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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 3:

## Soon and Never

## As We Gather

King David's enemies said of him, "When will he die and his name perish?" (Psalm 41:5) Do you have enemies who wish the same fate on you? Regardless of your best efforts to "lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way" (1 Timothy 2:2), you are pursued unceasingly by three dread adversaries: the world, the devil, and your own sinful flesh. When will you die? When will your name perish? Christ silences your foes and your fears and will strengthen and keep you firm in His Word and faith unto the end.

### Hymn

*"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

LSB #423

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 39:12a; 38:22; 86:6-7*

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

**C** **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

**P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

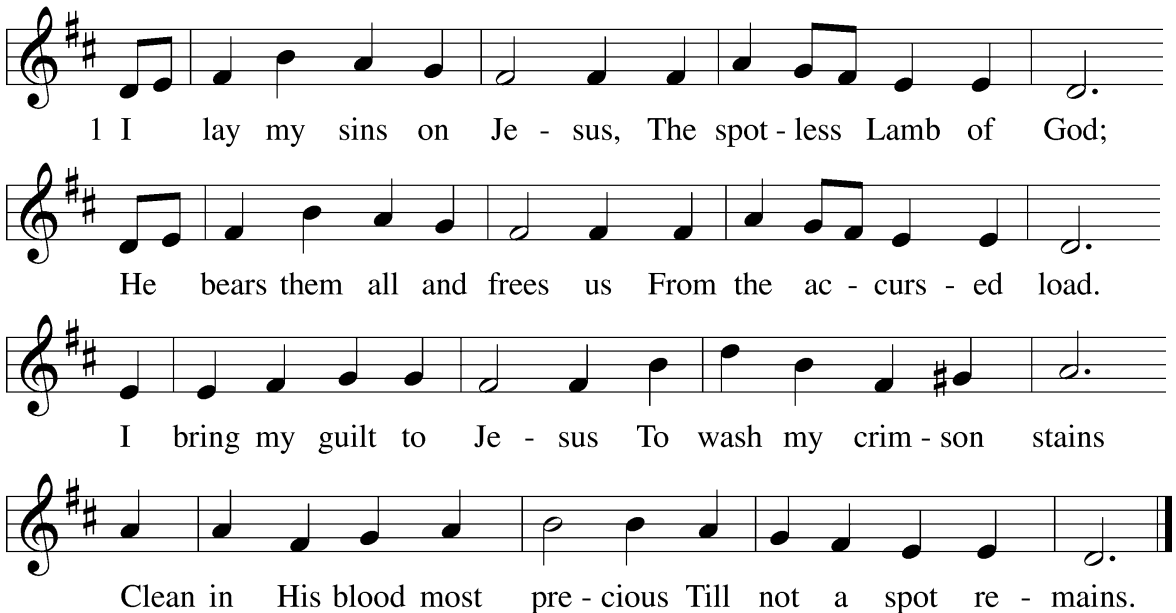
**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You.

**C** **for You answer me.**

### Call to Confession

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





I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.

**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.

We thank You, our God and Father, that You have drawn us to Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we consider His sign of sacrifice and love, sustain us in our trials, comfort us in our sorrows, and strengthen us against temptation. Grant that the cross may be to us a continuing promise of the forgiveness of our sins as we observe a holy Lent. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

## Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:22-26

<sup>22</sup>The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. <sup>23</sup>But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup>And He will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them. <sup>25</sup>The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. <sup>26</sup>And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

## Second Reading

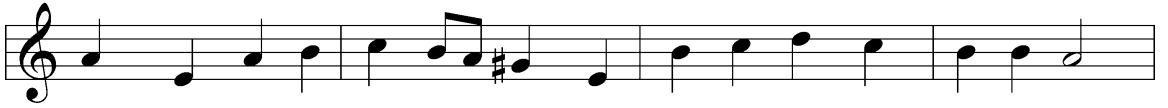
Revelation 19:11-16

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, and He has a name written that no one knows but Himself. <sup>13</sup>He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

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



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



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

## Holy Gospel

John 12:20-30

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

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

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.** <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>"Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "**This voice has come for your sake, not Mine.**"

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

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

## Children's Message

**Hymn** "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" LSB #439

## 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** The text of “My Song Is Love Unknown” was written in the seventeenth century by Samuel Crossman, an English clergyman who used the poetry of the great British poet George Herbert as his inspiration and model. In his poem “Love Unknown,” Herbert reflected on the mystery of God’s grace and the conflict between human sin and Christ’s love for sinful people. In stanza 4 of the hymn, some of the miracles, the “sweet injuries” that Jesus gave to those He healed, are recalled, and the harsh and cruel response of the crowds to the suffering Savior are remembered.

## Hymn

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

LSB #430 sts. 1, 4

1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

## 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

*"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*

LSB #420