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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Welcome to Saint 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 Saint Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building was built in 1906. 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 Saint 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.

In View of God's Mercy: A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Week 3: Mercy in Betrayal

ORDER OF SERVICE

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9

Invocation and Call to Worship

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.**
- P** Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** The Lord redeems the life of his servants.
- C We are blessed to be a blessing.**
- P** None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
- C Amen.**

Hymn

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

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Confession and Forgiveness

- P** “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:10-11). We confess to God that we have often spoken evil and lived deceitfully. We have turned from good to do evil and have pursued betrayal rather than peace.

C Holy God, we acknowledge that we have betrayed you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not kept our tongues from evil, especially when slandering others. We have not sought peace with others, but have pursued sinful revenge. Forgive our transgressions. Bring reconciliation and restoration to our relationship with you and our relationships with others.

P We cry to you for mercy!

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer" (1 Peter 3:12). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sin and gives you eternal life. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have betrayed you with our sin, you continue to show your mercy to us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live by your grace and follow you in faithfulness. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he

issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:9-12

⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:47-50

⁴⁷While 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. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “**Friend, do what you came to do.**” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

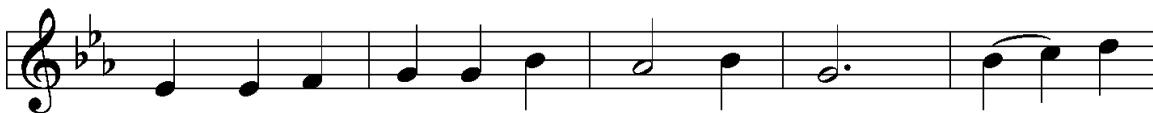
Hymn

“Upon the Cross Extended”

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Sermon

Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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.

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

*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,
you may do so at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give*



Prayers

- P** Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who betray you by our disobedience to your will.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of greed, point us to the cross where we see the price of grace.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of ambition, point us to the cross where we see the price of absolution.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of acceptance by the world, point us to the cross where we see our adoption through the Word.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of retaliation, point us to the cross where we see the price of redemption.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** We praise you that your faithfulness to us is great and your mercies are new to us every morning.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will say no to traitorous sin and yes to faith-filled righteousness.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
- C Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.**
- P** All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who suffered in our stead the penalty for betrayal.
- 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 May the merciful God, who is faithful to forgive the treachery of traitors, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever!

C Amen.

Hymn

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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