

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday After Pentecost*

**June 13, 2021**

*400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212*

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Please speak the responses **gently**. As a courtesy, it is asked that masks are worn while moving about. For those who are vaccinated, please sit on the pulpit side of the sanctuary or the front pews on the lectern side. The rear lectern pews are for those who prefer to mask & physically distance.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please Stand*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

ELW 767

*Gathering Song to be used until the end of June*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

# WORD

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

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

## **PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**<sup>2</sup>to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;**

**and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD**

**shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**<sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is,**

**my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

<sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.*

## **GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

*Please Sit*

## **MESSAGE**

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ELW 679**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians especially... We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this

place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**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.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Please Stand*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

### LITANY FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES *Based on Psalm 88*

By night we cry out, by day we rage at each other,

**God of peace, hear us and help us.**

Calm us, quiet us, settle us, to hear the cry of those who are hurting,  
Steady us, balance us, ground us, let us listen to the troubles around us,

**God of peace, hear us and help us.**

Root us in patience, embed your love within us,

Plant us in the soil of sorrow, and re-create us in empathy,

Forgive us, pardon us, free us from bigotry and blindness,

**God of peace, hear us and help us.**

Support us, sustain us, protect us, as we find words to begin dialogue,

Restore us in charity, refresh us with hope,  
Enfold us with unity, enrich us in love,  
Embrace us with courage, temper us with gentleness,  
**God of peace, hear us and help us.**  
Help us see You in those around us,  
Help us build communities of unity and justice,  
So that someday we may rejoice in your welcome, and enter your Kingdom  
singing your praise, for ever and ever.  
**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.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, **✝** be upon you  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

**ELW 663**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Interim Musician: Harold “Hoss” Jefferies  
Lector: Linda Frick  
Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Paul Nevergoll

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Edward Fulmer, celebrating his birthday tomorrow, by daughters Beth Wolfe & Pattie Fulmer.



**USHER TEAMS** are now reforming! If you can assist, please advise Bo Harris, Gerry Goegeline or Paul Nevergoll.

**DONATIONS THIS MONTH** are for *Sharing God’s Love* in Irmo. Please see the green sheet by the donation box in the narthex for their specific needs. Donations can be placed in the box or dropped in the office. Monetary donations can be given through the offering plates. We will collect school supplies in July for those that like to plan ahead!

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!** Thank you to all who came out for the Af-Am Cemetery work day and put in so much effort. Thank you too to those who donated drinks for our hard-working and thirsty crew!

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL**

TODAY, June 13      *Third Sunday After Pentecost*  
9:15 a.m.      Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.      Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming



Tuesday, June 15      12:00 p.m.    AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, June 16    10:00 a.m.    Bible Study—FH studying Books of Samuel

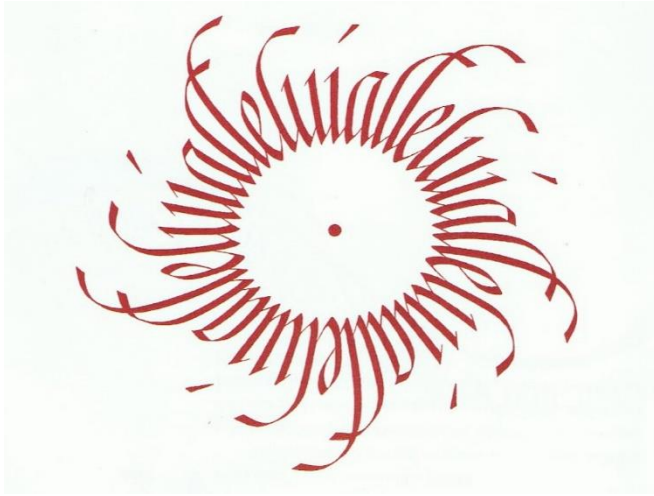
Thursday, June 17      12:00 p.m.    AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Next Sunday, June 20    *Fourth Sunday After Pentecost—Father’s Day*  
9:15 a.m.      Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.      Worship—Also streaming



*Monday and Friday Update Calls from Pastor Frank at 4:55 pm*

*Please note that Pastor Frank will be at Lutheridge for Confirmation Camp the week of June 21-26; he will be available via text for pastoral care needs*



*As we move forward towards a renewed time of “normal”, restrictions implemented in March 2020 are now removed in terms of worship and gathering for fellowship times. We urge everyone to follow the CDC guidelines in terms of appropriate activities and precautions based on your status as a vaccinated or unvaccinated individual or household.*

*General: You may enter and exit through any door of the church, use hymnals, greet others, and move freely throughout our buildings. Sanitizer and extra masks are available at the doors. As a courtesy to vulnerable members of our church family, we ask that ushers and others continue to wear masks as they enter or move about before and during worship. The rear section of pews on the lectern side of the sanctuary remain reserved for those who prefer to physically distance and wear masks. We will leave offering plates at the doors for now.*

*Holy Communion: Holy Communion will continue to be offered during worship on the first Sunday each month with a return to weekly Holy Communion after Labor Day. Quiet Communion following worship will be offered on remaining Sundays through the Summer. As we near the end of our Communion “pod” supply, you may need to take a juice or gluten free option! We hope to switch back to cups and bread by Labor Day.*

*Please advise Pastor Frank, ushers, or council members if you have an accommodation or concern that has not yet been addressed and we will do our best to assist.*



**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS  
FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND\* OR ILL**

Bill Adams	Lisa Gillespie	*Billie Schnabel
Roy Adams	David Hermanson	Miriam Shealy
John Martin Areheart	Jeanette Jacobs	*Olene Sons
Dot Black	Jim Johnston	Robin Squires
Gwen Buff	Jill Lee	Richard Starnes
Ronnie & Pauline Collins	Mickey Lindler	Ed Thomas
Joe Cooper	Caroline McCauley	Valerie Waites
*Helen Derrick	Scott McCauley	Bruce William
*Virgie Dreher	Linda Miller	Crystal Wood
*Betty Flinsch	Susan Norcutt	
June Fulmer	Jane Potts	

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

Tyler Alexander, grandson of Sherri Spangler, USMC  
 Samantha Davis, niece of Gene & Diana Riley, US Army  
 Grant Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, SC National Guard  
 Victor Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, US Army  
 Phil Lake, husband of Bridgett (Sloan) Lake, US Naval Reserve  
 George McArthur, son of Judith Tolhurst, USMC In Japan  
 Griffin McLeod, son of Amanda McLeod, SC National Guard  
 Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard  
 William Woodruff, son of Jeff And Libby Woodruff, US Army



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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.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). Set up a secure profile, search "St. Michael Lutheran" and click on our church. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately. Personal information is secure, and you can

change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial 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 audio.

**Large Print** bulletins and **KID ACTIVITY PACKS** available from an usher

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*

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