

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday of Easter*

**April 14, 2024**

*400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212*

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please Stand*

### GATHERING HYMN

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

ELW 377

### 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.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!*

**ELW 364** vs 1-3

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

### **PSALM 4 (Sung Responsively)**



<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;  
 you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;  
 how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;  
 the LORD will hear me | when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;  
 speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
 and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
 Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,  
 more than when grain and | wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;  
 for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

*Please Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

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

*Please Sit*

**MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Day of Resurrection*

**ELW 361**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty especially.... God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## THANKSGIVING AND MEAL

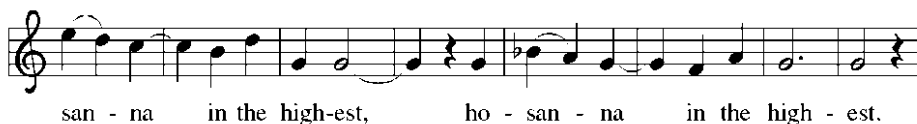
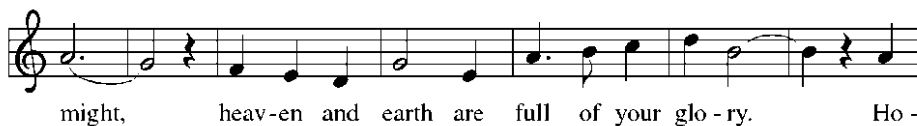
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### OFFERING

*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.*

*Please Stand***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.****OFFERING SONG****GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Sung responsively)**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...and join their unending hymn:***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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 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.**



## Saint Michael Lutheran Church 1852 Lord's Prayer

H.S. Hoy

*This version of the 1852 Lord's Prayer will be sung by the congregation for the Easter season.*

*Copies of the original print are available in the narthex.*

***Our Fa-ther who art in Heav-en hal-low-ed be thy name, Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heav-en Give us day by day our dai-ly bread, give us day by day our dai-ly bread, give us day by day our dai-ly bread. And for-give our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. Lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil: For thine is the king-dom and the pow-er, and the glo-ry. For thine is the king-dom and the pow-er, and the glo-ry. A-men.***

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

*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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

ELW 470

*Please Stand*

## 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. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*The Strife is O'er*

ELW 366

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Carolyn Cook

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Karla Maloney

Ushers: Harry Metz & Bill Colley

**APRIL COMMUNITY PROJECT** is for Mission Lexington. There is a donation tub in the narthex for food pantry or accepted items for the Thrift Store. Please see the list!

**TAKING RESERVATIONS!** Fireflies May 15<sup>th</sup> game tickets are \$40 each plus a contribution towards the transportation expense. Please talk to Kris!

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** 4:55 pm Mon & Fri Update Calls from Pastor Frank!

TODAY, April 14

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Easter 3**

Sunday School

Choir Warmup

**Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming**

Tuesday, April 16

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

**6:00 p.m. LMM Dinner Meeting—Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Passion Narratives – Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid Morning Group*) ChEd

Next Sunday, April 21

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Easter 4**

Sunday School

Choir Warmup

**Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming**

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**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

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

\*Dot Black

\*Bob & Joyce Bowers

\*Don Buff

\*Rose Colley

\*Helen Derrick

\*Virgie Dreher

\*Barbara Fowler

\*Alma Paulson

\*Miriam Shealy

\*Tommae Sligh

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Kristin Belusko

Drew Colley

Donny Day

Jackie Dunning

Danny Fulmer

Lisa Gillespie

Douglas Gourley

Joy Gunter

Tim Hart

David Heinrich

Jill Lee

Mickey Lindler

Crosby Livingston

Angie Matlosz

Terry Matlosz



Gary McManus

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Harry O'Quinn

Brooke Pittman

Jane Potts

Melinda Sharpe

Marla Smith

JoAnn Smoak

Richard Starnes

Marlene Stirewalt

Bruce Wheelchel

**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

Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla Maloney's son

Griffin McLeod, SCNG-deployed; Mandy McLeod's son

Brian Pipkin, SCNG; Louie & Imogene Conder's SIL

Hunter Purvis USA; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's SIL

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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information is secure, and you can change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available on the drop down fund menu. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

**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 available from an usher.

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Karen Shevenell, Cantor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*

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