

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW 368

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Day of Resurrection vs. 1-3

ELW 361

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

it is you who up- | hold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**⁸ I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- |
evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

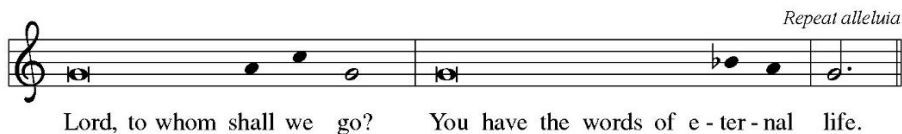
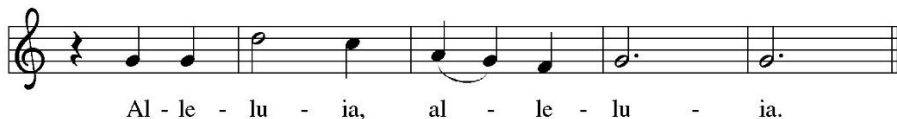
This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Pastor Jim Kinsler

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk By Faith

ELW 635

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way *especially*.... Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant, especially our brother Bo Harris and our sister Rose Colley. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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

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OFFERING SONG

Piano Selection

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.', 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

This is the day that in joy and delight we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you, all holy and mighty and glorious God. For Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

This is the day that you gave light to the earth. This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.

Now every night is as bright as day, and that light is Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

This is the day that you broke the chains of death. This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth, you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace. The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit. Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior. Illumine our lives with your presence, and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race, for that light is Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

All holy and mighty and glorious God, radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit, we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy, and we praise your victory through all time and space, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Amen and amen. **Amen and amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACS p.39

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

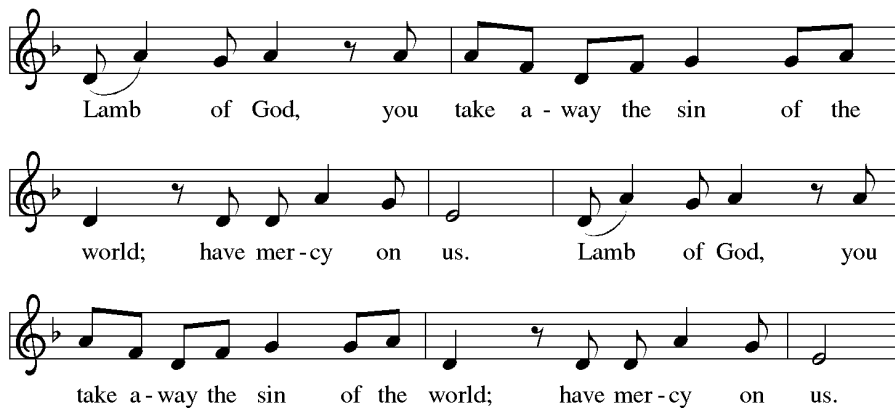
Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Please Sit

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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

*The Peace of the Lord
I Come With Joy*

ELW 646

ELW 482

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Isaac Shevenell
Ushers: TBD

Sacristans: Judith Nevergoll, Karla Maloney

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Ann Parris, by Linda & Billy Miller and family.

Pastor Frank will be out April 7-16. Please contact the office for any pastoral care needs.

WELCOME to Pastor Jim Kinsler! We appreciate you being with us today. He is a big supporter of our Lutheran Camps and slow hiking the Appalachian Trail. Pastor Jim recently retired from Lutheran Church by the Lake in McCormick.

FIREFLIES OUTING IS TUESDAY, MAY 26th! We meet at the church at **5:15 for the 7:05 am** game. We plan to take our *upscale* bus to and from the church to avoid driving and parking hassles. If you work downtown, you can meet us at Segra Park! RSVP to Kris please.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Community Shred Day – Thursday, May 14th from 11 am til 1 pm

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

TODAY, Sunday, April 12 Easter 2

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

10:30 a.m. *Worship Service with Holy Communion*

Tuesday, April 14 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, April 15 10:00 a.m. NO Bible Study

Thursday, April 16 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, April 17 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid Morning Group*) ChEd

Next Sunday, April 19 Easter 3

9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup **10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Comm.***



LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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

Ken & #Dot Black
*Don & Gwen Buff
#Barbara DeVore
#Virgie Dreher
*Barbara Fowler
#Terry Matlosz
*Alma Paulson

Grady & #Melinda Sharpe
*Tommae Sligh
Kate Brighton
Charlie (8yo, leukemia)
Donny Day
Lisa Gillespie
Douglas Gourley

Joy Gunter
David Heinrich
Vicky Huggins
Jill Lee
Patrick Lindler
Angie Matlosz
Gary McManus

Harry O'Quinn
Jane Potts
Marlene Stirewalt
Ed Thomas
Bruce Wheelchel
Dean 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-*deployed*; Carolyn Cook's grandson
Grant Frick, SCNG-*deployed*; Linda Frick's grandson
Liam Maloney, SCNG; Mike & Karla Maloney's son



THE FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF BO HARRIS AND ROSE COLLEY

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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!

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!!