

Sunday, March 10th 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



SAINT MICHAEL'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

W I N C H E S T E R  T E X A S

Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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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 morning. 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 morning. 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.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringling of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

"O Love, How Deep"

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b;(18:20)

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Read Together

Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

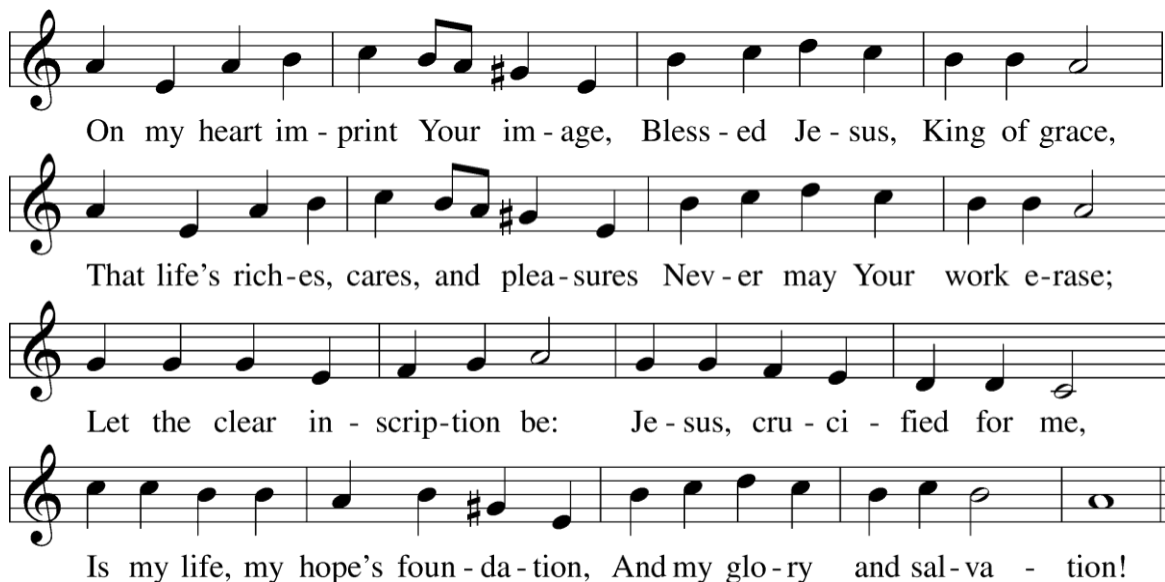
Mark 10:47



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



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!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalms 107:1-9

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;

⁵hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

⁹For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

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

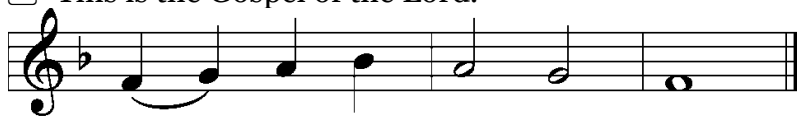


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Al Loeschman

Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12

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*



Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

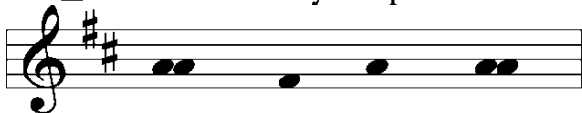
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



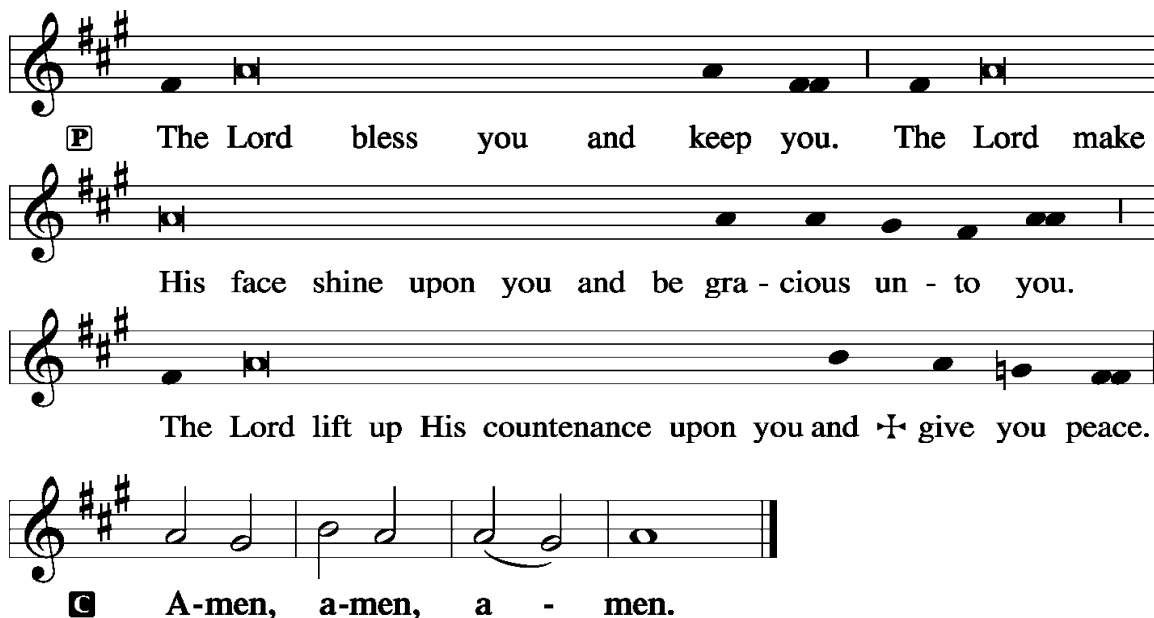
C Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 4:22

(Psalm 103:1)

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“By Grace I’m Saved”

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Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Debra Bradley – *Garry Synatschk's Mother*
- Lindi Braddock – *Katrina Miertschin's Friend*
- Shey Buckley – *Phil Buckley's Daughter*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- Jeannie Doyle – *Larry Herzog's Daughter*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Gavon Grayson – *Glenn and Stacy Zoch's Friend*
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles Lehmann's Daughter*
- Jerry Hielscher
- Denise James – *Doug Teinert's niece*
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Audrey Koenning
- Mary Lehmann
- John Lievsay, Jr – *Kelly Franke's Brother*
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Cannon Martin – *Kolton Montgomery's Friend*
- Karen McDougall – *Mark McClain's Sister*
- Travis Miertschin
- Dianna Mitschke
- Kolton Montgomery
- Janet Murphy – *Richard Davis's Sister-in-Law*
- Dianna Noack – *Secretary at St. Paul Serbin*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Marceil Prestridge
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Barbara Spence
- Betty Yerg – *Nellie Gonzalez's Sister*
- John Yerg – *Nellie Gonzalez's Brother-in-Law*

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton – US Army – Fort Carson, Colorado
- Manuel Comacho – US Air Force – Serving in Israel – *Irma Gersch's Friend*
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Kaleb Pyle – US Army – Fort Bliss, Texas
- Dylan Robbins – USMC – Jacksonville, North Carolina
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Erik Vallejo – Texas National Guard – United States Border

MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- Abba's House – LCMS Ministry to Refugees – Cypress, TX -
<https://abbashousetexas.com/>

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING: are given to the glory of God by Angeline Zoch in loving memory of Elmo Zoch.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, March 10th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*

Monday, March 11th

- 5:30pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

Tuesday, March 12th

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 6:30pm – WAVFD General Meeting – *Zilss Hall*

Wednesday, March 13th

- 7:00pm – Lent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 14th

- 7:00pm – Board of Missions – *Education Building*

Sunday, March 17th

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*

Sunday School: Today, we will study “Signs of the True God,” as student learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart against Moses and the Israelites.

Casserole Crew: Katrina Miertschin is on for the month of March. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Katrina at (979)702-0951.

Collecting items for Orphan Grain Train: We are collecting items for Orphan Grain Train during the month of March, so gather all your unused sheets, towels, and adult and children's clothing, along with shoes, purses, and cookware. NO glass or plastic please. Drop off at the Education Building on Sunday or Wednesday mornings.

Easter Eggs, Candy, and Egg Fillers Needed! Easter is fast approaching. The Education Board is looking for donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Pre-filled eggs or other items can be donated through the middle of March. Donations can be left in the youth Sunday school room. Anyone available to fill eggs can come to the education building on **Wednesday, March 20 at 5 pm**. Many hands make light work!

Children Singing for Easter: The Board of Education is inviting all of our children to join us to sing a song during the 9:00 Easter Service. Practice will begin on Sunday, March 3rd at the beginning of the Sunday School hour and will continue throughout March. Practice is not expected to be any longer than 20-30 minutes.

Feel free to reach out to Amanda Hart, at 979.540.0600, if you have any questions. We hope to have all of our beautiful children join us for this special event!

Flowers for Easter: If you would like to add lilies or hydrangeas to the church for Easter, have them at the church by **3:00pm** on the **30th of March**.

Come join us! LWML is inviting ALL St. Michael's ladies to join them in Bible Study and fellowship on the Third Tuesday each month at 11:00am in the Education Building. Always interesting, educational, and informative about the service of LWML ladies throughout the USA.

Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available: Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children of our church members to attend a week of camp this summer at Camp Lone Star. For more information, contact Pastor Nate. Please visit camplonestar.org/summer-camp/ to look at the summer and activities.

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller from St. Paul-Austin Invites You! Set sail on a spiritual adventure with our four-day Lutheran Singles Cruise, departing from Galveston on August 1st. This journey is designed for connection and fellowship, offering daily devotions, Bible studies, and opportunities to meet like-minded singles. Embrace this chance to deepen your faith, make new friends, and enjoy the beauty of the sea. Don't miss out on this unique blend of spiritual growth and social fun – book your spot today! Learn more at www.wolfmueller.co/cruise.



**LWML POST OAK ZONE
SPRING RALLY
HOSTED BY
HOLY TRINITY - FEDOR**

**REGISTRATION 1:30 PM
RALLY KICKS OFF AT 2 PM**

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

**INGATHERING - FUNDS TO SEND
OUR GEMS TO CONVENTION
THIS SUMMER.**



Don't forget to bring your travel fund check. \$7 per member for each group.

Manheim Parish Hall/ Renovation Fund BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Sunday, March 17

Serving at the
Lincoln Community Center

10:30 a.m. until sold out

Drive-thru only!

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Whole Chicken - \$14

Pint of Beans - \$3

Pint of Noodles - \$3

1 cup of Sauce - \$2