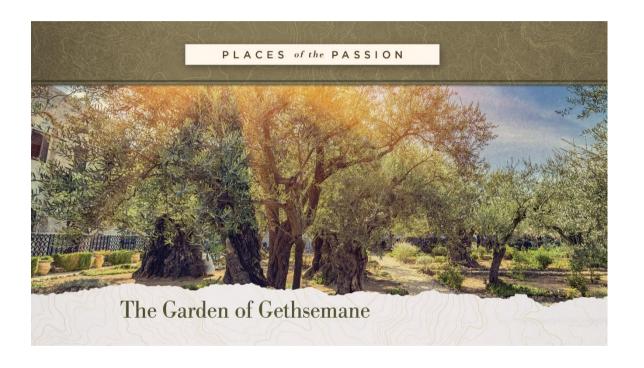
Office: 979-242-3444

### If Participating in the Service from Your Vehicle Please Tune Your Car Radio to 93.1 FM



700 Frio Street Winchester, Texas 78945

Pastor's Cell: 979-966-8036

Rev. Nate Hill – Pastor Mark McClain – Minister of Music www.stmichaelswinchester.org pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org

#### NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Our service today will take place in the sanctuary. We ask that you only participate in the service in the sanctuary if you are free of any COVID-19 related symptoms and have not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. All who participate in the sanctuary are asked to sanitize their hands upon entry, wear a mask for the entirety of the service, and leave at least six feet of lateral space in each pew between groups. Every other row has been marked off for increased distancing between groups.

For those who would prefer to continue to participate in the service from their vehicles, you are able to do so. Please park on the east side of the church building and you will be provided with a bulletin.

- By tuning your car radio to 93.1 FM, you will be able to hear the service taking place inside. Please participate fully in the congregational responses, singing, and prayers!
- In order to register your attendance with us today, please fill out the attendance sheet on the back cover of your bulletin. You will tear this page off and hand it in with the offering. An usher will come to collect the offering and attendance sheets from you during the final hymn.

#### **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.

## Places of the Passion A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 3: Gethsemane

#### **Order of Service**

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

Matthew 26:36

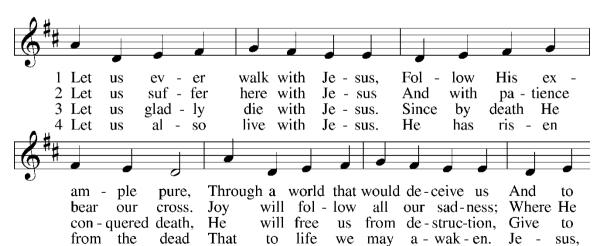
#### **Invocation and Call to Worship**

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us ever walk with Jesus.
- **C** To see the depths of his love.
- **P** To behold the gift of his forgiveness.
- **T**o gaze upon the heights of his grace.
- **P** To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.
- **©** We walk with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane.
- **P** Where he is betrayed by Judas.
- **C** And arrested by the Jews.
- **P** So that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.
- **■** Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!

#### Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB #685





© 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100013216.

Public domain

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

- Paul writes in today's second lesson, "Christ came proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near." (Ephesians 2:17) Heavenly Father, this proclamation has reached our ears but we confess it has not settled into our hearts.
- **Q** We confess that we do not live in the light of Christ's peace.
- **P** We prefer being peace-fakers and peace-breakers.
- **Q** We are more ready to worry than to trust.
- **P** More ready to fret than have faith.
- More ready to blame than to believe.
- **P** Forgive our hard hearts.
- **C** And make us more alive to the depths of your love.
- P Show us what it cost to give up your Son.

**■** Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is areater.)

- P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!
- **■** I shall follow where you guide!

#### **Prayer of the Day**

P Heavenly Father, because Jesus walked into the perfect storm—betrayal, arrest, assault with a sword and then all his friends ran away—you are able to bring your perfect peace in the storms of our lives. Empower us to believe it and receive it; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

#### Children's Sermon

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 53:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him. and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: vet we esteemed him stricken. smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

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

C Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle Reading**

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹¬And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹¬8For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Reading**

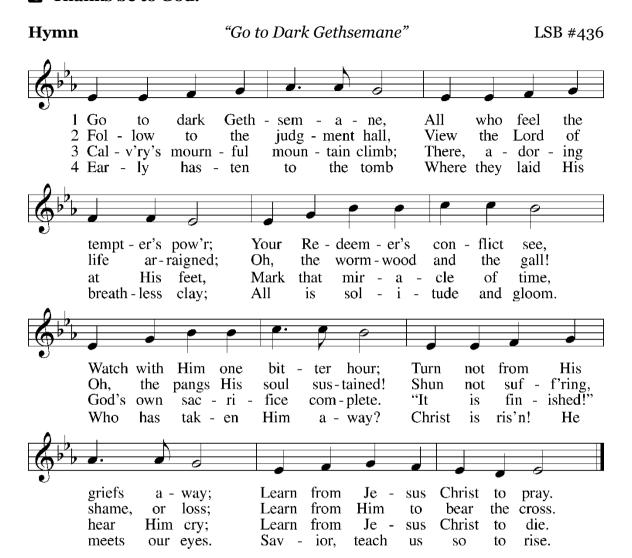
Matthew 26:47-56

Ephesians 2:11-18

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." 49And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. 51And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" 55At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

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

#### C Thanks be to God.



Public domain

#### Sermon

#### **Prayers**

P Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray. Heavenly Father, you haven't promised us a storm-less life. You don't offer

quick fixes or shallow solutions. But you do promise perfect peace, in the midst of whatever happens. Lord, in your mercy,

#### **C** Grant us your peace.

- P Heavenly Father when we're out of bootstraps to pull up, come to the end of our rope and feel like quitting, you are with us and for us. Thank you for being a Father who will never forget or abandon us in our storms. Thank you for working all things together for the good of those who love you. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** Grant us your peace.
- P Heavenly Father, thank you for your perfect peace—a peace perfectly suited for the moment. Our calling is not to take control, but to mine the riches of the Gospel and never lose sight of your wonderful love. You are the Rock that is higher than us, the Rock of refuge, the Rock of ages. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** Grant us your peace.
- P Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for your peace that surpasses all understanding. Anchor us in hope, strengthen us in grace and fortify us with resolute courage.
- **G** Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

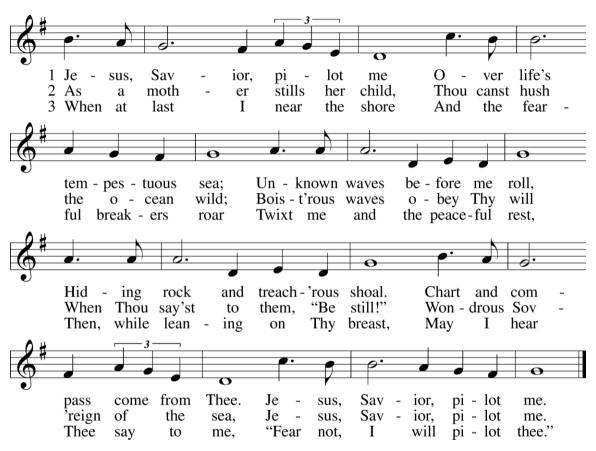
#### **Lord's Prayer**

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 Jesus invites us to walk with him to the Garden of Gethsemane, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.
- C Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Those participating in the service from their vehicles will have an usher approach their vehicle during the closing hymn to collect the offering and attendance sheet.



Public domain

#### **The Offering**

The offering will be collected today as you exit the church building. Please consider transitioning to making your regular tithe or offering online at <a href="www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give">www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give</a>



Please also fill out the attendance register on the back page of your bulletin, tear it off and place it into the offering basket.

# SAINT MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

<b>DATE</b> March 10, 2021			ES	ONING
NAME(S) AND CONTACT INFORMATION*	ACT INFORMATION*	MEMB	DESTR A CAL	гоммоЭ гоот
NAME(S)	Address			
PHONE	Емап.			
NAME(S)	Address			
Phone	Емап.			
NAME(S)	Address			
PHONE	Емап.			
NAME(S)	Address			
PHONE	Емап.			

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Visitors, please provide all contact information; Members, updated information only