

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church

“Jesus Is the Door”

Third Mid-Week Lenten Service
March 4, 2026 + 6:30 pm

(* = please stand)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

* OPENING HYMN #531:1-2 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

* 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: Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27

HYMN OF THE DAY #547:1-4 “The Lamb”

BIBLE MESSAGE: “The Passover Door” (Exodus 12:1-13)

* 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 #550:** "Lamb of God"

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

Organist: Keith Eiser

Lector: Linda Fry

Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷ "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' ²⁷ you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.