

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

April 6, 2025

*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*

**GATHERING HYMN**    *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*                      **ELW 833, vs 1-4**

### 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.**

### KYRIE\*

*Your Heart, O God is Grieved*  
*Pastor-Leader/Congregation-All*

**ELW 602**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink  
to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

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

### **PSALM 126 (*Read Responsively*)**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

**<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

<sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies

behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Please Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**     *Pastor sings once, Congregation sings once*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

### **GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

<sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

*Please Sit*

### **MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**ELW 522**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (*sing refrain below where indicated*)

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence. Sing refrain.*



The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

*Sing refrain.*

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need *especially*.... May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

*Sing refrain.*

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**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 **secure online giving** through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Please see the back page for more. Offering plates located at each entrance/exit. If you need an envelope or assistance, please ask an usher.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Guide My Feet*

Choir

*Please Stand*

### OFFERING HYMN\*

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**ELW 188**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, 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.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God, Creator of our wilderness world, O God, Savior of the lost,  
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting  
might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.

For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.

For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother.

For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

*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.*

We extol his life. Amen: **Amen.**

We lament his death. Amen: **Amen.**

We celebrate his resurrection. Amen: **Amen.**

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.

Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son.

Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*Please Sit*

## LAMB OF GOD

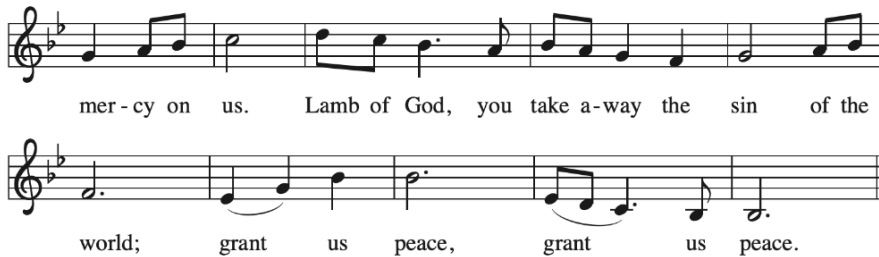


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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





## 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*In the Singing  
We Come to the Hungry Feast*

**ELW 466**

**ELW 479**

## 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. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN\*

*Restore in Us, O God*

**ELW 328**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Bob & Rita Anderson  
Sacristans: Sabrina Whitecotton, Karla Maloney  
Lector: Rita Anderson

*\* indicates a musical selection to be sung throughout the Lenten Season*

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## LAST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP DURING LENT

**BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM + SOUP LUNCHEON 11:30 AM + MIDDAY WORSHIP NOON  
DUTCH FORK CLUSTER + 6:00 PM MEAL + 7:00 PM WORSHIP**

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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL *Mon & Fri Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm*

#### TODAY, April 6<sup>th</sup>

*Lent 5*

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

**10:30 a.m.**

***Worship with Holy Communion***

#### Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

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

**6:00 p.m. *Council Meeting***

#### Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Hebrews, Fellowship Hall

**11:30 a.m./Noon**

***LAST Soup & Midday Worship***

**6:00 p.m./7 p.m.**

***LAST Dutch Fork Cluster Evening Meal & Worship—Bethel***

#### Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

9-10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

#### Next Sun, April 13<sup>th</sup>

***Passion Sunday—Meet on Plaza if able to process in with palms***

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

**10:30 a.m.**

***Worship with Holy Communion***

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**EASTER LILIES** – please be sure to get dedications to Kris by Palm Sunday!! Plants are \$18 and can be taken home following our 10:30 Easter Worship.

**HOLY WEEK ASSISTANCE!** Help is needed for the EGGstravaganza and for Easter morning breakfast. Please see the narthex or fellowship hall for information! Thank you.



Ken & #Dot Black  
 \*Bob Bowers  
 \*Don & Gwen Buff  
 \*Rose Colley  
 \*Helen Derrick  
 #Barbara DeVore  
 #Virgie Dreher

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS:

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

\*Barbara Fowler  
 \*Alma Paulson  
 #Diana Riley  
 Grady & #Melinda Sharpe  
 #Miriam Shealy  
 \*Tommae Sligh  
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 Kristin Belusko  
 Donny Day  
 Lisa Gillespie

Douglas Gourley  
 Joy Gunter  
 Bo Harris  
 David Heinrich  
 Alice King  
 Jill Lee  
 Mickey Lindler  
 Angie Matlosz  
 Terry Matlosz  
 Gary McManus

Harry Metz  
 Harry O'Quinn  
 Brooke Pittman  
 Jane Potts  
 Reggie Price  
 Lara Small  
 Richard Starnes  
 Marlene Stirewalt  
 Bruce Whelchel

### THE FRIENDS & FAMILY OF DANNY FULMER

### MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY, INCLUDING:

Tyler Alexander, USMC: Sherri S's g'son  
 Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana's niece  
 Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn's grandson  
 Grant Frick, SCNG: Linda F's grandson

Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla's son  
 Griffin McLeod, SCNG; Mandy's son  
 Hunter Purvis USA-deployed; Baxter's SIL



### *Palm Sunday, April 13*

*Gather on Plaza if able*

### *Maundy Thursday, April 17*

*Noon & 6 pm*

*(with Holy Communion)*

### *Good Friday, April 18*

*Noon & 6 pm*



### *Saturday April 19*

*11 am—1 pm*

*EGGstravaganza*



*The Resurrection of Our Lord*

### *Easter Sunday, April 20*

*7 am Sunrise*

*(East Parking Lot)*

*7:30 am Breakfast*

*10:30 am Worship  
 with Holy Communion*



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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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**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 and **Children's** books & activities 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!!*