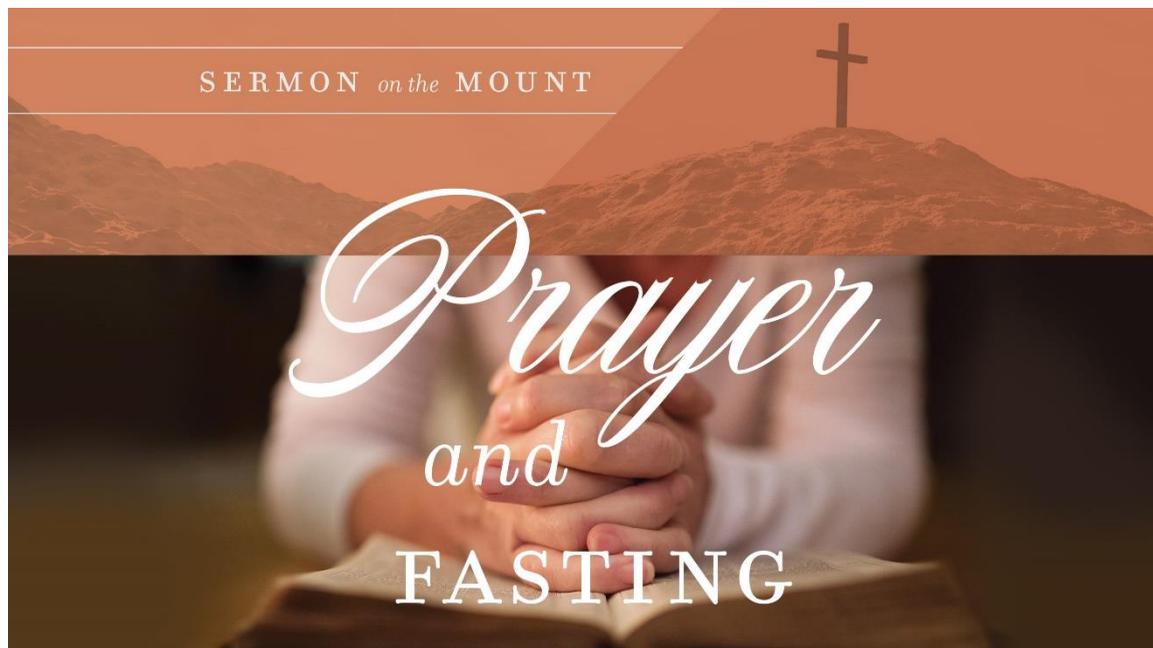


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## **A Special Welcome to Our Visitors:**

Welcome to St. Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshipping the Lord with us this evening. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about St. Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building is over 100 years old. Unfortunately this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this evening. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find St. Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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# Sermon on the Mount A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 2:  
Prayer and Fasting

# Order of Service

## Welcome to Worship

### Opening Hymn

*“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”*

LSB #440 v. 2

Make me see your great distress, anguish and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness and your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,  
How for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

**P** God the Father has his ear turned toward you.

**C** Lord, teach us to pray.

**P** God the Son pleads for you before the kingdom throne.

**C** Lord, teach us to pray.

**P** God the Holy Spirit gives you the words when you don't know what to say.

**C** Lord, teach us to pray.

**P** God is always attentive, always listening, always ready, willing and able to help in time of need. He loves to be your guide and your shield.

**C** Lord, teach us to pray.

**P** When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**C** Lord, teach us to pray.

### Hymn

*“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”*

LSB #440 v. 6

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Our Lord teaches us to pray and even gives us the words to say. And yet our prayers are often shallow, showy or non-existent.

**C** Most merciful God, forgive us for the many times we fail to pray.  
Though you have given us the words to say, we neglect to use them.  
When we do pray, we often do so for show, for selfish reasons or

**with a complete lack of trust. Our faulty prayer life is a reflection of weak faith and sinful lives. We are harried and worried because we fail to take our concerns to you in prayer. Forgive us, renew us and restore us so that as your dear children we pray well, pray often and pray without ceasing.**

**P** Our God in his mercy sent his Son, Jesus Christ, who prayed perfectly for you. In his darkest hour he even prayed for you from the cross. Because of his perfect love and mercy demonstrated by his death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven and your life is renewed. As a result, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn of Response**    *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*

LSB #422

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life’s riches, cares and pleasures never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, and my glory and salvation.

**Old Testament Reading**

1 Samuel 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>And Hannah prayed and said,  
“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>2</sup>“There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.

<sup>10</sup>The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

## **Epistle Reading**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

<sup>12</sup>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. <sup>15</sup>See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6:5-18

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread,  
<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

## Children’s Message

### Sermon Hymn

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

LSB #770

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

### Sermon

Rev. Nate Hill

### Offering

## Prayers

- P** O Lord, you have given us the gift of prayer and have taught us to pray. Daily remind us that you are our Father and we are your dear children. Make our lives a reflection of your great name.
- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**
- P** O Lord, you have built your kingdom on the witness, testimony and prayers of your people throughout the ages. Bring your kingdom to us and through us, that your will would be done right here and right now just like it always is in heaven.
- C** **Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
- P** O Lord, you provide for all our needs of body, soul and spirit. You never leave us or forsake us. Give us good government and earthly peace so that your gospel would be proclaimed around the world. Please bring the daily bread of your healing to all in our lives who need it.
- C** **Give us this day our daily bread.**
- P** O Lord, we are imperfect sinners in need of a perfect Savior. You have provided for us all that we need for life and salvation. Make our lives an offering to you.
- C** **And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**
- P** O Lord, you overcame every temptation and lived a perfect life. In our Baptism you robed us in your righteousness. Free us from our sin and deliver us in the hour of every trial.
- C** **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
- P** Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are ever praying and pleading for us before the heavenly throne.
- C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom**

**and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The God of all grace who hears the pleas of Jesus on your behalf, bless you with prayers that are answered according to his will and for your good. Rejoice and be glad! Amen.

**Closing Hymn**      *“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”*      LSB #779 v. 1-3, 6

Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;  
For his grace and pow’r are such none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin; Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt.

Show me what is mine to do; ev’ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; let me die thy people’s death.