

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 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 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

ELW 241

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. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM 98 (*Sung Responsively*)



¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made | known your victory,**
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;**
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn**
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers | clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand

you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand if you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

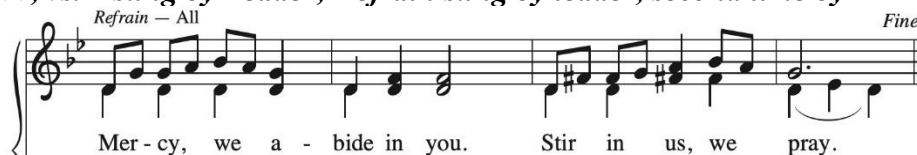
O God, of Every Nation

ELW 713

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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



God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ’s call.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good.

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

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and

harmd by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind *especially....*

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful

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

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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

OFFERING

We offer secure online giving through 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

Nothing Can Trouble

Choir

Please Stand if you are able

OFFERING HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW pg. 108-109

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

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Please Sit

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 112-113

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

Please Stand if you are able

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. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Bob & Rita Anderson

Lector: Rita Anderson

Sacristans: Sabrina Whitecotton, Deborah Heinrich

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Morgan's 17th birthday by Bill & Lori Colley.

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**ANNUAL MEETING
FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY!!**

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

TODAY, November 16th

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11:35 a.m.

Following

Pentecost 23

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

Worship with Holy Communion

Annual Meeting, then brief Council Meeting

Potluck Lunch—Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 18th

12:00 p.m.

NO LMM

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Meeting on 11/25—Chrismon Tree

Wednesday, November 19th

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study—Red Letter Jesus—Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 20th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, November 21st

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (*Morning Group*) ChEd

Saturday, November 22nd

9-10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, November 23rd

Christ the King—last Sunday of Liturgical Year C

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

10:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

It's time again for "Hands That Help".

Each hand represents a child in an ESL family in our Lex/Rich 5. Please find a hand; age, gender, and favorite items or colors are noted. Put your name by that number on the separate list.

*Gifts and/or gift cards should be UNWRAPPED and returned with the hand no later than **Sunday, December 9th** so the gifts can be distributed. Kris has brown shopping bags with handles available if you need one. Please keep the value of your gift(s) to \$30 or less. See the bulletin board in the narthex for more information and suggestions.*



Poinsettias are available for dedication in our Christmas Eve bulletin and to grace our candlelight service. Plants may be taken home afterwards. Dedications should be in the office no later than December 15th. A donation of \$20 per plant is asked. Forms are available in the narthex.

Advent at Saint Michael!

We are almost ready to begin the Advent Season! Kris has study guides, advent calendars, Good Gifts information and special holiday cards. Please look at the table in the narthex for many of these items. If you choose to donate towards the Good Gifts program, you may take the ornament home or leave it for decoration on the Goods Gifts Tree of Hope. Please note “good gifts” on your envelope, check or online form. As always, we appreciate your generosity and compassion during the holidays, which can be a difficult time for many.

Beer & Carols—Tuesday December 2nd at Craft & Draft Irmo

Find a tacky Christmas sweater and join us for fun & merriment as we celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season singing well loved carols and enjoying each others company! There may be prizes for the tackiest of sweaters!



Advent Sundays

As we light each Advent candle, begin keeping “watch” for the many travelers who show up in the sanctuary representing the different journeys to Bethlehem. Don’t forget to bring your nativity set Baby Jesus for a special Blessing on December 14th, Advent 3.

Candlelight Christmas Eve



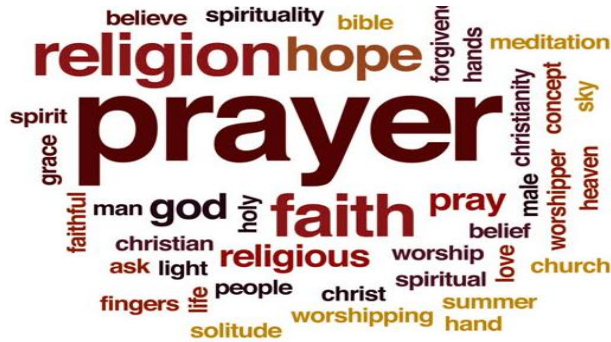
We meet at 4 pm so that all may get home safely or join family for a special Christmas Eve dinner. Be sure to look for special items for the children as well as candy canes with the “story” of why they are around at Christmastime. Please help any younger family members exercise safety with their candles.

Lessons & Carols

We continue the tradition of sharing lessons & carols for the first Sunday following Christmas. This is a great time to get involved by reading a lesson or two. Please let Kris know if you are available.



2026 Altar Flower List coming soon!



**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
*Tommae Sligh

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*

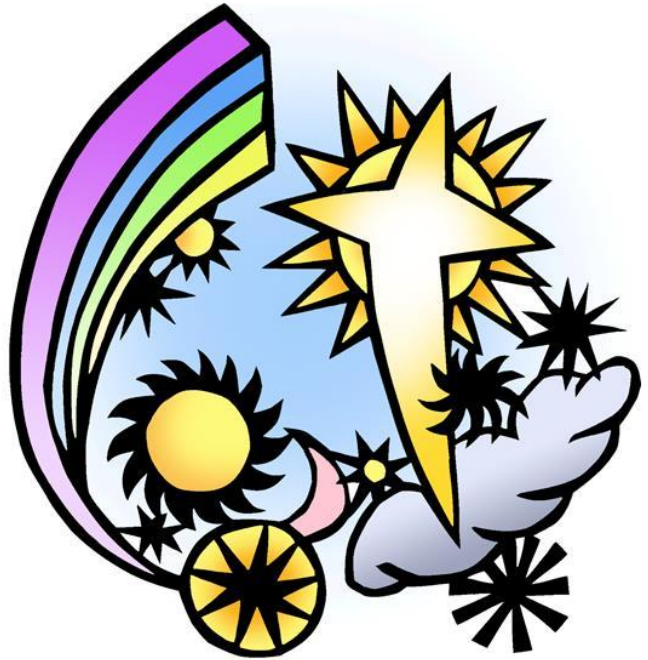


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If you are a guest, welcome! Please ask an usher for a blue *Connections Card* and drop it in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to learn about membership or have other questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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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!!