

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 2025

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.
Our worship **begins** at the Prelude, as we hear God's word in music.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ELW SETTING ONE

pages 97-113

Please Stand if you are able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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GATHERING HYMN

Voices Raised to You

ELW 845

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.**

KYRIE (*Sung Responsively*) ***In Peace Let Us Pray to the Lord***

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

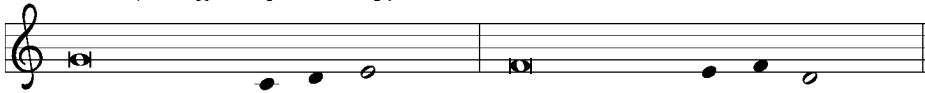
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617

PSALM 111 (*Sung Responsively*)



¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

² **Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures
forever.**

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Please Stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia with Verse

ELW Pg. 102

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Stephanie Martin

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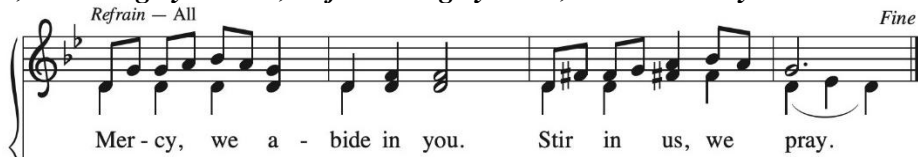
HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 864

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

ACS 1077, vs. 1 sung by Leader; Refrain sung by choir, second time by ALL



Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another.

ACS 1077, vs. 2 sung by Leader; Refrain 1st by choir, 2nd by ALL

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing *especially*...

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ.

ACS 1077, vs. 3 sung by Leader; Refrain 1st by choir, 2nd by ALL

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please Sit

THANKSGIVING

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

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Thanksgiving Be to God

Choir

Please Stand if you are able

OFFERING HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Brian & Kristi Kunar

Lector: Harry Metz

Message: Stephanie Martin

Worship Assistant: Kris Esgar

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

MANY THANKS TO STEPHANIE MARTIN for bringing our message today. We are so appreciative of her stepping in as a lay worship leader. Stephanie has helped lead *Bold Women Sunday* in the past, and we can't wait to hear from her again. We are blessed.

◆ **THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** *Mon & Fri Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm* ◆

TODAY, October 12th

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Pentecost 18

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

Worship

Tuesday, October 14th 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

6:00 p.m. *Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, October 15th

10:00 a.m. *Lunch & Learn, Fellowship Hall*

Thursday, October 16th

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

Kris out of office—cell 803-920-0842 for pastoral emergency

Friday, October 17th

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd
Kris out of office—cell 803-920-0842 for pastoral emergency

Saturday, October 18th

9-10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, October 19th

Pentecost 19

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

10:30 a.m.

Worship



FREE! Community Welcome!

10 am Fellowship + 10:30 am Program 11:45 am Lunch

Presented by the Shepherd's Center of Columbia

LUNCH & LEARN

October 15

We'll explore the Golden Age of Hollywood Motion Pictures and the incredible music that made them memorable! A sing-a-long may break out!

**PLEASE
RSVP
for
Lunch!!**

FELLOWSHIP & BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
11:45 A.M.**

**GOLDEN BAY SEAFOOD
ST. ANDREWS RD**



Transitions is our community partner for October. Since 2011, they have placed more than 4087 people into permanent housing and served 2.75 million meals. New socks and underwear for both men and women are needed and appreciated. Gently used cold weather outer wear can also be donated. As always, monetary gifts are welcomed, too. Your generosity and compassion are very much appreciated.

AF-AM CEMETERY WORKDAY

October 25th

Saturday, 9 am til Noon

Please bring gloves, rakes, loppers, wagons, etc.



**Come and
Join Us!**

We will be moving limbs, clearing debris, and **resetting several headstones**. Lots of work was accomplished at the last workday enabling the ground penetrating radar to “read” some new areas this past week. (They surprised us and came early). We’ll get results in a few weeks. Thanks for your help.



ADULT NIGHT OUT

We're finally getting together again for a night of fun & fellowship. Meet us at the British Bulldog on Bowers Parkway on Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30 for Cocktails. Dinner Orders will begin at 6:30 to allow time for the working members to meet us. Hopefully, we'll have the back room. Talk to Kris if you have questions.

The British Bulldog is an English style pub with good food, a variety of adult beverages & soft drinks. They specialize in showing all the major soccer/futbol games and tourneys.





**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS:
FOR FRIENDS--#HOME, ^REHAB, *SENIOR LIVING AND/OR ILL**

Ken & ^Dot Black
 *Don & Gwen Buff
 *Rose Colley
 *Helen Derrick
 #Barbara DeVore
 #Virgie Dreher
 *Barbara Fowler
 *Alma Paulson
 Grady & #Melinda Sharpe

#Miriam Shealy
 #Larry Slice
 *Tommae Sligh

 Dea Baughman
 Kristin Belusko
 Donny Day
 Lisa Gillespie
 Douglas Gourley

Joy Gunter
 Bo Harris
 David Heinrich
 Vicky Huggins
 Jill Lee
 Angie Matlosz
 Terry Matlosz
 Gary McManus
 John & Judy Olson

Harry O'Quinn
 Brooke Pittman
 Jane Potts
 Reggie Price
 Marlene Stirewalt
 Bruce Whelchel

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
 Hunter Purvis USA-*deployed*; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's son-in-law
 2-17 Air Combat Squadron-*deployed*



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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!

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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 and **Children's** books & activities available from an usher.



The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

Karen Shevenell, Cantor

Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator

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