SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026

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

Please Stand if you are able

GATHERING SONG ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **ELW 715**

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 *Pastor Sings Verses, Congregation Sings Refrain* **ELW pg 184**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

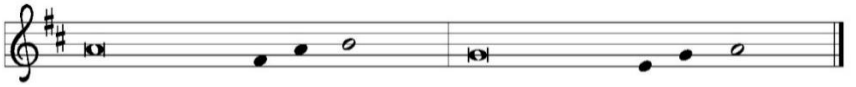
and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 Sung Responsively



1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night;
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**

in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
12 So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

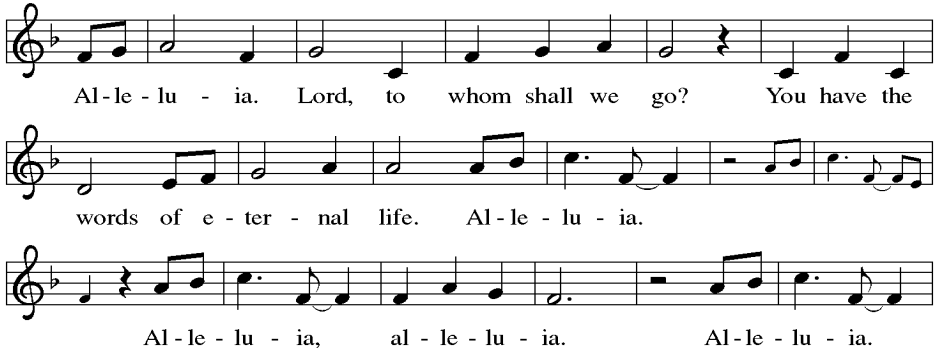
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

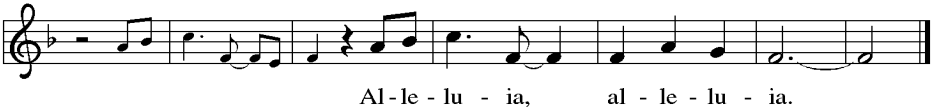
1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there
will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us
keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the
breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Please Stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who
had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one
who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five
more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five
more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in
a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I
knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you
did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you
have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did
you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

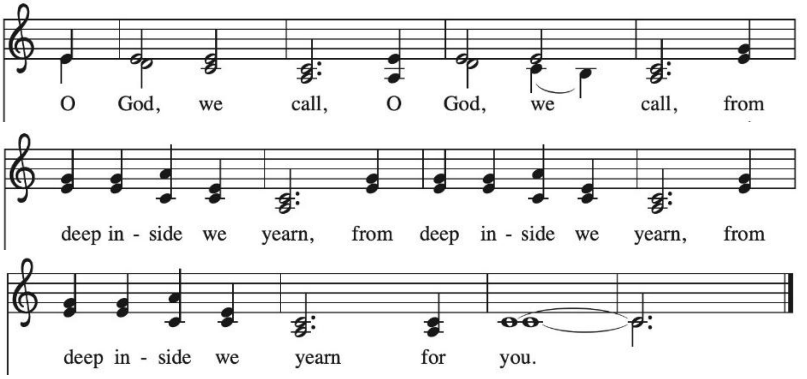
Please Sit

MESSAGE Jim Kinsler

Please Stand if you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*** **ELW 707**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ***Response sung to ACS 1075 (below); words in bold italic***
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.



You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially*). Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
(See music above)
O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing *especially*…. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
(See music above)
O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.
The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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*** *on our website through Tithe.ly. Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each door for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.*

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Steal Away*** Choir

Please Stand

OFFERING SONG ***Praise and Thanksgiving*** **ELW 689**

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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 **ELW pg 190**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE **PRAYER V, pg 65**

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
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please Sit

LAMB OF GOD **ELW pg 191**

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 SONGS ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** **ELW 632**
Light Dawns on a Weary World **ELW 726**

Please Stand if you are able

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ***Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ*** **ELW 674**

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP
Ushers: The Nevergolls
Lector: Joe Cousins
Sacristans: Carolyn Cook, Karla Maloney

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

WE WELCOME JIM KINSLER as our guest pastor today. Jim retired from the Lutheran Church By the Lake in McCormick, SC a few years back. He supports the Lutheran Retreat Centers, enjoys hiking and has even hiked the Appalachian Trail. We appreciate having him with us today.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL *4:55 pm M/F Update Calls from Pastor Frank!*

TODAY, Sunday, Nov 15th ***Pentecost 25***
9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Tuesday, Nov 17th	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting *(Back to Basics Group)* FH
Wednesday, Nov 18th	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study, Exodus -- Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Nov 19th	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting *(Back to Basics Group)* FH
Friday, Nov 20th	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting *(Mid Morning Group)* ChEd
Saturday, Nov 21st	9-10 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sunday, November 22nd ***Christ the King***
9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

CONGRATULATIONS! The newly wed Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Alyssa Lynch) Schuver celebrated their nuptials yesterday, November 14th in Homestead, FL. They will be settling in Huntsville, AL after a honeymoon trip. Congrats to the happy couple and to parents & grandparents of the groom, Jim & Christine, and Bruce & Connie. Can't wait to see the pictures!



Hands That Help Signup in Narthex



You can help a child or single adult in our community, from a working family, where the adults are struggling with language barriers. Your help will provide something "nice" to put under the tree this Christmas. Bring unwrapped gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 6th. Don't forget to attach the hand to your gift. Thank you.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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

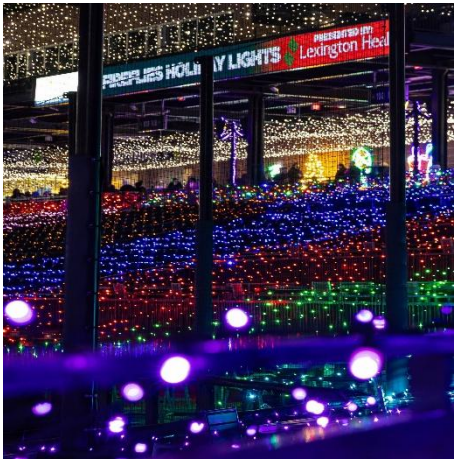
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Gary McManus
Harry O'Quinn
Jane Potts
Marlene Stirewalt
Bruce Whelchel
#Sabrina Whitecotton

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

Tyler Alexander, USMC: Sherri Spangler's grandson
Samantha Davis, USA-*Europe*; Gene & Diana Riley's niece
Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn Cook's grandson
Grant Frick, SCNG-*deployed;* Linda Frick's grandson
Liam Maloney, SCNG; Mike & Karla Maloney's son







Segra Park—Fireflies Holiday Lights runs from November 26 – January 3. Discounted tickets available (limited quantities) in the office. $10 each. Can be used any night. This is a wonderful display that rivals the Riverbanks Zoo. Lots of interactive games, prizes, and surprises. Well worth the trip downtown. Great gift idea for neighbors, the grands, great-grands!



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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 available in the app store or www.stmichael1814.com/online-giving. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, secure, and funds are deposited immediately. Designations for memorials 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 worship service available via Facebook Live.

Large Print and Kids Celebrate bulletins 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!!