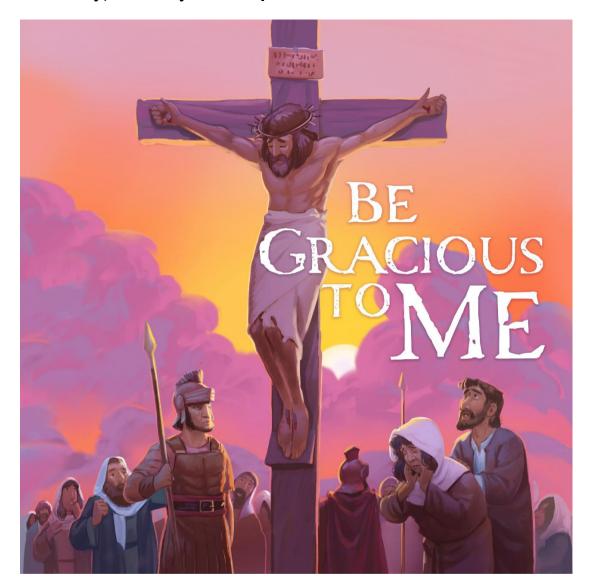
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#### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

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 worshiping 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.

# Midweek of Lent 1:

Sustained in Sickness

## As We Gather

Since the fall into sin, no part of our human nature has escaped the ravages of original sin. Not only has sin separated us from God to our spiritual detriment, but our bodies, created for perfect health, endure sickness and injury. King David announces God's answer to this catastrophe in Psalm 41:3: "The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health." This is a beautiful promise, but what does it mean for you and your infirmities? As all the Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the gifts contained in these words are only revealed by your Baptism into Him by whose wounds we are healed.

Hymn

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB #435

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **Opening Sentences**

Psalm 30:1-5

- I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.
- P O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- **☑** Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.
- **P** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
- **©** Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

#### **Call to Confession**

**P** Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness.

Hymn

"Lord, to You I Make Confession"

LSB #608

#### **Absolution**

- The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C Amen.

#### **Salutation**

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

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Let Your blessing be upon us, heavenly Father, as we pass through these holy days in which we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Grant that His holy example being ever before us, we follow Him in willing obedience, learn His gracious humility, and being filled with His love and spirit of self-sacrifice, learn the lessons of a life pleasing to You and helpful to all people; through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB #450 sts. 1-3

## **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 103:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me. bless His holy name! <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. 3who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, 5who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup>He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

<sup>14</sup>For He knows our frame:

He remembers that we are dust.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Series Psalm Psalm 41:3-5

- P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.
- **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.**
- The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health. As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

  My enemies say of me in malice,

  "When will he die and his name perish?"
- **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.**

# **Epistle Reading**

James 5:7-18

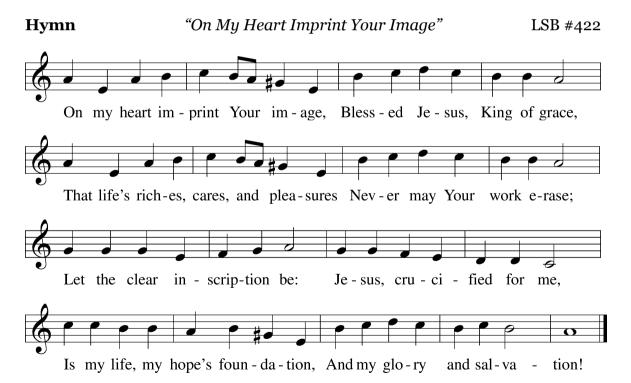
<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

#### C Thanks be to God.



**Holy Gospel** Matthew 8:14-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>And when Jesus entered Peter's house, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup>He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve Him. <sup>16</sup>That evening they brought to Him many who were oppressed by demons, and He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. <sup>17</sup>This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message

**Hymn** "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB #421

Sermon

**Hymn** "Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord" LSB #777

**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 <a href="https://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give">www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give</a>



## **Offertory**





#### The Litany

- P O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- **P** O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C hear us.
- **P** God the Father in heaven,
- **C** have mercy.
- **P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- C have mercy.
- **P** God the Holy Spirit,
- C have mercy.
- **P** Be gracious to us.
- C Spare us, good Lord.
- **P** Be gracious to us.
- C Help us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion:

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

## **G** Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

## C Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

## C Help us, good Lord.

**P** We poor sinners implore You

# C to hear us, O Lord.

■ To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

# **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

# **W**e implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

# • We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

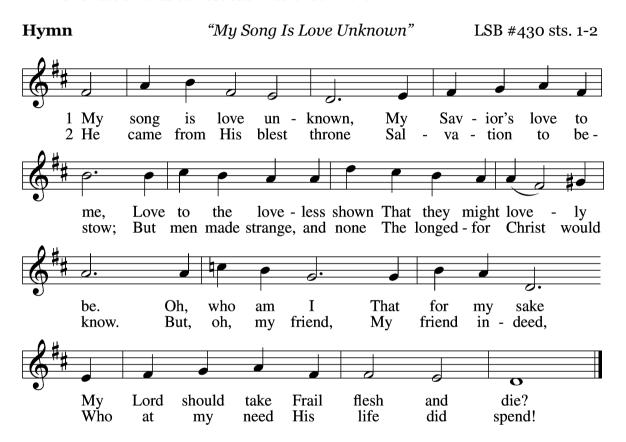
- P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.
- P O Christ,
- C hear us.
- P O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- P O Lord,
- C have mercy. 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.

#### **Hymn Introduction**

In the second stanza of "My Song Is Love Unknown," writer Samuel Crossman poetically expresses the amazing truth that Jesus willingly left His Father's throne to take on human flesh and bring about the salvation of a lost mankind. He sees in Jesus "my friend . . . who at my need His life did spend!" We reflect on that selfless sacrifice of our Lord.



## **Luther's Evening Prayer**

- **P** Let us pray.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **Benediction**

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

Hymn

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB #433

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