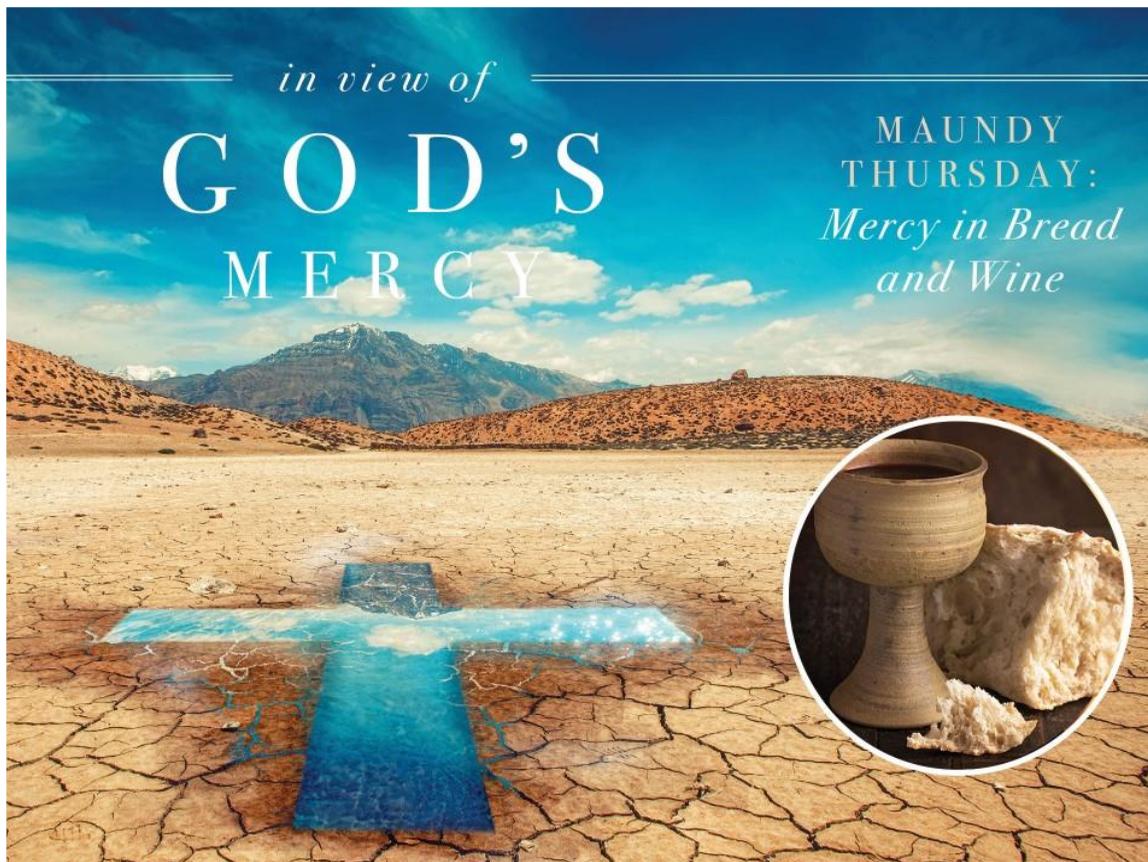


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## **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:**

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!

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# In View of God's Mercy: A Series of Services for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday:  
Mercy in Bread and Wine

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26*

### 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** Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.
- C Come to the feast of the Lord.**
- P** He who has no money, come, buy and eat without price.
- C Come to the feast of the Lord.**
- P** Listen diligently to me, says the Lord; eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food.
- C Come to the feast of the Lord.**
- P** Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.
- C Come to the feast of the Lord.**
- P** I will make with you an everlasting covenant.
- C Come to the feast of the Lord.**
- P** This is my body which is for you. ... This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
- C Come to the feast of the Lord.**
- P** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C Amen.**

Hymn

*"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"*

LSB #623

### Confession and Forgiveness

- P** On the night in which he was betrayed Jesus took bread and wine and gave it to his disciples as the meal of the New Covenant. Tonight as we prepare to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, we confess that we have betrayed our Lord by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. We repent of that sin, and we seek God's mercy to forgive our iniquity.
- C Most merciful God, we are not worthy to receive you. We are sinful and unclean. We have disobeyed your Word and disregarded your will for us. We ask you not to remember our evil but instead to forgive our transgression. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who**

**sacrificed his body and blood for our salvation, pardon us and restore us in righteousness. Renew us so that we walk in obedience to your Word, to the glory of your holy name.**

**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 "the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Gracious Lord, in the Upper Room you left us a memorial of your passion in a wonderful meal of forgiveness and life. Grant that we may share in this sacred supper of your body and blood so that your redeeming work may continue to abide in us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to remember him who comes to us in the bread and wine. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 16:4-5

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he

broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:26-29

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

*"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

LSB #637

## Sermon

## Offertory



**C** 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](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*



## Prayers

- P** Loving Lord Jesus, we approach your table of grace today as unworthy guests.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** You invite us to eat the bread and drink the wine of salvation.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** You invite us to receive your body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sin.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** You invite us to do this in remembrance of you, as we appropriate the fruit of your sacrificial death.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** You invite us to proclaim your death by partaking in this covenant meal of grace.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to recognize your presence and receive in true faith the benefits of this meal – the forgiveness of sin, eternal life, and the gift of salvation.

**C** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

**P** Give us this day your holy bread to forgive us our trespasses and deliver us from evil.

**C** Amen.

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### Important Information about Holy Communion Today

Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of this or another LCMS congregation, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if you are uncertain about our beliefs and practices surrounding Holy Communion, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please let Pastor Nate know. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and Holy Communion!

We understand that at this time there may be some individuals who would normally receive Holy Communion with us but who may have health or other concerns that would keep them from communing today. We are supportive of each individual's responsibility for their own health.

For those who are sensitive to alcohol, the cups in the center of the communion tray contain water with one drop of wine added.

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

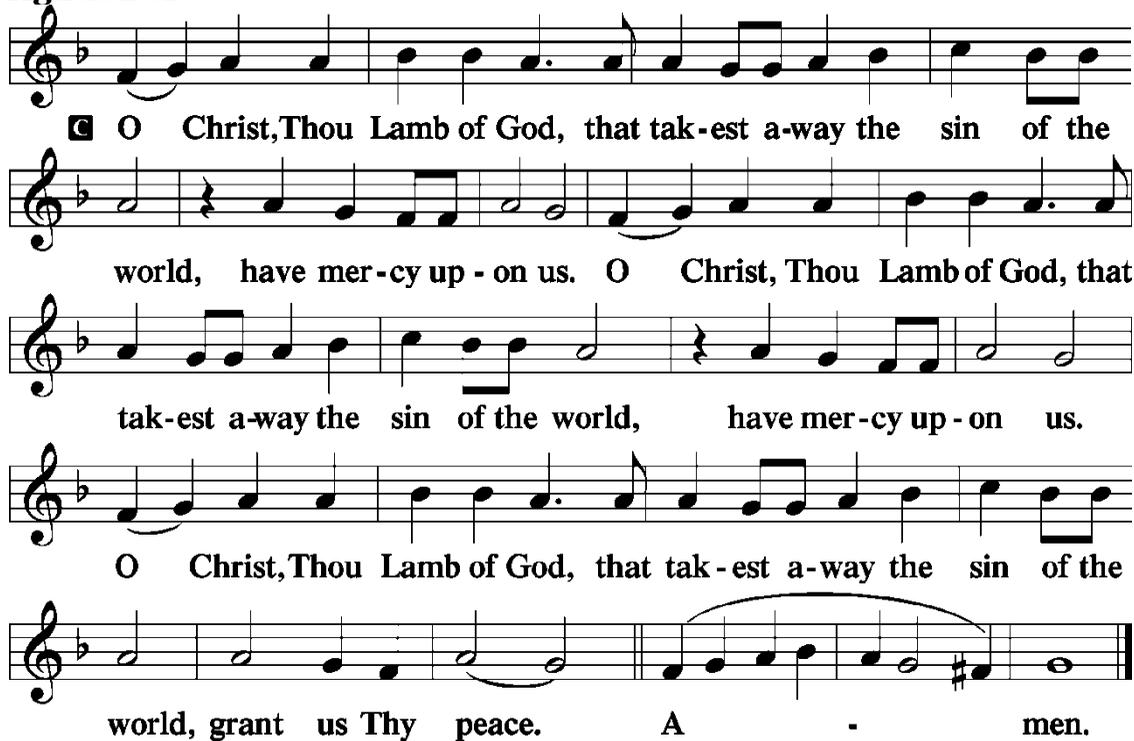


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - - - men.

## Agnus Dei



**☐** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymns

*“When You Woke That Thursday Morning”*  
*“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”*

LSB #445

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## Nunc Dimittis



**☐** Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the begining,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

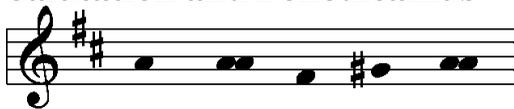
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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.

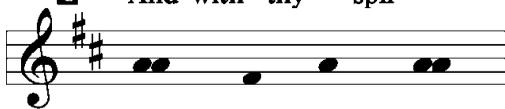
## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** May the merciful God, who sent his Son to be the life of the world, enliven you by his living presence, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

**C** Amen.

Hymn

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

LSB #632

## Stripping of the Altar

*(The removal of all candles, linens, and paraments from the altar is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus during his Passion. After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.)*

✠ We leave the Sanctuary in silence. ✠