

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 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

How Small Our Span of Life

ELW 636

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 God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

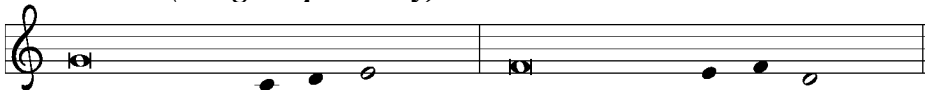
FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

PSALM 17:1-9 (*Sung Responsively*)



- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;**
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against
them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple ¹ of your eye;
hide me under the shadow ¹ of your wings,**
⁹ from the wicked ¹ who assault me,
from my deadly enemies ¹ who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

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HYMN OF THE DAY

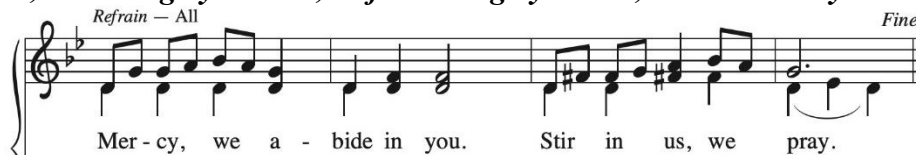
Christ, the Life of All the Living

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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 our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ’s return.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth’s natural resources and the lands from which they come.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world.

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

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body *especially*.... Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory.

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](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

Christ is Living

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

ELW pg. 108

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

***On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand
Jerusalem, My Happy Home***

ELW 437

ELW 628

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

Blessed Assurance

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DISMISSAL

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

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Bob & Rita Anderson

Lector: Carolyn Cook

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook, Karla Maloney

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Fulmer by her daughter Pattie Fulmer.

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**ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL *Mon & Fri Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm*
TODAY, November 9th *Pentecost 22*

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 11th

Thursday, November 13th

Saturday, November 15th

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Following

Pentecost 22

Choir Warmup-Choir Room

12:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

9-10 a.m.

11:45 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

Worship with Holy Communion

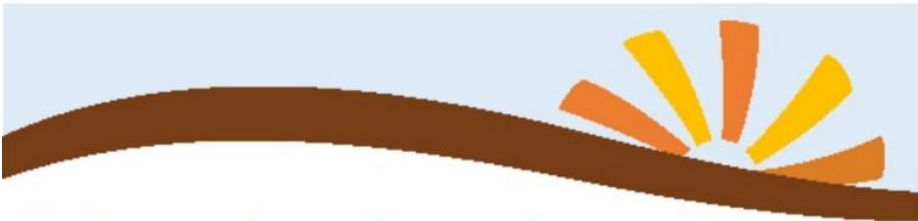
Annual Meeting, then brief Council Meeting

Potluck Lunch—please bring a side or dessert if you are able.

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

*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.*





Picnic in the Park

Bethlehem and Mt. Hermon Lutheran are sponsoring a Dutch Fork Lutheran Church Cluster Gathering in Peak.



* **Saturday, November 15, 2025**

* **Gathering: 11:30 a.m.**

* **Short outdoor service: 11:45 a.m.**

* **Picnic: 12:00 p.m. in Peak Town Park (across from Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church)**

* **Hike, walk or bike: 12:30 p.m., the Palmetto Trail at your own pleasure.**



- ♦ Please bring your lawn chair(s); enough for your family, or picnic blanket and your picnic lunch and drink.
- ♦ Disability access to the trail is in the town of Peak
- ♦ Parking: Parking is available at the Peak Park, and down by the Palmetto Trail a very short distance from the Peak Town Park.
- ♦ Restroom access will be at Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

Come enjoy God's wonderful creation in the great outdoors!



**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*



Veterans' Day is November 11th

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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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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

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