

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church

“Jesus Is the Door”

Fifth Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 18, 2026 + 6:30 pm

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* **HYMN #439:1-4, 12** - “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

* **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 READING: John 10:1-10

BIBLE MESSAGE: “*The Door of the Sheep*” (*John 10:7-9*)

HYMN OF THE DAY #526: “You Are the Way; through You Alone”

* 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 #711: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Preaching: *Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann*

Organist: *Keith Eiser*

Lector: *Dave Drzewiecki*

John 10:1-10

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.