

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Happy Mother's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 if you are able

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

GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408

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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects

- ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**
- ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
- ¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Please Stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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: John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand if you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loving Spirit

ELW 397

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.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill *especially*.... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. 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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SPECIAL MUSIC

Piano Solo

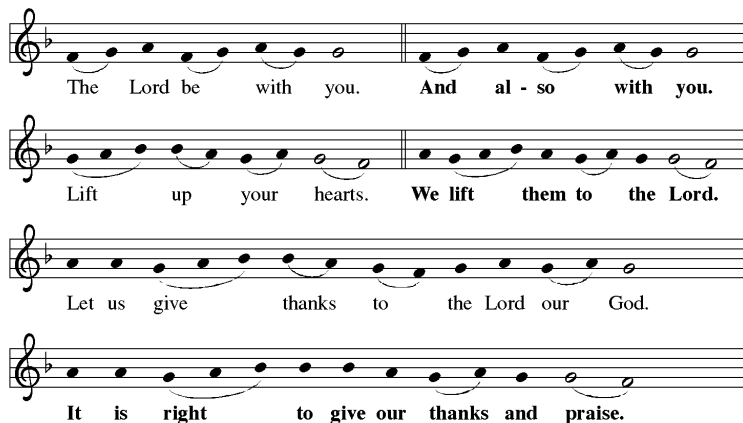
Karen Shevenell

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 ... 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.

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

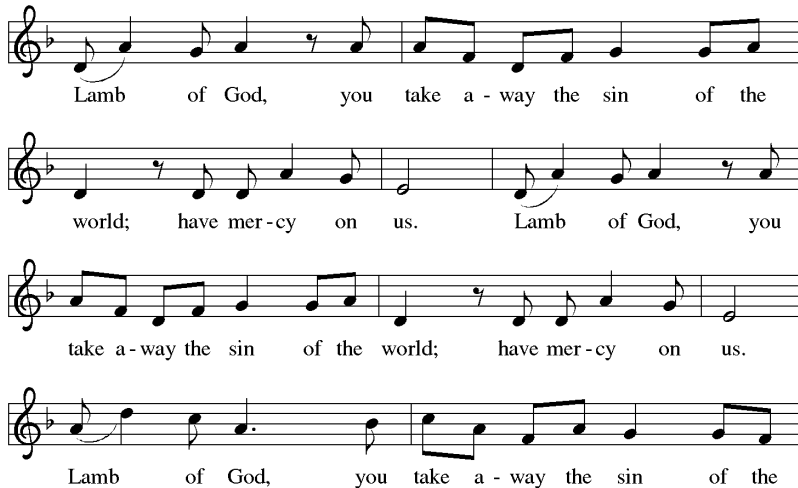
Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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



Please Stand

COMMUNION SONGS

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life*

ELW 781

ELW 816

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

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

O Zion, Haste

ELW 668

DISMISSAL

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

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Brian & Kristi Kunar

Lector: Rita Anderson

Sacristans: Kristi Kunar, Rita Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor of all mothers by Gerry & Myrna Goegeline.

FIREFLIES OUTING IS TUESDAY, MAY 26th! We meet at the church at **5:15 for the 7:05 pm** 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.



**Community Shred Day –
Thursday, May 14th from 11 am til 1 pm**

Our Charitable Partner = Transitions Veteran’s Program

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

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| <u>TODAY, Sunday, May 10</u> | <i>Easter 6—Mother’s Day</i> |
| 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 10:00 a.m. | Choir Warmup |
| 10:30 a.m. | <i>Worship Service with Holy Communion</i> |
| <u>Tuesday, May 12</u> | 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH |
| | 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall |
| <u>Wednesday, May 13</u> | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Red Letter Jesus, Fellowship Hall |
| <u>Thursday, May 14</u> | 11am-1 pm Shred Event—parking lot |
| | 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH |
| <u>Friday, May 15</u> | 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (<i>Mid Morning Group</i>) ChEd |
| <u>Saturday, May 16</u> | 8 a.m.–Noon Af-Am Workday—gloves, rakes, etc. |
| | 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room |
| <u>Next Sunday, May 17</u> | <i>Easter 7</i> |
| 9:15 a.m. Sunday School | 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion |

AF-AM WORKDAY –SATURDAY, MAY 16TH-8 AM TIL NOON: Bring gloves, rakes, etc to help clear leaves, small limbs



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

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| <i>Ken & #Dot Black</i> | <i>*Alma Paulson</i> | Joy Gunter | Harry O’Quinn |
| <i>*Don & Gwen Buff</i> | <i>Grady & #Melinda Sharpe</i> | David Heinrich | Jane Potts |
| <i>#Barbara DeVore</i> | <i>*Tommae Sligh</i> | Vicky Huggins | Phyllis Ruttonsha |
| <i>#Virgie Dreher</i> | <i>Charlie (8yo, leukemia)</i> | Jill Lee | Marlene Stirewalt |
| <i>*Barbara Fowler</i> | <i>Donny Day</i> | Patrick Lindler | Ed Thomas |
| <i>#Terry Matlosz</i> | <i>Lisa Gillespie</i> | Angie Matlosz | Bruce Wheelchel |
| | <i>Douglas Gourley</i> | Gary McManus | 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



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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!!