SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ the King

November 22, 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 ***Crown Him with Many Thorns*** **ELW 855**

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. 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.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

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.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them

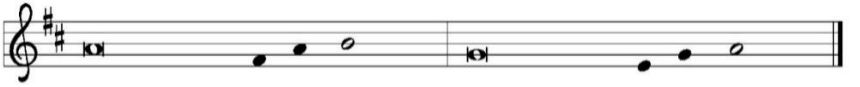
from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, 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.

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

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And 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.**

PSALM 95:1-7a Sung Responsively



1 Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
5 The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

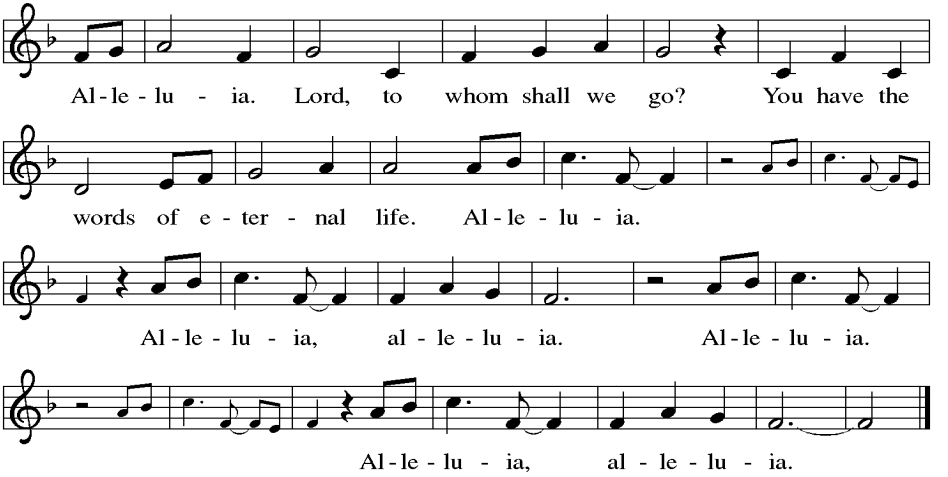
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 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, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart
enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
20 God 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, 21 far 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. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the
goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, 35 for 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, 36 I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’
37 Then 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? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was
it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them,
‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was
hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I 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.’ 44 Then 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?’ 45 Then 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.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

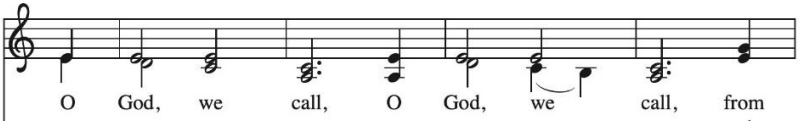
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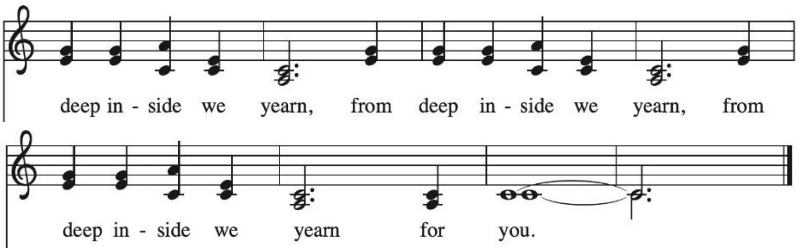
MESSAGE Frank W. Anderson

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HYMN OF THE DAY ***O Christ, What Can it Mean For Us*** **ELW 431**

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.





Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. 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.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need *especially*…. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. 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.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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 soloist

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.

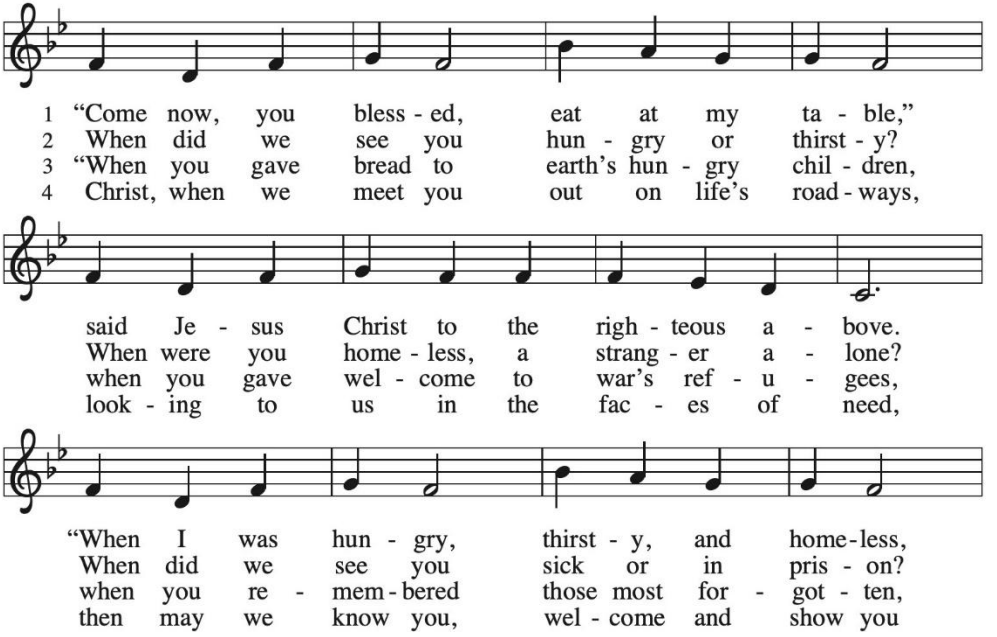
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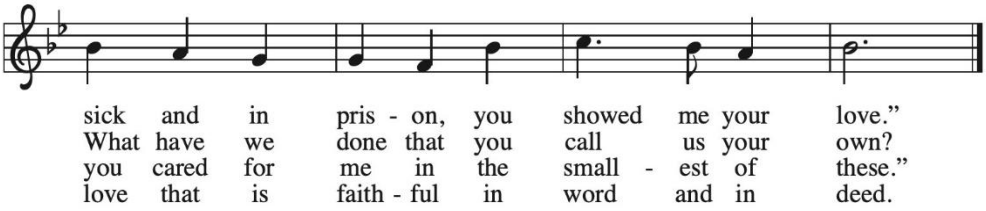
LAMB OF GOD — ELW pg 191

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 — *Come Now, You Blessed* — ACS 1059





For the Fruit of All Creation **ELW 679**

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: Carolyn Cook
Sacristans: Carolyn Cook, Pam Metz

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Danny Fulmer and Larry Slice by Brian & Kristi Kunar.

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

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

Tuesday, Nov 24th 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting *(Back to Basics Group)* FH
6:00 p.m. ***LMM Dinner & Chrismon Tree***

Wednesday, Nov 25th 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Exodus -- Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Nov 26th  **HAPPY THANKSGIVING! OFFICE CLOSED**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting *(Back to Basics Group)* FH

Friday, Nov 27th **OFFICE CLOSED**
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting *(Mid Morning Group)* ChEd

Saturday, Nov 28th 9-10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sunday, November 29th ***Advent 1***
9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS available for a $20 donation. Forms by the offering plate. Plants can be taken home following Christmas Eve worship.

BEER, CAROLS & TACKY SWEATERS! Join us **Tuesday, December 1st** from 5-7:30 at Craft & Draft Irmo for fun, fellowship and Christmas cheer.



SAINT NICHOLAS FESTIVAL! Pilgrim Lutheran**, December 5th at 5 pm.**

HANDS THAT HELP—Due December 6th! Please attach hands to unwrapped gifts.

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING-December 6th –following worship. Agenda includes council elections, budget approval, and alcohol policy revisions. A potluck luncheon follows. Chicken will be provided. Bring a side or dessert if you'd like.



PASTOR MARY'S RETIREMENT—Saturday, December 12th, 3-5 pm; Pilgrim Lutheran.



LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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

#Ken & Dot Black
**Don & Gwen Buff*
#Bill Colley
#Barbara DeVore
**Virgie Dreher*
**Barbara Fowler*
#Julie Goegeline Lucas
#Terry Matlosz
**Alma Paulson*
#Diana Riley
**Tommae Sligh*
#Ed Thomas
**Dean Whitecotton*
#Marie Derrick
Lisa Gillespie
Douglas Gourley
Joy Gunter
Susan Herndon
Vicky Huggins
Jill Lee
Patrick Lindler
Angie Matlosz
Deacon McManus
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





ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 29TH!

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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!!