

Sunday, March 31st 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

W I N C H E S T E R  T E X A S

Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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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 morning. 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 morning. 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!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Song

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB #912

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Ps. 51:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lenten Hymn

"On My Heart Imprint You Image"

LSB #422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



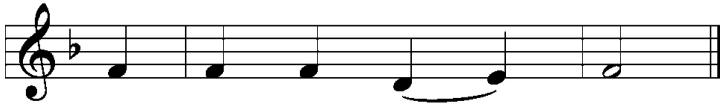
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.

Sit

¹Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll! ²And he said to me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits.” ³Then he said to me, “This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land. For everyone who steals shall be cleaned out according to what is on one side, and everyone who swears falsely shall be cleaned out according to what is on the other side. ⁴I will send it out, declares the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter the house of the thief, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. And it shall remain in his house and consume it, both timber and stones.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 32

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



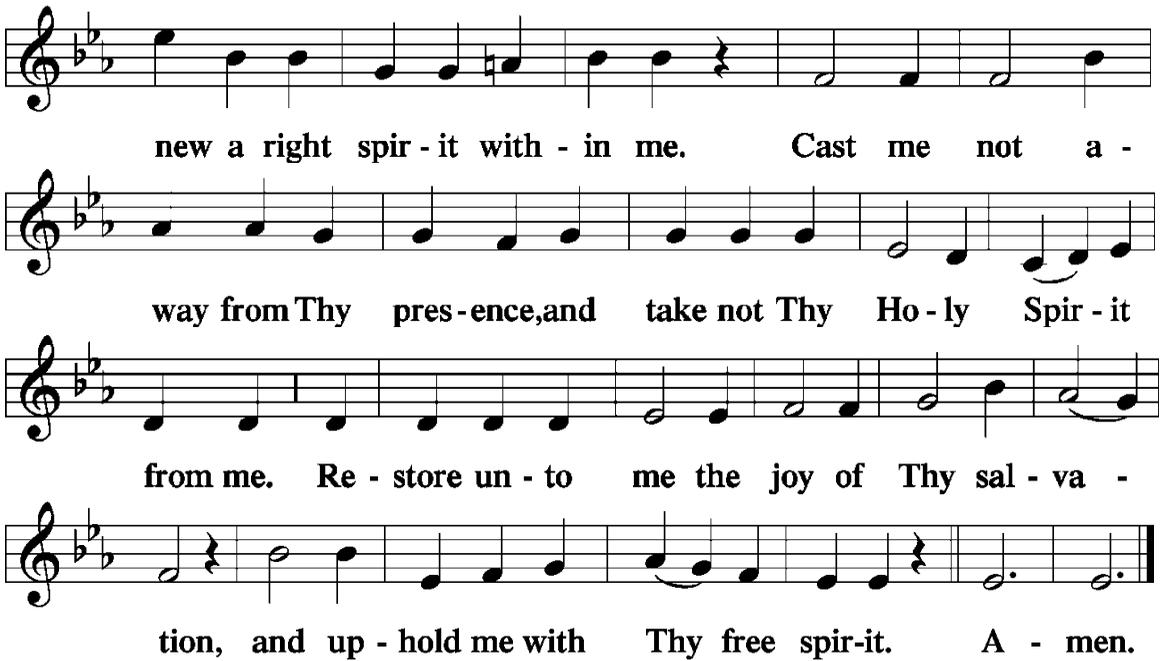
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Children’s Message

Pastor

Stand



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Each petition ends with the following response:

- P** Lord in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

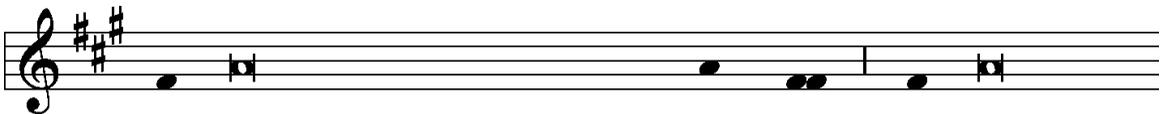
(Psalm 103:1)



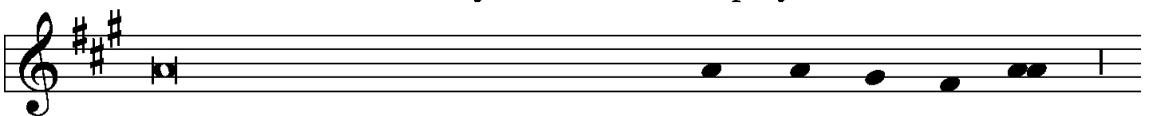
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

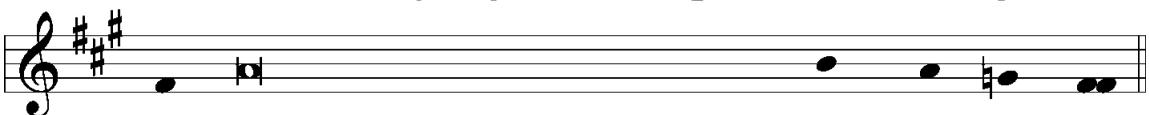
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”*

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Postlude

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Betsy Anderson
- Marie Ashutabi
- Inez Brand
- Caleb Burton
- Kourtney Burton
- Steve Burton
- Sherry Cook
- Owen Coulter
- Jeanie Doyle
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Ivan Fritsche
- Marian Fritsche
- Courtney Groce
- Diana Hardman
- Stanley Herzog
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Marie Kilian
- Paige Koudelik-Jones
- CJ Lehmann
- Mary Lehmann
- Rose Lehmann
- Romona Lopez
- Karen McDougall
- Jeannette Mitschke
- Joe Mobley
- Lillian Pietsch
- Pat (Nanita) Ramirez
- Richard Sherman
- Emmett Stabeno
- Jean Weber
- James Zoch
- Thelma Zoch

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Damien Hernandez – US Marines – San Diego, California
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky

MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- Rev. Duane Meissner – LCMS International Missionary – Belize

Greeting You This Morning: are Don and Betty Jakobeit. Greeters next week will be Laura Matthijetz and Evelyn Parker. (*Greeters need to be 20 to 30 minutes early to church to greet.*)

Flowers this Morning: are given to the glory of God by Marceil Prestridge in memory of Neal's birthday.

Flowers on the Pedestal this Morning: are given to the glory of God in honor of Marie Schulz's birthday.

This Week's Events at Saint Michael's:

Sunday, March 31st

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*

Monday, April 1st

- 7:00pm – Board of Elders – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – WACA – *Zilss Hall*

Tuesday, April 2nd

- 11:00am – Quilting – *Education Building*

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Lent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

Sunday, April 7th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School and Bible Study – *Education Building*
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Beautification Watering: For the week beginning of April 1st Dorothy Loewe 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.

This Week in Children's Sunday School: Students in Sunday School today explore the story "Jesus Clear the Temple." Jesus' cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us; first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh, and second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and prefects us, raising out bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, "*Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?*"

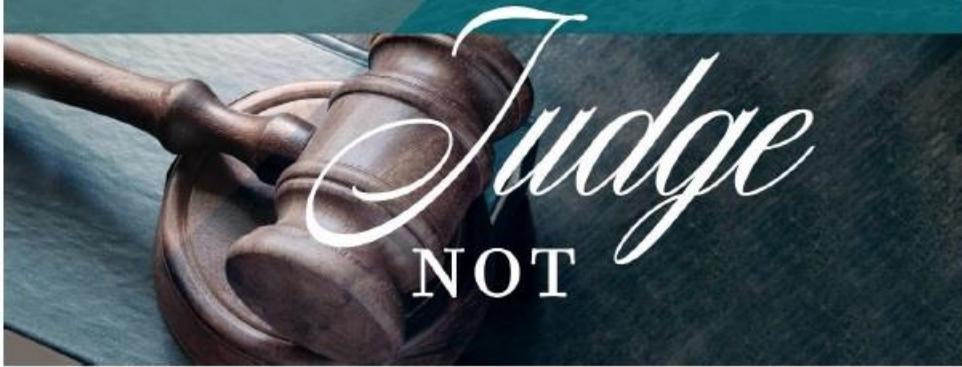
New Acolyte Training: Saint Michael's is looking for pre-confirmation aged students who would like to would like to acolyte on Sunday mornings. Please contact Pastor Nate or Amanda Behrens in the church office to have your child added to the list. A training session for new acolytes will take place today at 11:30am.

WACA Spring Fling: Please join us on April 6th at 9am at Zilss Hall for pancakes and a visit with the Easter Bunny. After breakfast there will be games for the children and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Texas District LWML Post Oak Zone Spring Rally: Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim is hosting the Spring Rally on April 7, 2019 with registration starting at 1:30pm and the rally at 2:00pm. The theme is "Openly Confess the Gospel" 1 Corinthians 16:13 with guest speaker Abby Faske of College Station. Ingathering will be for the quilts and kits shipping fund. Please come and bring a friend!

Join Our Team: St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center is in need of part time help (hours may be flexible). We need a caregiver, cook, and floater. Please contact Lisa Schmidt at 979-716-7526. Consider joining our team to "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

SERMON *on the* MOUNT



Join us this Wednesday, April 3rd, for the Sermon on the Mount special service for Week 4 of Lent. In this service we recognize that we live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgement up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.