

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion



# SAINT MICHAEL'S

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

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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!

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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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# DIVINE SERVICE

## SETTING THREE

**Prelude**

Selected Music

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

Ushers

**Welcome and Greeting**

**The Procession of Palms**

**P** The grace of our Lord ✙ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Holy Gospel**

John 12:12–19

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

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

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

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

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord.

**Processional Hymn**      *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

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*(During the Processional Hymn, all are invited to come forward  
and lay their palms at the foot of the altar.)*

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.



## 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.

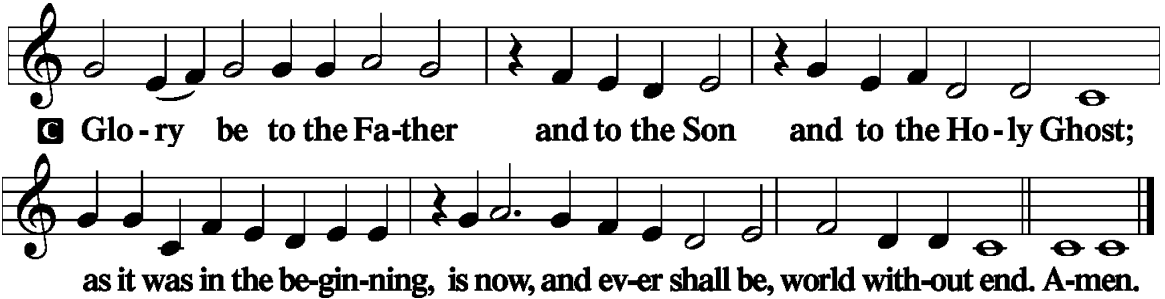
## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Read Together

*Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

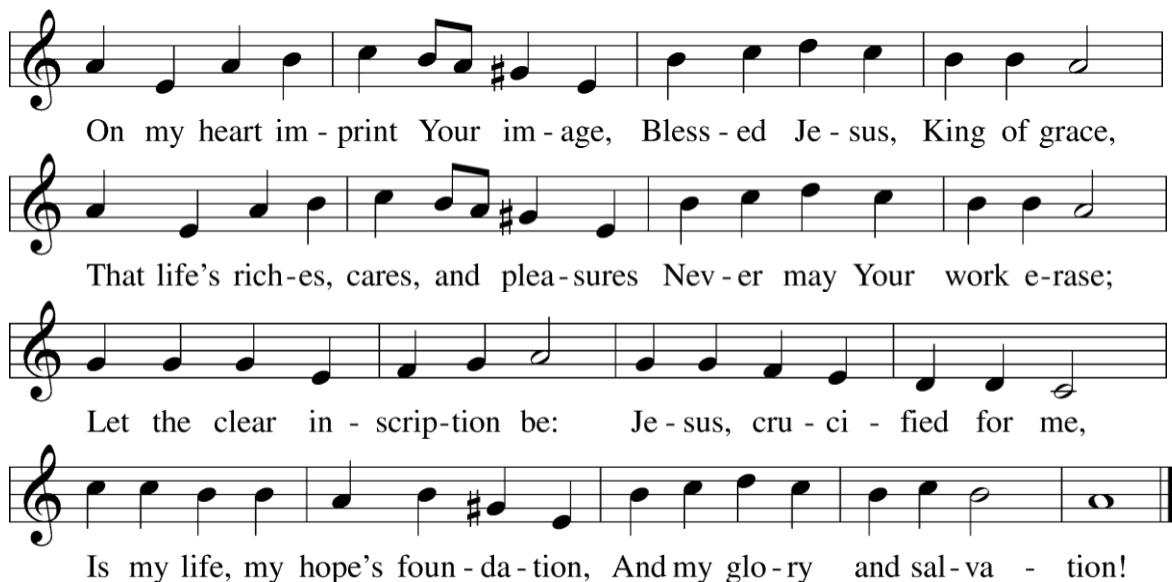
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!



### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*





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 and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 118:19-29

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.



<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

## **Epistle Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest [Jesus] by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

<sup>3</sup>And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “**Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.**”

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “**Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.**” <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “**Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.**” <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup>He said to them, “**It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of**

him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

<sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." <sup>30</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup>But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, **“I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”** <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, **“Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”** And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, **“You have said so.”** <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the

insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor

**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.

Hymn of the Day      “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

LSB#444

Sermon

“The King of Israel”  
John 12:12-19

Rev. Nate Hill

Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*

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)*



## **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.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.





**A** Bless we the Lord.

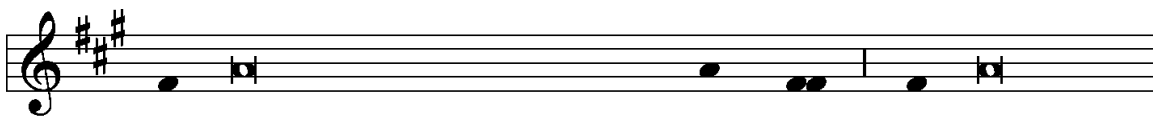
*(Psalm 103:1)*



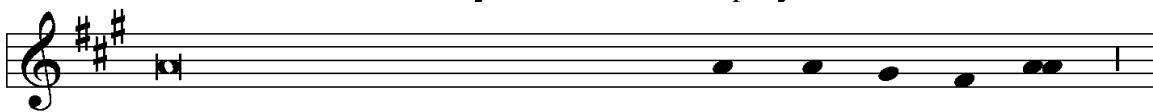
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

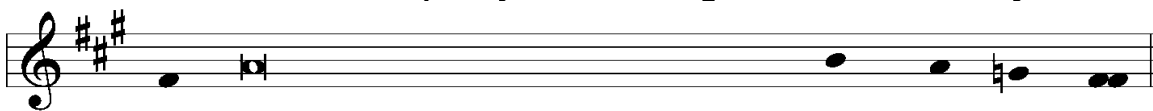
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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

*"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"*

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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*
- Luis Chávez – *Travis and Katrina Miertschin's Friend*
- 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*
- Trevor King – *Tori Thornton's Student*
- 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
- 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
- Haylee Reiley – *Tori Thornton's Student*
- 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 – Cherry Point, 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 Mirlyn Griffin in honor of Samantha Althaus on her birthday.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:**

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 2:00pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – WAVFD – *Fire Station*

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday**

- 7:00pm – Good Friday Service – *Sanctuary*

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – WACA Spring Fling/Pancake Breakfast – *Zilss Hall*

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday**

- 7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service – *Sanctuary*
  - 8:00am – Easter Breakfast – *Education Building*
  - 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
  - 10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt – *Outside by the Church*
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**Sunday School:** In today's lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.

**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.

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**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.

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**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 **30<sup>th</sup> of March**.

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**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.

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**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/](http://camplonestar.org/summer-camp/) to look at the summer and activities.

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**The Warda Bunch Show Fund** will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$10.50/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. Pre-Orders only by calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

# Spiritual Warfare with Modern Thought

## Men's Retreat

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin has planned a men's retreat at Camp Lone Star for April 19-21 and would like to invite all Central Texas Lutheran men to attend.



Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jordan Cooper, who will be discussing modern philosophers ranging from René Descartes to Michel Foucault, how their thought has shaped our world today and how we should respond as Lutheran theologians. Dr. Cooper is an ordained Lutheran pastor, a Professor of Systematic Theology, the Executive Director of Just and Sinner, and the President of the American Lutheran Theological Seminary.

You can find out more about Dr. Jordan Cooper at <https://www.jordanbcooper.com>.

More information and registration for the retreat can be found at <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/lonestar/>.

## **Moving toward Weekly Communion – Receiving the Sacrament Often and with Joy!**

Beginning next week at our Easter 9:00am Service, we will offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at Saint Michael's!

In previous weeks' bulletins we covered why we are making this transition and addressed a couple of concerns that individuals might have about it.

This week I would like to address one final question that you may personally have: *"If the Lord's Supper is now being offered every week, how often should I receive it?"*

This is, of course, ultimately your own decision, but here are some things to keep in mind. Jesus invites and urges us to come to the Supper "often" and when we receive the Lord's Supper, we receive the forgiveness of sins, comfort, and strength for living a new life in Christ. The Supper also unites us with Christ and our fellow believers across all time and locations.

One might struggle at times with a lack of desire to receive the Sacrament. In this case, the Luther reminds us in the Small Catechism:

*To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.*

In short, we should normally receive the Supper whenever we need what it offers, which is always! While there are some circumstances in which a Christian might not receive the Lord's Supper when it is offered (such as if they are in need of reconciliation with a fellow Christian, or if they are visiting a church that holds to a different confession of faith) normally we gladly receive that which is offered for us at the altar, the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins!

– Pastor Nate



### **Busy Night? Dinner's On Us**

FLHS Booster's Club is selling Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, La Grange, or Giddings on Monday, April 15th. Pre-order by Monday, April 8th. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2024. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2024.

### **Spring Raffle Success**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners!! This year's ticket sales totaled over \$27,000!! Thank you for your support!!

### **FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale**

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on March 29th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

**\*BAKERS ARE NEEDED!\*** We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

**\*DROP OFF LOCATIONS!\*** You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th and 28th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2023 is **March 31, 2024.**





# FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S

## *Annual Good Friday Bake Sale*



Friday, March 29th  
8:00am-12:00pm or sold out

Classic Bank Parking Lot  
825 E. Austin St.  
Giddings, Tx 78942



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