

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church

Lead Me to the Cross

+ PALM / PASSION SUNDAY +

March 24, 2024 + 11:00 am

MORNING SONG

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(beginning with Psalm 32:1-7)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

C: Whose sins are covered.

P: Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him

C: And in whose spirit is no deceit.

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C: Through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

C: My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

P: Then I acknowledged my sin to You

C: And did not cover up my iniquity.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD "

C: And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You while You may be found;

C: Surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

P: You are my hiding place;

C: You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness *(we pause for a time of silent confession)*. O Almighty God. . .

C: Merciful Father, 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: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. 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.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

* **PALM PROCESSIONAL:** *"The Children of Jerusalem," by Pueri Hebraeorum, and Cyprian Consiglio*

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zechariah 9:9–12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL READING: John 12:12-33

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(after the reading the following is said...)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE

MUSICAL OFFERING *(We welcome electronic giving and encourage plate contributions)*

* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Petitions conclude, "Lord, in Your mercy," and all respond, "Hear our prayer")

* THE 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.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING AND SENDING

P: May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

A: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

* CLOSING SONG

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY (3/24)

Presiding Minister (P): Rev. Daniel Maske
Assisting (A) & Preaching: Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann
Musical Leader: Jane Connon
Cantor: Jay Koski
Lay Ministers: Jeff Burnett, Matt Heintz
Ushers: Jesse Hogue
Children's Message: Pastor Toman
Greeters: Meg Bess, Arlene Groll
Lector: Tammy Songer

SERVING SUNDAY (3/31)

Rev. Daniel Maske
Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann
Jane Connon

Mark Kahle, Matt Heintz
Jesse Hogue
Pastor Naumann
Dar Swift, Virginia Hetrick
Jesse Hogue

Zechariah. 9:9–12

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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 12:12-33

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." ²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ "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. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.