

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 5, 2024**

*400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212*

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please Stand*

### GATHERING HYMN

*I Come With Joy*

**ELW 482**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98 (Sung Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the  
earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

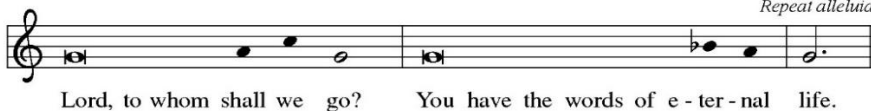
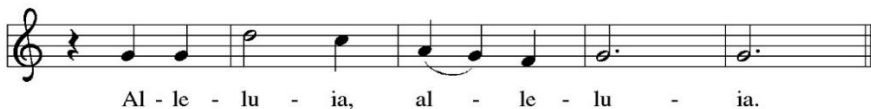
<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please Sit*

## **MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

**ELW 708**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for . . . . God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## THANKSGIVING AND MEAL

*We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### OFFERING

*We offer the convenience of **secure online giving** through [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com). Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each entrance/exit for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*A New Commandment*

Choir

*Please Stand*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

### OFFERING SONG

*Be Not Afraid*

ELW 388

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Sung responsively)*

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

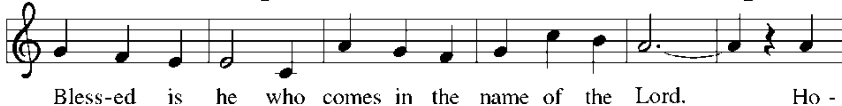
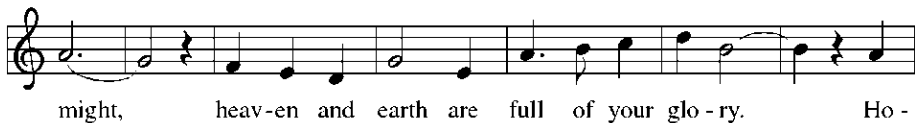
*Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

This is the day that in joy and delight we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you, all holy and mighty and glorious God. For Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

This is the day that you gave light to the earth. This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom. Now every night is as bright as day, and that light is Christ:

**Thanks be to God.**

This is the day that you broke the chains of death. This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth, you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace. The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit. Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior. Illumine our lives with your presence, and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race, for that light is Christ:

**Thanks be to God.**

All holy and mighty and glorious God, radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit, we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy, and we praise your victory through all time and space, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

Amen and amen. **Amen and amen.**

***Saint Michael Lutheran Church 1852 Lord's Prayer***

H.S. Hoy

*This version of the 1852 Lord's Prayer will be sung by the congregation for the Easter season.*

*Copies of the original print are available in the narthex.*

***Our Fa-ther who art in Heav-en hal-low-ed be thy name, Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heav-en Give us day by day our dai-ly bread, give us day by day our dai-ly bread, give us day by day our dai-ly bread. And for-give our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. Lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil: For thine is the king-dom and the pow-er, and the glo-ry. For thine is the king-dom and the pow-er, and the glo-ry. A-men.***

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

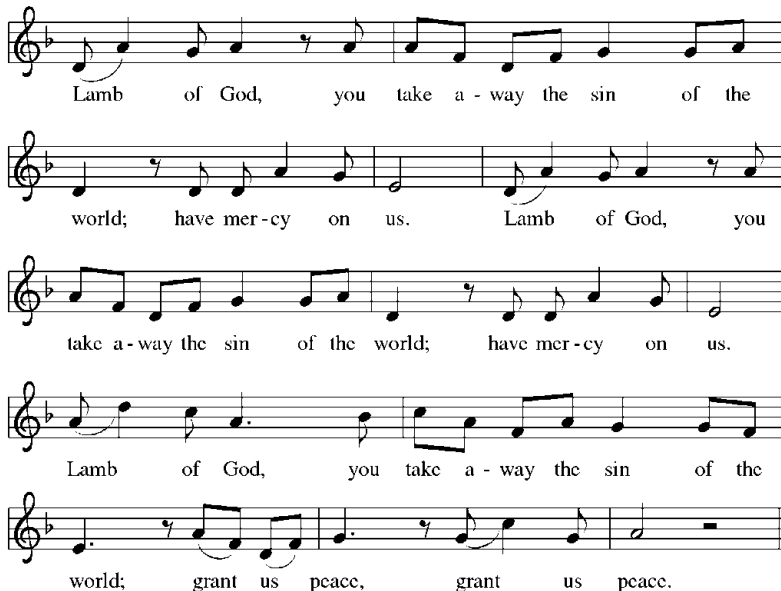


*Please Sit*

## COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. For those who are able, an usher will instruct the congregation when to come forward using the center aisle; please return to your pew using the side aisles. Wine, juice (white), and gluten-free wafers are available. Please alert an usher if you require assistance so communion can be brought to you.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

*Please Stand*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**ELW 836**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Carolyn Cook

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Karla Maloney

Ushers: Paul Nevergoll & Steve Evans

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriet Anderson by Pastors Frank & Mary Anderson.

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**SHRED DAY is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.** If there is a line, you will be limited to 3 boxes per vehicle. If you have more than 3 boxes, please call Kris. There may be room in the church bin!

**TAKING RESERVATIONS!** Fireflies May 15<sup>th</sup> game tickets are \$40 each plus a contribution towards the transportation expense. Please talk to Kris! Just a few tickets left!! Remember to bring clear bags and credit or debit cards for food and beverages as Segra Park is a “no cash” facility. There will be a couple communal snacks but most folks will probably want to order a sandwich, etc. for lunch. Cash can be used to tip the server and/or bus driver.

**PASTOR ELISE ANDERSON INSTALLATION** will be **Sunday, May 19th at 5 pm**, held at St. John Lutheran in Abingdon, Virginia! Should you like to send a note or card, the address for St. John is 807 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** 4:55 pm Mon & Fri Update Calls from Pastor Frank!

TODAY, May 5

9:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Easter 6**

Sunday School  
Choir Warmup  
**Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming**

Tuesday, May 7

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH  
5:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns at Craft & Draft, Irmo

Wednesday, May 8

10:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Resurrection Narratives – Fellowship Hall  
Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

*Ascension Day*

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, May 10

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid-Morning Meeting*) ChEd  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Shred Day (West parking lot) Up to 3 boxes per vehicle!

Next Sunday, May 12

9:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Easter 7**

Sunday School  
Choir Warmup  
**Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming**

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**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

**FOR FRIENDS--HOME, REHAB, SENIOR LIVING\* AND/OR ILL**

*Dot Black	-----	David Heinrich	Jane Potts
*Bob & Joyce Bowers	Kristin Belusko	Jill Lee	Melinda Sharpe
*Don Buff	Drew Colley	Mickey Lindler	Marla Smith
*Rose Colley	Donny Day	Crosby Livingston	JoAnn Smoak
*Helen Derrick	Jackie Dunning	Angie Matlosz	Richard Starnes
*Virgie Dreher	Danny Fulmer	Terry Matlosz	Marlene Stirewalt
*Barbara Fowler	Lisa Gillespie	Gary McManus	Bruce Whelchel
*Alma Paulson	Douglas Gourley	Bob Michelsen	
*Miriam Shealy	Joy Gunter	Harry O'Quinn	
*Tommae Sligh	Tim Hart	Brooke Pittman	

**MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY, INCLUDING:**

Tyler Alexander, USMC; Sherri Spangler's grandson  
Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana Riley's niece  
Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn Cook's grandson  
Grant Frick, SCNG: Linda Frick's grandson  
Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla Maloney's son  
Griffin McLeod, SCNG-deployed; Mandy McLeod's son  
Brian Pipkin, SCNG: Louie & Imogene Conder's SIL  
Hunter Purvis USA; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's SIL



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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



**If you are a guest, welcome!** Please ask an usher for a blue *Connections Card* and drop it in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to learn about membership or have other questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

**Tithe.ly online giving** available in the app store, [www.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give), or direct via the ONLINE GIVING tab at [www.stmichael1814.com](http://www.stmichael1814.com). One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, safe,

and funds are deposited immediately. Personal information is secure, and you can change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available on the drop down fund menu. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

**Restrooms located** in both the Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

**Children are always welcome** in our worship service, but for those who desire it, a nursery is located in the Administrative Building. We stream via Facebook Live.

**Large Print** bulletins available from an usher.

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Karen Shevenell, Cantor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*