

# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



*The Second Sunday of Easter*

**April 11, 2021**

*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*

### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.**

**Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.**

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

**ELW 382**

*I Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him*

*as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.*

**Refrain**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

***Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!***

3 *Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow  
in the rising of today.  
See the grave its firstfruits giving,  
springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living;*

*he was lost, but he is found. Refrain*

4 *Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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: Acts 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

### **PSALM: 133**

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

**<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
or there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Celtic Alleluia*)

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*Please Sit*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

***Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters***

**ELW 445**

*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.*

***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!***

*The family comes forward*

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

*Whitman Manning Hutson*

**APOSTLES' CREED** *Please respond appropriately during the Rite of Holy Baptism*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **WELCOME TO THE CHURCH**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The family returns to their seats*

## **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid, we pray especially for... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; 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

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*I'm Going on a Journey*

*Please Stand*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **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.**

**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.**

*Please Sit*

**LITANY FOR EASTER** *inspired by Psalm 118*

You, Creator God, are so good! At all times, in all places, let all of creation sing praises to your holy name!

**You, O God, continually bless us with a love that endures forever.**

Though we find ourselves separated, uncertain, and distressed about the future, we know you are our God; the one who remains steadfast with us, and so we sing,

**You, O God, continually bless us with a love that endures forever.**

Your healing spirit makes us whole. In your presence our brokenness is transformed; our fears, you soothe.

**You, O God, continually bless us with a love that endures forever.**

Even as we question the world around us, we see your Spirit move and breathe life into our lives. Each day brings new challenges and new marvels. We rejoice in you and we are glad!

**You, O God, continually bless us with a love that endures forever.**

You go before us, and you follow close behind us. You are present in places where our congregation gathers, in our homes, and in our hearts. Your Spirit fills us with songs of thanksgiving and you place upon our lips sweet alleluias to your name.

**You, O God, continually bless us with a love that endures forever.**

To you we give praise! To the One who creates order from chaos, who inspires all good things, and guides us as a loving parent guides their children, we celebrate and glorify your name!

**You, O God, continually bless us with a love that endures forever.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**



## SENDING SONG

*1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.*

### Refrain

*Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;*

## Thine Is The Glory

*endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!*

*2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and  
gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of  
triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death  
hath lost its sting! Refrain*

ELW 376

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Interim Musician: Harold “Hoss” Jefferies  
Lector: Linda Frick  
Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Paul Nevergoll

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Whitman Manning Hutson by his grandparents, Mike & Joyce Burgess.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL’S

### TODAY, April 11

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Sunday School

Worship—also streaming

### Tuesday, April 13

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

### Wednesday, April 14

10:00 a.m.

11am-1pm

Bible Study—FH studying Books of Samuel

*Community Shred Event—Safe & Secure*



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### Community Shred Event

Wednesday, April 14

11 am—1 pm



### Thursday, April 8

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

### Next Sunday, April 18

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Sunday School

Worship—Also streaming



Today, Sunday, April 11, 2021  
we celebrate the baptism of

## Whitman Manning Hutson

Infant son of  
Grayson Hutson  
and  
Lauren Burgess Hutson

Born December 31, 2020

Mike & Joyce Burgess, Grandparents  
Bill & Carol Hutson, Grandparents  
Harrison Hutson, Big Sister

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church + Columbia, SC

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS  
FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND\* OR ILL**

Roy Adams  
John Martin Areheart  
Dot Black  
Gwen Buff  
Joe Cooper  
\*Helen Derrick  
\*Virgie Dreher  
\*Betty Flinsch  
Diane Foster

June Fulmer  
Lisa Gillespie  
Jeanette Jacobs  
Jill Lee  
Mickey Lindler  
Caroline McCauley  
Scott McCauley  
Linda Miller  
Susan Norcutt



Jane Potts  
\*Billie Schnabel  
\*Olene Sons  
Richard Starnes  
Ed Thomas  
Dean Whitecotton  
Bruce William  
Crystal Wood



**FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE**  
*The family and friends of Ann Parris*

**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



# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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 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.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). Set up a secure profile, search "St. Michael Lutheran" and click on our church. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The 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** bulletins and **KID ACTIVITY PACKS** available from an usher

## *The People of St. Michael's, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*

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