

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

ELW 393

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, 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 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are

disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM 97 (*Sung Responsively*)



¹ The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.

³ Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light | up the world;**
the earth | sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,**

and all the peoples | see your glory.

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the | LORD, hate evil!**

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

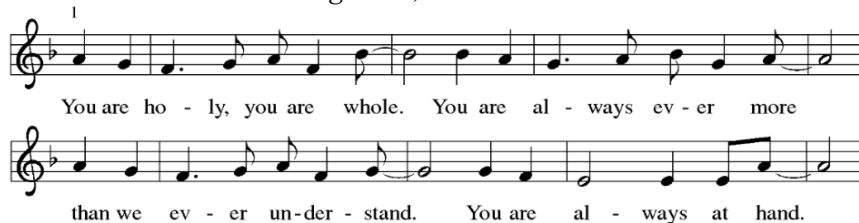
¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung twice, in canon*



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.



GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart *especially*.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of 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 **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

Take the Name of Jesus With You

Choir

Please Stand

OFFERING HYMN*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

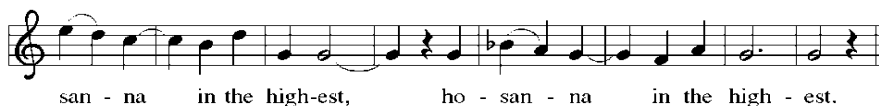
*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, ... 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

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 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.**

Saint Michael Lutheran Church 1852 Lord's Prayer*

H.S. Hoy



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Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heav-en Give us day by day our dai - ly bread, give us

16

day by day our dai - ly bread, give us day by day our dai-ly bread. And for - give our tres-pass -

22

es as we for - give those who tres-pass a - gainst us. Lead us not in - to temp - ta-tion,

32

but de - liv-er us from e - vil: For thine is the king-dom and the pow-er, and the glo - ry.

43

For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo - ry. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Please Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

ELW 494

Bind Us Together

TEF 217

Refrain
F

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing.
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . . you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain
F Bb/C

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. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✙ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God.**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Harry Metz, Bill Colley
Sacristans: Karla Maloney & Deborah Heinrich
Lector: Rita Anderson

** indicates a musical selection to be sung throughout the Easter Season*

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Bruce & Connie Schuver.

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

TODAY, June 1st

Easter 7

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, June 3rd

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

5-7ish p.m.

Beer & Hymns—Craft & Draft, Irmo

Wednesday, June 4th

10:00 a.m.

NO Bible Study—Proverbs, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 5th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, June 6th

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd

Saturday, June 8th

9-10 a.m.

Last Spring Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, June 8th

Pentecost

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room


10:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

Military Appreciation Project! We have 120 troops deployed from the 2-17 ACS out of Ft. Campbell. Many soldiers do not receive a lot of mail or care packages. *We can help!* See the poster in the narthex for suggestions. We will collect through July 4th. Thanks in advance.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS:

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

Ken & #Dot Black	Grady & #Melinda Sharpe	Bo Harris	
*Bob Bowers	#Miriam Shealy	David Heinrich	
*Don & Gwen Buff	*Larry Slice	Jill Lee	
*Rose Colley	*Tommae Sligh	Mickey Lindler	
*Helen Derrick	-----	Angie Matlosz	
#Barbara DeVore	Kristin Belusko	Terry Matlosz	
#Virgie Dreher	Donny Day	Gary McManus	
*Barbara Fowler	Lisa Gillespie	Judy Olson	
*Alma Paulson	Douglas Gourley	Harry O'Quinn	
#Diana Riley	Joy Gunter	Brooke Pittman	
		Jane Potts	
		Reggie Price	
		Lara Small	
		Marlene Stirewalt	
		Bruce Whelchel	

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

Tyler Alexander, USMC; Sherri S's g'son	Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla's son
Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana's niece	Griffin McLeod, SCNG; Mandy's son
Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn's grandson	Hunter Purvis USA-deployed; Baxter's SIL
Grant Frick, SCNG; Linda F's grandson	

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!

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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!!