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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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# Midweek of Lent 2:

## I Have Sinned

## As We Gather

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the subject of all the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments. But some passages say puzzling and seemingly impossible things about Him. Consider Psalm 41:4: “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You.” David, the writer of this psalm, was indeed a sinner who needed God’s gracious forgiveness. How puzzling it is that we would apply this confession of sin to our sinless Lord! But Paul writes, “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). In your Baptism, your sinless Jesus has joined Himself to you and has fulfilled all the words that testify of Him.

### Hymn

*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*

LSB #437

### Invocation

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

**C Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 25:1-2a, 4-6, 8*

**P** To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.**

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

**C Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**

**P** Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**C Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

### Call to Confession

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

### Hymn

*“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”*

LSB #609 sts. 1-4

### Absolution

**P** 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.

O Lord, our God, we ask You with our whole heart to forgive our sins and wipe out our errors. Direct our actions and, by the indwelling of Your Spirit, purify our consciences and sanctify our hearts so that, forgiven and renewed, we may serve You and walk in Your ways; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

LSB #450 sts. 1, 4



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

<sup>15b</sup>The LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. <sup>16</sup>David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. <sup>17</sup>And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. <sup>18</sup>On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." <sup>19</sup>But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." <sup>20</sup>Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. <sup>21</sup>Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." <sup>22</sup>He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' <sup>23</sup>But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

**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.

**C** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make His face to shine upon us.

**P** 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?"

**C** May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make His face to shine upon us.

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

## Hymn

*“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*

LSB #422



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him.”

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

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

## Children’s Message

**Hymn**

*“Upon the Cross Extended”*

LSB #453

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



## 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.

## 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.**

**P** 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:

**C 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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:

**C 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:

**C We 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:

**C 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:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C 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.

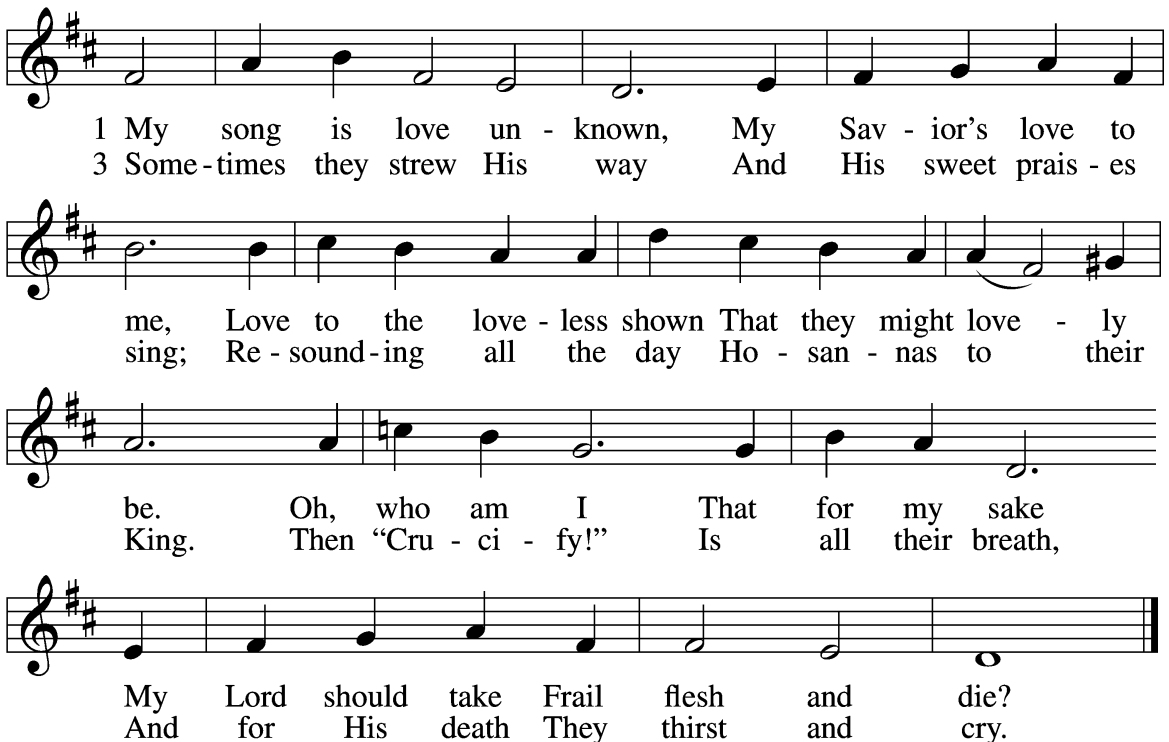
## Hymn Introduction

**P** In the first lines of the third stanza of “My Song Is Love Unknown,” writer Samuel Crossman recalls some of the bright days of Jesus’ ministry, including His joyful entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Then the hymn writer contrasts those bright days with the raucous reality of Good Friday, when the frenzied crowd called for the crucifixion of our Lord. Jesus’ suffering was physical and mental and spiritual—and it was for us and for our salvation.

## Hymn

*“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

LSB #430 sts. 1, 3



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es

me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
And for His death They thirst and cry.

## Luther's Evening Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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**

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

LSB #426