

5:30 pm with Holy Communion
Order of Service
Saint Michael Lutheran Church
3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2018

Easter Proclamation

Pastor: People of God...Good Friday was not the end of God's story! Our God is a God of the living! Jesus has risen to save you! He has risen to give you life! People of God...look! He is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In the Name of God, our Creator, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we have come to worship the Lord.

People: We are the Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim that it is empty indeed. He is Risen!

Pastor: He is Risen indeed!

People: We are the Easter people who have met Him by the roadside and recognized Him as the Son of God...risen from the dead...living in this world and the next. He is Risen!

Pastor: He is Risen indeed!

People: We are the Easter people who have placed our hand in His side and felt His wounds. He was once dead, but is now alive. He has been raised by the triumphant power of the Almighty God...He is Risen!

Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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Confession and Absolution

People: God of Easter, and God of Good Friday, we see in Your death and resurrection the good news of our own resurrection. We have felt the despair of our own Good Fridays, wondering if Easter would ever come. We need to be resurrected, Lord. We need the promise of new life, and the hope of conquered death. On this Easter morning, break through the barriers of our sin and shame, and bring Your peace to our troubled hearts.

Pastor: Today brings the best news of all...Jesus lives! Dying on the cross a cruel death for the sin of the whole world, and placed into a borrowed tomb, on the third day Jesus came back to life to defeat death for all time. He offers to us this new life as our very own. Our sin is forgiven because Jesus lives. We no longer need to fear death as we look forward to living for all eternity with Him. Praise God for the Good News of Easter.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, as one God, both now and forever more!

People: Amen!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 (NIV)

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Peter (Cephas), and then to the Twelve.

⁶ After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of Praise *"This Is the Feast"* **171**

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (verses 1, 2, 5, 7)* **461**

Sermon *The Rev. Jon Zehnder*

Offering

A special stewardship note to our guests: The ministries and work of Saint Michael Lutheran Church are supported by the generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends as they steward God's gifts. You are our GUEST today. Please do not feel compelled or pressured to make a contribution.

Offertory *"Simplicity"* *by Rend Collective*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Distribution Hymns

"This Joyful Easter Tide" **482**

"He's Risen, He's Risen" **480**

Benediction

Closing Hymn *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"* **477**



Saint Michael Lutheran Church wishes you a Blessed Easter!

*May God fill you with the assurance of His love and forgiveness in our
Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

Today, we extend a special note of thanks to our musicians in the choir, bell choir and praise band. We thank God for your many gifts & talents.

Many thanks to all the people who graciously volunteered their time to make the Palm Sunday celebration such a success. It takes a lot of people working behind the scenes to pull together this time of worship and fellowship for our St. Michael family.



Family VBS Theme this year is *Shipwrecked!* Join us Monday - Thursday, June 4-7, 5:30-8:00pm. Venture onto an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless. This FREE adventure is for the whole family with dinner, service projects and raffle prizes! Registration will begin in April. Contact Lori Schwan if you are interested in volunteering on our team 939-1218, ext. 237 lori.schwan@smlcs.org.

Thank you to all who made both our School Auction AND Dominican Republic Mission Luncheon a success! Thank you for your generous support of our Mission and Ministry locally and internationally.

Faith & Family Night The Fort Myers Miracle Baseball Team is hosting a Faith & Family Night event on April 27 as they take on the Daytona Tortugas! Game time: 7pm. Group pricing of \$10 per person includes: General Admission Ticket, Hot Dog/Drink Voucher, and Post Game Fireworks Show. You must turn in your payment no later than April 10th. If interested, please contact Eileen O'Hara in the church office 939-1218 x241 or Eileen.ohara@smlcs.org SIGN UP TODAY!

LWML Sat April 7th and Sunday April 8th: St. Michael women of the LWML will be conducting a coffee fund-raiser in the narthex before and after each service. Profits made from the sale of the Lutheran World Relief -Farmers Market coffees will go toward funding LWML charities and also the LWR coffee farmers....did you know that .80 cents per pound of coffee sold goes back to LWR for the farmers? Won't you please join us for this worthwhile event and help support two very worthwhile church organizations. Thank you! The St. Michael Chapter of Lutheran Women's Mission League usually meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:30am in the small chapel. **PLEASE NOTE: the April meeting will be on the *third* Saturday, Apr. 21st, 10:30am.** Dee Engel (763) 443-5411

City of Palms Youth Choir will perform at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 28 at 7:00pm. Please join us April 28th at St. Michael for a performance dedicated to the church & school for its support throughout the year. SMLCS has been the choir's rehearsal "home" since 2016.

The Heart That Makes a Home is a 6-part DVD series that explains exactly what the role of the wife was designed to be - not according to our culture, not according to psychologists, but according to the unchanging truth of God's Word. Join Marriage Enrichment Class, Art Rm., Sundays 9:15-10:30.

Special Birthday Blessings Elaine Everhart, who you may know as our "hugger," will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on April 13. She is currently in hospice care. If you would like to honor her with a card or note, please submit that to the church office and we will present those to her on your behalf.

This Week at Saint Michael

Monday, April 2

8:30 am.....Men's Bible Study,
.....Pastor's Conference Room

Tuesday, April 3

No Bells or Choir this week

Wednesday, April 4

5:30 pmMission Board Meeting

Thursday, April 5

7:00 pmDivorceCare Ministry
.....Pastor's Conference Room

Friday, April 6

8:30 am.....Men's Bible Study,
.....Pastor's Conference Room

Saturday, April 7

9:00 - 10:30amMen's Ministry/Bible Study
.....Educ. Bldg. #26 Lee Berchtold, 872-8999
10:00amGriefshare Ministry, ELC Brdrm.
5:30 pmInformal Worship

Sunday, April 8

8:00 am.....Traditional Worship
9:15 am.....Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:45 amBlended Worship, *Communion*

Last Week at Saint Michael

6th Lenten Midweek Service 12:00 pm39

6th Lenten Midweek Service 7:00 pm34

Saturday 5:30 pm125

Palm Sunday 10:00 am488

**Last Week's Total Offerings:\$23,763.00*

Last Week's Ministry Needs:..... \$24,000.00

Year to Date Received.....\$810,464.00

Year to Date Needed.....\$804,121.00

Year to Date Difference.....\$6,343.00

**Includes "Regular" and all "Extra Services"*

Greeters Today

8:00 am - George & Linda Walker

9:30 am - Marlene King

11:00 am - Niel & Jan Nieman

Worship Assistants Today

8:00 AM Service

Lector: Rob Royston
Elders: David Radecki & Bill Truax
Assistants: David Radecki, Bill Truax, Bob Schaaf, Rob Royston and Jack Proctor
Ushers: *Need volunteers*
Crucifer: *Need volunteer*
Acolytes: Hailey Miser, *Need volunteer*

9:30 AM Service

Lector: Richard St. Dennis
Elders: Mike Roach & Nate Miser
Assistants: Mike Roach, Nate Miser, Rob LeSueur, Kelly Zinn and Richard St. Dennis
Ushers: *Need volunteers*
Crucifer: *Need volunteer*
Acolytes: *Need volunteers*

11:00 AM Service

Lector: Lee Berchtold
Elders: Bryon Haycook and Kim Dinkel
Assistants: Bryon Haycook, Kim Dinkel, Chuck Oliver, Richard St. Dennis and Lee Berchtold
Ushers: *Need volunteers*
Crucifer: *Need volunteer*
Acolytes: *Need volunteers*

Most Recent Prayer Requests:

- The Family of Bob Boe
- The Family of Harley Junghans
- The Family of Kay Merritt (Aunt of Ann Sluiter)
- Helen Lambrecht (Mother of Deb Hess)
- Dean Hartman
- Martha Hooper (Mother of Larry Hooper)
- Dean (Cousin of Larry Hooper)
- Bill Meinz (Brother-in-law of Lori Schwan)
- Elaine Everhart

For our complete list of those in need of prayer please visit our web page, www.smlcs.org, scroll down to the bottom, click on "Visit Church Site" and select Prayer Chain under "Ministries"

Greeter Profiles

Sun. 8:00 am George & Linda Walker – George and Linda are new volunteers with St. Michael Lutheran Church, and we look forward to getting to know much more about them as they help greet our church members and visitors. We appreciate their willingness to serve our congregation in this way.

Sun. 9:30 am Marlene King – Marlene was a lifetime Dearborn, MI resident and retired from MASCO Corp. in Taylor, MI, before moving to FL in 2007. She was married at SMLC in 2008 to Wilbur Jones. Her family includes three children and seven grandchildren, all living in MI. Her interests include genealogy, Questers, reading, community theater, knitting and crocheting, gardening and volunteering at Lifeline Family Center. She recently was part of a LCGS preservation project for a local funeral home. Marlene also participates in the Prayer Shawl Group, Choir and Pastor's Bible class and enjoys greeting on a monthly basis.

Sun. 11:00 am Jan & Niel Nieman – Niel was born in Cedarburg, WI, Jan in Milwaukee, WI., met at UWM, married, moved to Appleton, WI in 1962, juggled five babies, finished college, and moved to Baltimore, MD. Niel worked as a budget analyst with the Social Security Agency and Jan taught school. She left to supervise a SSA branch office until launching a mobile pet-grooming business where Niel kept 5 problematic vans on the road. They retired to Ft. Myers in 2006 where Jan published her non-fiction, tell all, humor book, Going to the Dogs – Confessions of a Mobile Pet Groomer. Niel's interests include cars and fighting his computer. Jan's interests are writing and cooking. They both enjoy history, reading, traveling, serving at church, volunteering with the Salvation Army, attending Bible Class and keeping up with the grandchildren.

Birthdays

03/31 ... George Lanagan, Richard Rybak, Carl Middleton
04/01 ...Cindy DeVito, Pastor Jon Zehnder
04/03 ...Tish Roland, Kyon Johnson
04/04 ...Linda Kneisler, Mary Kay Peterson
04/05 ...William Polash, Mandy Wiltshire
04/06 ...Crysta Oliver
04/07 ...Tom Orthman, Jr., Robert Kizzire, II
04/09 ...Aiden Henline
04/10 ...David Dennigmann,
Stephanie LeTourneau, Wyatt Roszell,
Jonas Schlotterbeck

Anniversaries

04/01Greg & Theresa Stanley
Alexis & Nikki Howley
04/02Gary & Kathy Bender
04/03John & Tiffany Roszell
04/04Dennis & Jackie Hackworth
Loren & Lana Jackemeyer
04/05Tim & Brenda Engstrom
04/06Jim & Janet Elliott
04/08Duane & Pat Ackerman
04/09Joe & Susan Clark





Easter Flowers

are given to the glory of God in honor of Christ's resurrection by:

- **William & Elaine Armour** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Armour and Rev. & Mrs. Elmer Krentz
- **Loraine & O.T. Atkinson** in memory of O.T. & Evelyn Atkinson, Carolyn Fishburne, and Paul Bogdanoff
- **Marge Bennett** in memory of Karl & Doris Moeckel
- **Aaron Bonenburger** in honor of his mother Linda Clark
- **Linda Bonk** in memory of Marlyce
- **Emory & Karen Bottorff** in loving memory of Donald L. Bottorff
- **Gunther & Hilde Brauning** in honor of Christ's great love
- **The Burress Family** in honor of Ed and Conni Roggero
- **Donna & John Carlson** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weger, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Carlson, Julie and Dianne
- **George & Laura Chapman** in memory of Ernie & Mary Chapman, George & Mae Wheeler, and Tom Kalberer
- **Patricia Cody** in honor of Jennifer, Ethan, Emmie & Hayes Grabill and Nichole, Chris, & Ruby Hratin
- **Debra Cook & Charles Cook** in memory of Mary Cook and Evelyn Cook
- **Craig & Fran Ecelbarger** in honor of Alice Cowles, mother
- **Jim & Janet Elliott** in memory of their parents Dale and Ora Hickey, and Paul & Betty Elliott
- **Linda Franks** in memory of Wayne Franks
- **The Gearing/Peck Family** in memory of Fred E. Gearing and Raymond E. Gearing
- **Mary Griep** in memory of Lacey Griep and other loved ones in heaven
- **Jan Grube** in loving memory of Lee Grube and Jeff Grube
- **J. Michael & Jean Hand** in memory of Bettie Hermann, Coach Pat & Katie Hand, and police officers lost in the line of duty in 2018
- **Ken Hansen and Lee & Julie Berchtold** in loving memory of wife & mother Lynne Hansen
- **Rose Marie Hart** in loving memory of Earl Hart
- **Dean Todd Hartman** in honor of his parents Dean & Pat Hartman
- **Pat & Dean Hartman** in memory of their parents Peter & Emma Hartman and David & Dorothy Todd
- **Barbara Henry** in loving memory of Paul Henry
- **Donald & Coral Hughes** in memory of Evelyn Summerall, David Hughes, and Gil Jones
- **Loren Jackemeyer** in memory of parents Ronald & Leah Chalfant and Emil & Edna Jackemeyer
- **Richard Johnston** in memory of Irene & Dick Johnston and Jeanie Cannon, and in honor of Pastor Jon Zehnder
- **Mel & Linda Lang** in memory of Clara & Alfred Lang



- **Dee Lemke & Rick Severson** in memory of Candace Miles
- **Neil & Joyce Meador** in memory of parents, Myrl & Verna Jones and Benny & Esther Meador
- **Lisa Miller** in memory of M.E. & Rebecca Davis
- **Carole Musich** in memory of Bob Musich, Larry Moeller, and Waylene Stockley
- **Chuck & Beth Oliver** in memory of Richard Oliver & John Ferriell and in honor of Pastor Jon Zehnder, Pastor Tim Schutt and all church workers
- **Larry Peltier** in memory of Grace Peltier and Gary Peltier
- **Bob & Carole Petty** in memory of her daughter, Caryn McIntosh and his son, Philip Petty
- **John & Janis Pohlman** in memory of their parents
- **Russ Prentice** in memory of Richard & Cindy Prentice, Joan Irizarry, Mary Slaker, and Ralph Jeffrey
- **Roger & Ruth Reppert** to the glory of God
- **Robert & Dorothy Richardson** in memory of George & Agnes Richardson, Jennie Gaik, and John & Dorothy West
- **Mike & Donna Roach** in honor of the Castello Family, the DiGiovan-Battista Family, the Selva Family, the Lowery Family, the Rickey Family, the Roach Family & the Wissmiller family
- **The Geoff Roepstorff Family** in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gentry Briggs, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Roepstorff, Marty Roepstorff and George Faccioli, Jr. and in honor of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, Saint Michael Lutheran congregation, and the Zehnder Family
- **Mark & Tish Roland** in memory of Max Roland, Barbara Santero and Norm Fuller
- **Larry & Pat Ryan** in memory of Dorthea & George Urban and Lawrence & Vera Ryan
- **William & Irene Sauerman** in memory of Eileen Hegg, sister, grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. I. Moe, and in honor of her mother, father & all of their children
- **Don & Gail Schafer** in memory of their parents
- **Linda Schlachta** in honor of her grandchildren Aidan, Tristan, Mallory, Scarlet and Violet
- **Ron & Chris Silc** in memory of their parents Harry & Hazel Silc and Ava & Sonny Hoffman
- **Bret & Denise Smart** in loving memory of Van & Emilie Smart and Marc & Clare Stanton
- **Dorothy Stanton** in memory of John T. Stanton
- **Dave & Jeanine Sullivan** in memory of their daughter, Hope, parents Ron & June Lowe, and brother Ronald Lowe, Jr.
- **The Summerlot Family** in memory of Grandma Polly Johnson and Grandpa Morris Emerson Davis
- **Bill & Kathie Truax** in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Howard Truax and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frew
- **Dr. & Mrs. Tim Underhill** in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Burl Underhill and Mr. & Mrs. C. Howard Baier
- **Calvin & Julia Walls** in memory of those who have gone before us to glory
- **Daina & Ernie Wienecke** in memory of brother, Reno, and in honor of the 9th birthday of Maya Carol Williams in loving memory of Mildred Most, Marilyn Hale and Shirley Meade
- **Samantha, Ellie & James Zehnder** in memory of great grandparents Gertrude & Edward Mitchell
- **Robert & Luana Ziska** in memory of his brothers, Edward, Ronald & Vern Ziska

