

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Morning Prayer
Christ the King

November 22, 2020

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.
Please speak the responses **gently**. It is recommended that masks are worn during worship.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please Stand

DIALOGUE

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

O God Beyond All Praising

ELW 880

Men & Leaders sing

**1 O God beyond all praising, we worship
you today and sing the love amazing that
songs cannot repay; for we can only
wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings
without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait
upon your word, we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

Leaders sing

**2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must
surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to
you, the Lord most high; but hidden from
all nature the eternal seed is sown—though**

*small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden
grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free, and we through
him are given the final victory.*

Women & Leaders sing

**3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the
love we bring, that we who know your
favor may serve you as our King; and
whether our tomorrows be filled with good
or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still: to marvel at
your beauty and glory in your ways, and
make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

PSALM 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he

shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Pastor sings

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd

separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is the King

ELW 662

Leaders sing

1 *Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Men & Leaders sing

2 *Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Leaders sing

3 *O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Women & Leaders sing

4 *Let Love's all reconciling might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the God of light
Alleluia, 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.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. 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.**

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.**

**those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Please Sit

THANKSGIVING

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** through Tithe.ly. Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each entrance/exit for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

BAPTISMAL SONG

Pastor sings

*I Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow. Number
them among your people; bless as Christ
blessed long ago. Weave them garments
bright and sparkling; compass them with
love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your
Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.*

All sing

**3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways! To your name
be glory, honor! With our lives we
worship, praise! We your people stand
before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer, Recreate
us; God, transform!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Please Stand

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

Men & Leaders sing

- 1** *Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem
drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.*

Leaders sing

- 3** *Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.*

*No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning
eyes at mysteries so bright.*

Women & Leaders sing

- 4** *Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.*

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: Paul Nevergoll

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

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the Glory of God and in memory of Louie W. “Skeek” Conder and Jackie Mitcheom by Imogene & Louie Conder.



PLEASE ASK AN USHER if you need assistance or have a question before worship. Extra bulletins, offering envelopes, etc. are available if needed. They are not in the pews due to COVID.

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

HOLY COMMUNION takes place on the first Sunday of the month due to ongoing COVID precautions. You may select an individual, pre-filled wine, juice, or gluten-free wafer set at the entrance, which you may keep with you until communion. During Holy Communion, the pastor will direct the congregation to partake from the pews. Please remember to deposit empty cups, seals, and bulletins in the blue recycle bins as you exit.

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING—TODAY!!

Please stay so that the business of the church for the next year may be concluded. Results of the council elections and budget approval will be announced after all ballots are tabulated. For those at home, a phone call and email will be sent with the results.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, November 22

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Immediately Following

Until 1:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

Christ the King

Sunday School—FH

Morning Prayer Worship; Also Streaming Online

Annual Congregation Meeting

Drive-In Drop Off for Sistercare—hygiene/personal care items

AA Meeting—FH

Tuesday, November 24

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Wednesday, November 25

10:00 am Bible Study

Thursday, November 26

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Happy Thanksgiving!

Reminder--

OFFICE CLOSED

11/26 & 11/27



Next Sunday, November 29

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday School—FH

Morning Prayer Worship—Also Streaming Online

AA Meeting—FH

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

#KeepingUsConnected

**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
Steve Gann
Gloria Helgeson



John Kreykenbohm
Jill Lee
Mickey Lindler
Caroline McCauley
Scott McCauley
Gayle Michelsen
Sandra Michelsen
Linda Miller
Susan Norcutt



*Billie Schnabel
*Olene Sons
Richard Starnes
Terry Stokes
Ed Thomas
Bruce William
David Wilson
Crystal Wood

**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



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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!

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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

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