerous activities and athletics. If you know of a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! We would love to share more about Faith! Contact us by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

**\*Any newly enrolled student at FLHS will receive \$1,000 off of their first semester tuition - Please reach out to Mrs. Kueck for more information about this.**

### **First Day of School**

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 13th. Final preparations are underway as we await the big day!

### **Help us clear our list!**

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support.

### **2025 - 2026 Faculty and Staff**

- Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, English, Spanish
- Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion
- Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math
- Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Math, History
- Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
- Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music



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## 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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