

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ the King

November 23, 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

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 46 (*Sung Responsively*)



¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Please Stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia with Verse

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GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 23rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

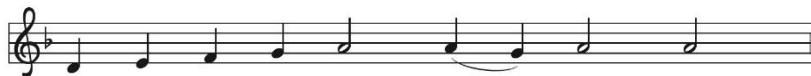
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1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side,
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;

of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

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

Refrain — All *Fine*

Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds.

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth.

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

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick *especially*.... Comfort all in need of your tender care.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise.

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 Be In Me

Issac Shevenell, Soloist

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

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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

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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

***Jesus, Remember Me
Beautiful Savior***

**ELW 616
ELW 838**

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

Crown Him with Many Thorns

ELW 855

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: Karla Maloney, Deborah Heinrich, Carolyn Cook

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and on behalf of our friend Larry Slice, whose memory we all cherish.

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

TODAY, November 23rd

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Christ the King—last Sunday of Liturgical Year C

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, November 25th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

6:00 p.m.

LMM Dinner Meeting—Chrismon Tree

Wednesday, November 26th

10:00 a.m.

NO Bible Study—Red Letter Jesus—Fellowship H

*Thursday, November 27th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

*Friday, November 28th

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd

**Office Closed Thursday-Friday for holiday*

Saturday, November 29th

9-10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, November 30th

Advent 1

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

10:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion



“Hands That Help”--Gifts and/or gift cards should be **UNWRAPPED** and returned with the hand, no later than **Sunday, December 9th**. 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 after worship. 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 fellowship! 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 now available!



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

Patrick Lindler
Angie Matlosz
Terry Matlosz
Gary McManus
Harry O'Quinn
Brooke Pittman
Jane Potts
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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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

WiFi: StMichaels_Guest PW: Sunday!!