

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church and School

+ Palm / Passion Sunday +

March 29, 2026 + 8:30 am

Divine Service for Lent

(a modified version of Divine Service 1)

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(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* OPENING VERSICLES *(Mark 11:1-10)*

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

C: Amen.

P: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them,

C: "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'"

P: And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them,

C: "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

P: And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

C: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #443: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *(the children parade with palms)*

* CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(taken from page 290 in LSB)*

P: Beloved in the Lord, since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, seeking His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(we pause for a time of silent reflection and 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: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

C: Amen.

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE FOR LENT #442:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

* **SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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: Isaiah 50:4–9a

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 27:15 – 54

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh 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.

* **NICENE CREED** *(page 158 in LSB)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BIBLE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #444: "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(As petitions conclude with, "Lord, in Your mercy," all respond with "Hear our prayer")

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(page 161 in LSB)*

* **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *(left side column on page 162 in LSB)*

* **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *(left side column on page 162 in LSB)*

* **LORD'S PRAYER** *(left side column on page 162 in LSB)*

* **PAX DOMINI** *(page 163 in LSB)*

* **AGNUS DEI** *(page 163 in LSB)*

HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

#560: "Drawn to the Cross"

Choir: "He Came in Love," by Jimmy and Carol Owens

#449: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

* **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** *(right side column on page 166 in LSB)*

* **BENEDICTION** *(page 166 in LSB)*

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CLOSING HYMN #436:** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY (3/29)

Presiding Minister (P): Rev. Daniel Maske
Assisting (A) & Preaching: Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann
Organist: Keith Eiser
Lay Ministers: Perry Norman, Harold DeFouw
Ushers: Jack Spenner, Matt Quardokus
Eric & Tim VanOrman
Greeters: Nonie Knight, Arlene Groll
Children's Message: Pastor Maske
Lector: Nonie Knight

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY 4/5)

Rev. Daniel Maske
Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann
Keith Eiser
Jeff Lauterbach, Dave Drzewiecki
Don, Mike, Rich Crampton
Steve Lange, jr.
Nonie Knight, Arlene Groll
Pastor Naumann
Nonie Knight

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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.

Matthew 27:15–54

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am

the Son of God.”⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”