

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

April 5, 2026

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.
Our worship **begins** at the Invocation, as we hear God's word in music..*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

SPECIAL MUSIC

Van Price & Bonnie Ayers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INVOCATION *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Choir

Please Stand

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

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

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

ELW 361

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

Please Sit

- 17 **I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.**
- 18 The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- 19 **Open 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 righ- | teous may enter.”
- 21 **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**
- 22 The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- 23 **By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

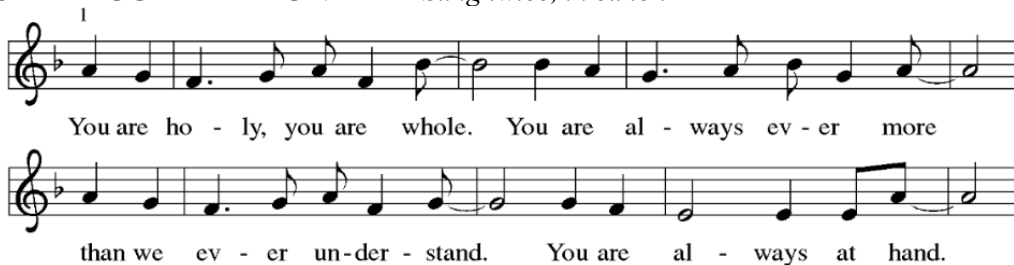
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung twice, in canon

1



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain *especially*.... Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. 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

*We offer the convenience of **secure online giving** through [Tithe.ly](https://www.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.*

ANTHEM

Do You Believe This?

Isaac Shevenell, solo

OFFERING SONG

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Choir sings first time, all sing second time*

ELW 367

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.**

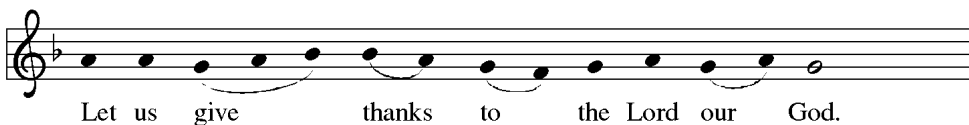
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



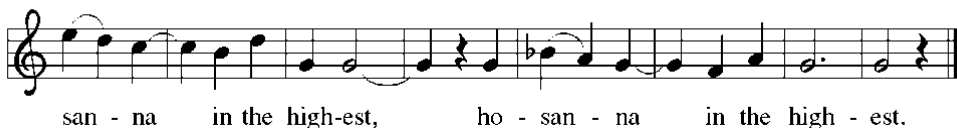
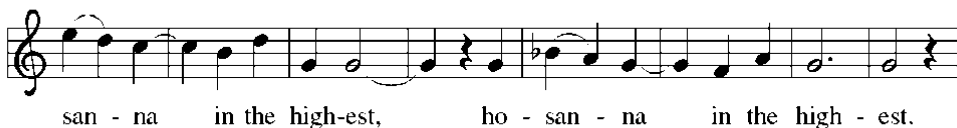
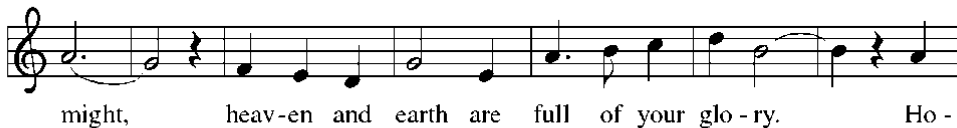
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

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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

Now the Green Blade Rises
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Paul Nevergoll

Sacristans: Kristi Kunar & Rita Anderson

Ushers: Gerry & Myrna Goegeline

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Frank by Brian & Kristi Kunar. Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

ALTAR FLOWERS were given PALM SUNDAY to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren's birthdays by John & Pam Corbacho.

Dedication was inadvertently left out of the bulletin. Apologies for the error.

SPECIAL THANK YOUs to Van Price and Bonnie Ayers, our intrepid choir members, soloist Isaac Shevenell, and especially to Cantor Karen Shevenell, for sharing their musical talents with us this morning. What a wonderful addition to our worship.

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

LILIES MAY BE TAKEN HOME if you purchased a plant. 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 Saint Michael for their hard work in providing the delicious Easter breakfast this morning, and a special thank you to all those who have helped with our worship and activities this Holy Week.



OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 6th.

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 5 *Easter Sunday*

7:00 a.m. *Sunrise Service*—East parking lot
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m. NO Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Choir Warmup
10:00 a.m. Pre-Service Easter Music in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. *Worship Service with Holy Communion*



Monday, April 6 *OFFICE CLOSED*

Tuesday, April 7 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, April 8 10:00 a.m. NO Bible Study

Thursday, April 9 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

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

Next Sunday, April 12 *Second Sunday of Easter*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion, Guest Pastor Jim Kinsler*

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**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS
FOR FRIENDS--#HOME, ^REHAB, *SENIOR LIVING AND/OR ILL**

Ken & #Dot Black
*Don & Gwen Buff
*Rose Colley
#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

Bo Harris
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 last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes.
Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy.
Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death.
Christ is risen, and we are forgiven.
Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed.
Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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 Dorothy and Emory Williams

In Loving Memory of Harriet and Andy Anderson

In Loving Memory of Ila Cousins and Ty Anderson

Kate Brighton

In Loving Memory of Isabell Protheroe

Carolyn Cook

To the Glory of God

John & Pam Corbacho

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

In Honor of Pastor Frank, Kris, Karen & Judith

Linda Frick

In Loving Memory of Ted Frick

Edward Fulmer

In Loving Memory of Marjorie Fulmer

Pattie Fulmer

In Loving Memory of Marjorie Fulmer

In Honor of Edward Fulmer

Gerry and Myrna Goegeline

In Loving Memory of our parents

To the Glory of God and in Honor of our family

Alice King, Ryan, Julie and family

In Loving Memory of Gary D. King

Sandra Michelsen

In Loving Memory of Bob Michelsen

In Loving Memory of Gayle Michelsen

Your lilies may be taken home following worship

Thank you for joining us in worship this Easter morning.

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!

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!!