

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Worship with Holy Communion
All Saints Day*

November 1, 2020

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

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

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.

**Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

1 *Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak—
the strong, who once were weak!*

Pastor & Women only

2 *Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,*

*the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.*

4 *Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.*

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the

throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Pastor sings*





You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Saints

ELW 422

1 *For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Cantor & Women

2 *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Pastor & Men

5 *The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh
rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

7 *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast, through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year, especially.... In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **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

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Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

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.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. **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.**

Please Sit

COMMUNION

The Pastor will instruct the congregation when to take communion from their pew. Wine, juice, and gluten-free wafers are labeled and available at each entrance on the first Sunday each month. Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. Please contact the pastor for home communion.

LAMB OF GOD *Sung by Pastor*

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

ELW 873

*1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your king.*

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

Pastor & Men

*3 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,*

true rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain
Cantor & Women

*4 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness
wend
till dawns the golden day. Refrain*

*6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR: Linda Frick

USHERS: Dean Whitecotton, Gerry Goegeline, Bo Harris, Larry Slice

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Roscoe and Ludell Slice, and my brother-in-law, Thurston Squires by Larry Slice.

HOME COMMUNION available through Pastor Frank or the office. Each cup is individually sealed and contains a wafer and juice serving. We can put together several servings in a sealed plastic bag and deliver curbside if you call in advance!

NEWSLETTERS IN NARTHEX for those that generally pick them up in church. They are spread out on the table to try to avoid too much handling but please feel free to get yours before you depart.



ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

Due to COVID-19, there are special procedures for voting. Please check the newsletter for more information and look for a letter next week! There are copies of the proposed budget in the narthex or you can contact the office for a copy prior to the meeting.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, November 1

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

All Saints Day

Sunday School—FH

Worship with Holy Communion (1st Sunday)

Also Streaming Online

AA Meeting—FH

Tuesday, November 3

ELECTION DAY—Voting in FH

12:00 noon AA Meeting—Choir Room

Wednesday, November 4

Office Closed

NO Bible Study

Thursday, November 5

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Next Sunday, November 8

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday School—FH

Worship—Also Streaming Online

AA Meeting—FH

Every Monday and Friday, expect a call from Pastor Frank at 4:55 p.m.

#KeepingUsConnected



*Please remember to toss your empty communion cups and
bulletins in the blue recycle bins as you exit today!*

Any other items should be placed in the regular trash cans.

Your assistance is appreciated!

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS
FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND* OR ILL**

Bill Adams
Roy Adams
Shirlene Adams
Dot Black
Gwen Buff
*Helen Derrick
*Virgie Dreher
June Fulmer
Gloria Helgeson
John Kreykenbohm



Jill Lee
Mickey Lindler
Caroline McCauley
Scott McCauley
Gayle Michelsen
Sandra Michelsen
Linda Miller
Susan Norcutt
Erna Prawdzik
Phyllis Ruttonsha



*Billie Schnabel
*Olene Sons
Richard Starnes
Terry Stokes
Ed Thomas
Amber Tressler
Brady Waites
Bruce William
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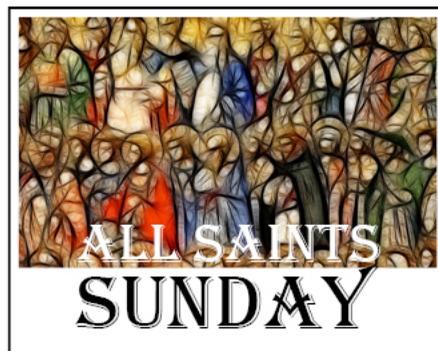
**FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE
MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY, INCLUDING:**



Tyler Alexander, grandson of Sherri Spangler, USMC
Samantha Davis, niece of Gene & Diana Riley, US Army
Grant Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, SC National Guard
Victor Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, US Army
Phil Lake, husband of Bridgett (Sloan) Lake, US Naval Reserve
George McArthur, son of Judith Tolhurst, USMC In Japan
Griffin Mcleod, son of Amanda Mcleod, SC National Guard
Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard
William Woodruff, son of Jeff And Libby Woodruff, US Army

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS...

Cecil Amick	Clarence Jay
Raymond Black	Susan Johnston
Enoch Boozer	Verta Koon
LaDonna Clark	Cecil Lowman
Blaine Colley	Noland Livingston
Clarence Faber	Fred Mills
Cindy Fikas	Margie Mills
Marjorie Fulmer	Edwin J. Shuler
Jernie (JC) Green	Thurston Squires
Frank Griffin	Ronald Tuten, Sr.



SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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If you are a guest, welcome! Please ask an usher for a blue Connections Card and drop 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 or www.tithe.ly/give. Set up a secure profile, search "St. Michael Lutheran" and click on our church. 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. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

Restrooms are 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 with the service available via audio.

Large Print and **Kids Celebrate** bulletins available from an usher

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

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