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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!

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

Week 3:
Do Not Worry

Order of Service

Welcome to Worship

Opening Hymn

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB #440 v. 3

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone, make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known and its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been, of your crucifixion.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

P Do not be anxious about what you will eat or drink or wear.

C **Life is more than food and the body more than clothing.**

P Look at the birds of the air. They don't sow or reap or gather.

C **And yet our heavenly Father feeds them.**

P Consider the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin.

C **Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like them.**

P But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

C **Yes! Yes, he will!**

P Do not be anxious. Seek first the kingdom of God.

C **And all these things will be added unto us.**

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 Jesus reminds us not to be anxious or worry. When we seek first his kingdom, everything will be added unto us. And yet we are anxious and we worry.

C **Most merciful God, we know that worry is sin. We know that when we are anxious, it is because we fail to put our full trust in you. Instead of seeking your kingdom, we seek to create our own**

kingdom filled with sin and selfishness. We think we know what's best for us and fail to see that you always have our best interest in mind. Please forgive us for our lack of faith and trust. When we worry, help us turn to you for full provision and protection. Please forgive us for worshiping ourselves instead of trusting in you.

P God is gracious and his kingdom is filled with love and forgiveness. Because Jesus put his full trust in his heavenly Father and carried the weight of the world on the cross, your worry is overcome by God's great gifts. The greatest gift of all is the complete forgiveness of sins which I now proclaim to you 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

Isaiah 41:8-13

⁸But you, Israel, my servant,
 Jacob, whom I have chosen,
 the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
 and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
 I have chosen you and not cast you off";
¹⁰fear not, for I am with you;
 be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
¹¹Behold, all who are incensed against you
 shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
 shall be as nothing and shall perish.
¹²You shall seek those who contend with you,
 but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
 shall be as nothing at all.
¹³For I, the LORD your God,
 hold your right hand;

it is I who say to you, "Fear not,
I am the one who helps you."

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:5-7

⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

LSB #729

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only thee;
Trusting thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon; at thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy trusting now.

I am trusting thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;
Trusting thee to make me holy by thy blood.

I am trusting thee to guide me; thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying, all my need.

I am trusting thee for power; thine can never fail.
Words which thou thyself shalt give me must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting thee forever and for all.

Sermon

Rev. Nate Hill

Offering

Prayers

- P** God of creation, you clothe the flowers, you take care of the birds of the air, and you grant us everything we need. You have made us your beloved children. Forgive us for our worry and enable us to put our full trust in you.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** God of creation, you provide government and order. When there is chaos and war, it is the direct result of human sin. Send your love to us and through us that peace would prevail in our world. Where there is need, use us to share out of the bounty you have first given us.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** God of creation, thank you for the gift of your church. Bind us together in unity. Make us a shining light on a hill. Draw all the nations to your church by your grace.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** God of creation, you have the power to bring health and healing. Where there is disease and sickness, bring the gift of a cure. Bring us all, at last, to the perfect health of your eternal kingdom.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** Into your hands, God of creation, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are the one who has all authority, power, grace and mercy to do your will and turn unbelief into trust and belief.
- C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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

☩ The God of all grace, who gives you his kingdom and takes away all worry,
grant you true trust and complete faith. Rejoice and be glad! Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

LSB #715

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey thy will when thou say'st to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore and the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me, “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

