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Good Friday



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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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## **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.

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Good Friday:

The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross

## As We Gather

Since the altar is stripped and the paraments are gone, the wood of many altars, lecterns, and pulpits are fully exposed. Wood reminds you what took place on the tree of the cross, where your Lord once died. Jesus' cross brings peace, forgiveness, and salvation. By it, the lives of Christians are rescued, sweetened, and lightened. We reflect upon these familiar words of "The Old Rugged Cross" penned by American composer George Bennard in 1912:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

### +PREPARATION+

**Hymn**

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

LSB #425

### Invocation

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

**C Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

*2 Corinthians 5:21, alt.; Isaiah 53:5*

**P** For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

**C so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**P** But He was wounded for our transgressions;

**C He was crushed for our iniquities;**

**P** upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

**C and with His stripes we are healed.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Based on Philippians 2:1-11*

- P** Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

- P** With humble hearts, let us pray together:
- C** **Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**
- P** You reign over all things yet humbled Yourself for our salvation, suffering under God's wrath that was poured out upon You on the wooden cross.
- C** **Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us –**
- P** to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.
- C** **With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sacrificed upon the old rugged wooden cross so that we may be rescued from our sins and given the peace that God alone can give. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

**+WORD+**

## Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy.
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, have mercy.

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold Your family gathered here at the foot of the wooden cross of Your dear Son,

**C who delivers us from our sin so that we may have life and have it abundantly;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 6:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See, the place where we dwell under your charge is too small for us. <sup>2</sup>Let us go to the Jordan and each of us get there a log, and let us make a place for us to dwell there.” And he answered, “Go.” <sup>3</sup>Then one of them said, “Be pleased to go with your servants.” And he answered, “I will go.” <sup>4</sup>So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. <sup>5</sup>But as one was felling a log, his axe head fell into the water, and he cried out, “Alas, my master! It was borrowed.” <sup>6</sup>Then the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in there and made the iron float. <sup>7</sup>And he said, “Take it up.” So he reached out his hand and took it.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 22:14-23

**P** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;

**C My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast;**

**P** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws;

**C You lay Me in the dust of death.**

**P** For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me;

**C they have pierced My hands and feet –**

**P** I can count all My bones – they stare and gloat over Me;

**C they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.**

**P** But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You My help, come quickly to My aid!

**C Deliver My soul from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog!**

**P** Save Me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**C** **I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:**

**P** You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,

**C** **and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!**

## Epistle Reading

Colossians 2:13-15

<sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

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

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

## Verse

Joel 2:13b

Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

## Holy Gospel

John 19:17-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another,

“Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn**

*“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

LSB #447 v. 19-21

**Sermon**

**Hymn**

*“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

LSB #427

**Nicene Creed**

**[C]** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

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



## Prayers

- P** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You gather us together at the foot of Your Son's wooden cross, that we may join with the eyewitnesses of His death and behold His all-sufficient sacrifice for our redemption.
- C** **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation brings us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**
- P** Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,
- C** **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**
- P** Lord Jesus, grant that on this Friday that we call "good," the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us may draw us closer to You.
- C** **Encourage our hearts and minds as we hold fast to Your Word, knowing that all You accomplish upon Calvary's cross was done for our salvation.**
- P** Holy Spirit, You unite us by Baptism to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to know the power of sharing in His death so that with Him we may partake in His resurrection.
- C** **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. 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.**

**+THE ORDER OF TENEBRAE: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS+**

*We reflect on the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the wooden cross.*

**Word of Pardon**

*Luke 23:33-34*

<sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide His garments.

**Hymn**

*“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”*

LSB #440 v. 1-2

*(A candle is extinguished during the hymn.)*

**Word of Promise**

*Luke 23:39-42*

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, **“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”**

**Hymn**

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

LSB #449 v. 1-2

*(A candle is extinguished during the hymn.)*

## Word of Love

John 19:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

### Hymn

*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*

LSB #451 v. 1-2

*(A candle is extinguished during the hymn.)*

## Word of Justice

Matthew 27:45-46

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**" that is, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

### Hymn

*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*

LSB #451 v. 3-4

*(A candle is extinguished during the hymn.)*

## Word of Torment

John 19:28

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "**I thirst.**"

### Hymn

*"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"*

LSB #439 v. 1-2

*(A candle is extinguished during the hymn.)*

## Word of Triumph

John 19:30

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished,**" and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

### Hymn

*"Were You There?"*

LSB #456 v. 1-2

*(A candle is extinguished during the hymn.)*

<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “**Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!**” And having said this He breathed His last.

*(A candle is extinguished.)*

## **Removal of the Christ Candle**

*(This symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.)*

## **The Strepitus is Heard**

*(The 'strepitus' is a loud noise made at the conclusion of the Tenebrae service to signify the confusion and terror which accompanied the death of Christ and his burial.)*

## **The Christ Candle Is Returned**

*(The return of the Christ Candle symbolizes that death did not have the final word. Christ arose, a truth which we will fully celebrate on Sunday.)*

*✠ We leave the sanctuary in silence. ✠*

*(After exiting the Sanctuary all are encouraged to watch in silence as the tomb façade is sealed marking Jesus' death and burial. The tomb façade will remain sealed until Easter morning when it will be opened to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.)*