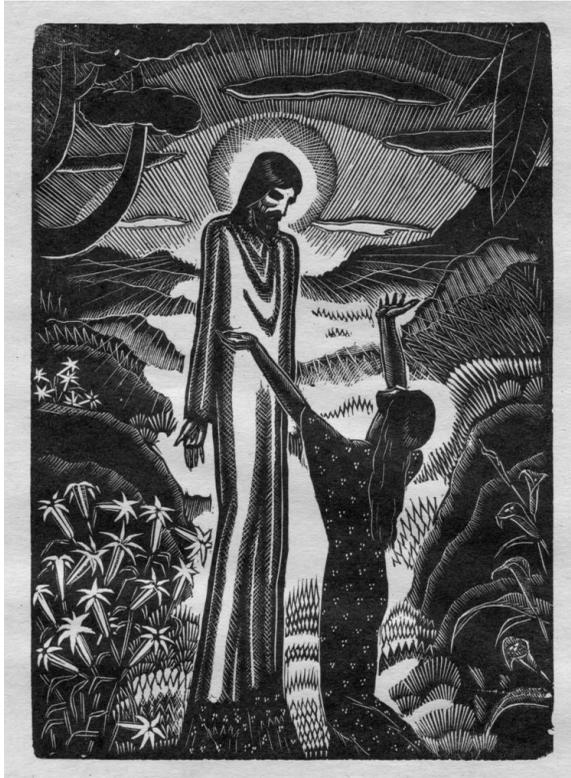


ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

9:00 am and 10:30 am

April 4, 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

PASTOR: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

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.**

GATHERING SONG

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

ELW 366

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

1 *The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

5 *Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

3 *The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read Responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴**The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.**

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Please Stand

EASTER GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So

they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365

1 *Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

2 *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!*

4 *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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.**

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

For all who practice the healing arts, and those who keep us safe...
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .
for all who are affected by the COVID 19/Corona virus pandemic...
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.**

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.**

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

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

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia!
Come to the feast.

Please Sit

COMMUNION

The Pastor will instruct the congregation when to take communion from their pew. Wine, juice, and gluten-free wafers are labeled and available at each entrance on the first Sunday each month. Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. Please contact the pastor for home communion.

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

RESPONSIVE READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (*Pastor, Men, Women, Congregation*)

P A reading from Ezekiel.

M **The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.**

W **He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.**

P Mortal, can these bones live?

C **O Lord GOD, you know.**

P Prophecy to these bones and say to them:

C **O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.**

P So I prophesied as I had been commanded;

M **and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.**

W **I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.**

P Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD:

C **Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live!**

M **And the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.**

W **Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.”**

P Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

C **I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.**

P I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

1 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises
ring. Love, drowned in death, shall
never die.*

2 *Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,*

*but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.*

5 *Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and
praise.*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Interim Musician: Harold “Hoss” Jefferies

Lector: Kate Brighton

Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Myrna Goegeline, Paul Nevergoll, Judith Nevergoll

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Fran and Irby Hipp by Scott & Caroline McCauley.

LILIES MAY BE TAKEN HOME preferably after the 10:30 service. For those that haven't paid yet, please be sure to indicate you are paying for "lilies" in the memo line!

THANK YOU to the Ladies of St. Michael's for their hard work in providing the coffee and breakfast pastries this morning, also.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

TODAY, Sunday, April 4 *Easter Sunday*

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service—East parking lot
- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Easter Coffee & Fellowship
 NO Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-Service Easter Music in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion—also streaming



Monday, April 5 OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor Frank will be out M-F. Please text or call him at 803.730.4075 or contact the office for any pastoral care needs.

Tuesday, April 6 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, April 7 NO Bible Study

Thursday, April 8 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Next Sunday, April 11 *Second Sunday of Easter*

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship—Also streaming





**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
Ann Parris



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

**FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE
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



The Easter Lilies Gracing our Worship Are Given By:

Bob, Rita, and Jennifer Anderson

In Loving Memory of Bror and Eileen Anderson
In Loving Memory of Alfred and Marina Monsalvatge

Pastors Mary and Frank Anderson

In Loving Memory of Harriet and Andy Anderson
In Loving Memory of Dorothy Shuler and Emory Williams
In Loving Memory of Ila R. Cousins and Ty Anderson

Carolyn Cook

To the Glory of God and in Honor of Family

Kris Esgar

In Loving Memory of her Grandparents

Ted and Linda Frick

In Loving Memory of their niece, Marcie Frick

Edward Fulmer

In Loving Memory of Marjorie Fulmer

Alice, Ryan, Christie, Julie, Jason and family

In Loving Memory of Gary D. King, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero J. King, Larry D. King, Gregory M. Rawson, Frank M. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus K. Lain, Raymond L. Lain, Dana P. Lain, and Melanie C. Lain

Scott and Caroline McCauley

In Loving Memory of our parents, Helen and Lucien Eaton, and Charlotte and John McCauley
In Honor of our Saint Michael Family

Larry R. Slice

In Loving Memory of his parents, Roscoe and Ludell Slice, and his step-grandson, Master William Tedder Russell
To the Glory of God and in Honor of daughters and son-in-laws, Amelia and Larry Schaeffer, and Sara and Steve Crowley

On Easter Day

By Celia Thaxter, 1835-1894

Easter lilies! Can you hear
What they whisper, low and clear?
In dewy fragrance they unfold
Their splendor sweet, their snow and gold.
Every beauty-breathing bell
News of heaven has to tell.
Listen to their mystic voice,
Hear, oh mortal, and rejoice!
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime!
Christ is risen for all time!



God of mercy, we no longer look
for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become
the Lord of life.

Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.

Thank you for joining us in worship this Easter morning.

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. 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 and **Kids Celebrate** bulletins 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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