

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church

“Jesus Is the Door”

Fourth Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 11, 2026 + 6:30 pm

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* **OPENING HYMN #915:** “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Prov. 14:12; John 14:6; Heb. 10:20; Rom. 5:2*)

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

C: Amen.

P: There is a way that seems right to a man,

C: But its end is the way to death.

P: Jesus said: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

C: No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

P: We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

C: By the new and living way that He opened for us...through His flesh.

P: Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace...

C: And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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.

* EVENING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray aloud together. . .

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Kings 6:1, 19 - 35

BIBLE MESSAGE: “*The Temple Door*” (*Mark 15:38*)

HYMN OF THE DAY #564:1-5 “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

* LENTEN LITANY

P: God the Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

C: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

P: God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us,

C: Be gracious to us, and help us, good Lord.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation and 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 times of our tribulation; in all times 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 to prosper the teaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

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

P: To bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayer; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

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

P: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

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 upon us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

*** 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.

*** BENEDICTION** *(based on Psalm 121:5-8)*

P: May the Lord be your keeper; your shade on your right hand so that the sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. May the Lord keep you from all evil; may He keep your life. And may the Lord keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN #743:1, 2, 6** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

1 Kings 6:1, 19 – 35

In the four hundred and eightieth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD. The inner sanctuary he prepared in the innermost part of the house, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ²⁰ The inner sanctuary^[a] was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid^[b] an altar of cedar. ²¹ And Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold, and he drew chains of gold across, in front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold. ²² And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

²³ In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olivewood, each ten cubits high. ²⁴ Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. ²⁵ The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form. ²⁶ The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. ²⁷ He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house. And the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one touched the one wall, and a wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; their other wings touched each other in the middle of the house. ²⁸ And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

²⁹ Around all the walls of the house he carved engraved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms. ³⁰ The floor of the house he overlaid with gold in the inner and outer rooms.

³¹ For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olivewood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided.^[c] ³² He covered the two doors of olivewood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. He overlaid them with gold and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

³³ So also he made for the entrance to the nave doorposts of olivewood, in the form of a square, ³⁴ and two doors of cypress wood. The two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. ³⁵ On them he carved cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and he overlaid them with gold evenly applied on the carved work.