

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Day of Pentecost*

**May 24, 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*

**GATHERING SONG**                      *Come Gracious Spirit Heavenly Dove*                      **ELW 404**

#### 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**                      *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*                      **ELW 399**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and 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 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the

entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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

### **PSALM 104:24-34, 35b *Sung Responsively***



<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships | to and fro,  
 and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them | look to you  
 to give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they | gather it;  
 you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
 when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
 and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
 O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
 I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of | mine please God.  
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
 Hal- | lelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body,

though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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.

*Repeat alleluia*

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

### GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

## 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.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name *especially*.... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. 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.*

*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 -



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets. We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.

Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit.  
By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave.  
Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit.  
Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

*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.*

On this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Manifest here the body and blood of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this assembly, come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

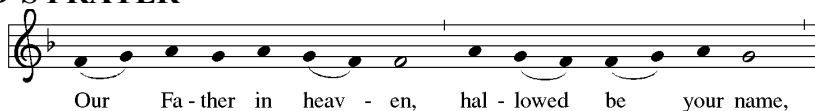
On plants and animals, and even on the stars, come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us. Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness. Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom. Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

Once more we praise and worship and bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God of supreme mercy and might, God of the cross and the empty tomb, God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever. Amen. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 SONGS**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song  
Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

**ELW 403**

**ELW 401**

**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 Spirit, All-Embracing*

**ACS 944**

1 O Spir - it all-em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,  
un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart  
un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died;

Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;

come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

## DISMISSAL

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

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: The Kunars Lector: Karla Maloney Sacristans: Kristi Kunar, Sabrina Whitecotton

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen & Wilbur Derrick by daughter Bobbie Hartley.

**FIREFLIES OUTING TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup>!** Bus leaves the church at **5:15 for the 7:05 pm** game. If you work downtown, you can meet us at Segra Park! \$40 per person plus bus contribution. Snacks/Drinks are on your own. Segra is a card only park. RSVP to Kris please. 6 spots left!

**SAVVY SENIORS!** Sign up for the 6 week Wednesday sessions today, June 10, 17, 24 & July 15, 22, 29--\$45 for the series including lunch! What fun. Check the insert for more information.

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

TODAY, Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Tuesday, May 26 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH  
**5:15 p.m. Bus Leaves for Fireflies Outing!**

Wednesday, May 27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Red Letter Jesus, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 28 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, May 29 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid Morning Group*) ChEd

Saturday, May 30 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Next Sunday, May 31 *The Holy Trinity*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School **10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**



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

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

**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!

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**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!!**