

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

October 19, 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

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#### ***ELW SETTING ONE***

*pages 97-113*

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*Please Stand if you are able*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**ELW pg. 97**

### GATHERING HYMN

***Rise Up, O Saints of God***

**ELW 669**

### 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***

**ELW pg. 98**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

***This is the Feast***

**ELW pg. 101**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please Sit*

# WORD

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

## FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

## HYMN

## *Ask the Complicated Questions*

ACS 1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - ump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

### PSALM 121 (*Sung Responsively*)



- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore.**

HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW 773

### SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

<sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

*Please Sit*

**MESSAGE**

Harry Metz

*Please Stand if you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

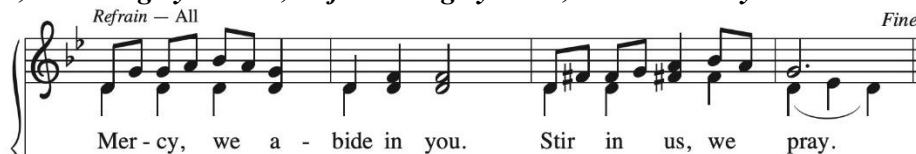
*Give Me Jesus*

ELW 770

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

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



We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world.

*ACS 1077, vs. 2 sung by Leader; Refrain 1<sup>st</sup> by choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ALL*

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer *especially....*

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for Saint Michael Lutheran. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed especially our brother Larry Slice. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ.

*ACS 1077, vs. 3 sung by Leader; Refrain 1<sup>st</sup> by choir, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*We offer **secure online giving** through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Please see the back page for more. Offering plates located at each entrance/exit. If you need an envelope or assistance, please ask an usher.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

***Lord, Listen to the Children Praying***

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

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

**ELW 717**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Brian & Kristi Kunar  
Lector: Kate Brighton  
Message: Harry Metz  
Worship Assistant: Kris Esgar

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Alec and Landen's birthday by Paul & Judith Nevegoll.

**MANY THANKS TO HARRY METZ** for bringing the message for today's service. Harry has served as a lay worship leader over the years for the Mens' Programs and for special LMM meetings. We look forward to hearing him again today. We are so blessed.

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

TODAY, October 19<sup>th</sup>

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**10:30 a.m.**

*Pentecost 19*

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

**Worship**

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

12:00 p.m.

**6:00 p.m.**

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

**LMM Dinner Meeting—Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**10:00 a.m.**

**11:45 a.m.**

**NO Bible Study—James, Fellowship Hall**

**Fellowship Luncheon—Golden Bay Seafood**

Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd

*Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>*

*9-10 a.m.*

**9-Noon**

*Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room*

**Af-Am Cemetery Clean Up**

Next Sun, October 26<sup>th</sup>

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**10:30 a.m.**

*Reformation Sunday—Wear Red*

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

**Worship with Holy Communion**



## FELLOWSHIP & BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**11:45 A.M.**

**GOLDEN BAY SEAFOOD**

**ST. ANDREWS RD**

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**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 also welcomed. Your generosity and compassion are very much appreciated.

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**Come and  
Join Us!**

## AF-AM CEMETERY WORKDAY

**October 25th**

**Saturday, 9 am til Noon**

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

We will be moving limbs, clearing debris, and trying to clear a bit more area nearest the pasture. Ground penetrating radar will be back in November so we have to clear wherever they will be “looking” for additional remains and fieldstones.



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Dea Baughman  
Donny Day  
Lisa Gillespie

Douglas Gourley  
Joy Gunter  
Bo Harris  
David Heinrich  
Vicky Huggins  
Jill Lee  
Angie Matlosz  
Terry Matlosz

Gary McManus  
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!

**Tithe.ly online giving** direct via the ONLINE GIVING tab at [www.stmichael1814.com](http://www.stmichael1814.com) and available in the app store, [www.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled. The

process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately.

**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*

*WiFi: StMichaels\_Guest PW: Sunday!!*