

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 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

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Please Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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GATHERING HYMN *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

ELW 863

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. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia with Verse

ELW Pg. 102

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

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

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

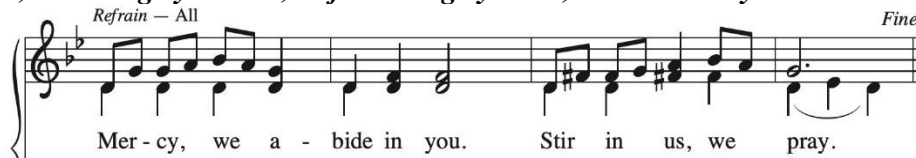
How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

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



O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence.

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

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor *especially*.... Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus 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.

Please Sit

THANKSGIVING AND MEAL

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

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SPECIAL MUSIC

A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord

Choir

Please Stand

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*We Walk By Faith
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**ELW 635
ELW 759**

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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
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

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 813

DISMISSAL

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

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Brian & Kristi Kunar
Lector: Linda May
Sacristans: Kristi Kunar, Rita Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Elise Anderson on her 39th birthday by Pastors Mary and Frank Anderson.

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

TODAY, October 5th

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

Pentecost 17

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Worship with Holy Communion

Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 7th

12:00 p.m.

5-7:15 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Beer & Hymns—Craft & Draft, Irmo

Wednesday, October 8th

10:00 a.m.

Lunch & Learn—The Wizard of Oz-- Fellowship H.

Thursday, October 9th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, October 10th

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd

Saturday, October 11th

9-10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, 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

Animal Blessing

TODAY

4:00 p.m.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF has boots-on-the-ground when mother nature strikes as well as in times of war and strife. Please consider a donation before the end of September, as we are in the midst of Hurricane Season. Your gift and compassion are appreciated.





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

Ken & ^Dot Black	#Miriam Shealy	Douglas Gourley	John & Judy Olson
*Don & Gwen Buff	#Larry Slice	Joy Gunter	Harry O'Quinn
*Rose Colley	*Tommae Sligh	Bo Harris	Brooke Pittman
*Helen Derrick	-----	David Heinrich	Jane Potts
#Barbara DeVore	Dea Baughman	Vicky Huggins	Reggie Price
#Virgie Dreher	Kristin Belusko	Jill Lee	Marlene Stirewalt
*Barbara Fowler	Bill Colley	Angie Matlosz	Bruce Wheelchel
*Alma Paulson	Donny Day	Terry Matlosz	
Grady & #Melinda Sharpe	Lisa Gillespie	Gary McManus	

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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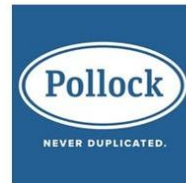
BEER & HYMNS

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Please Join us Tuesday, October 7th from 5:15-7:30 as we enjoy fellowship, a bite to eat, beverages and some familiar songs. You are NOT required to sing if you prefer to just listen and enjoy. It's a fun time for all and is open to the community so feel free to bring friends.

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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

WiFi: StMichaels_Guest PW: Sunday!!