

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

**June 16, 2024**

*400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212*

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please Stand*

**GATHERING HYMN**

*This is My Father's World\**

**ELW 824**

### 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.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

based on *Down to the River to Pray*

*As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sinners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,  
O sinners, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.*

*As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.*

God of truth and justice,

**we know too well how our feet get muddy, our hearts get hurt and hardened,  
our hands are slow to reach out when we or others are in need.**

As we await the rains of spring,

**wash us and make us new.**

As we recognize our own mistakes,

**wash us and make us new.**

As we face sickness, sorrow, and death,

**wash us and make us new.**

As we follow Christ in proclaiming a power-challenging message of love,

**wash us and make us new.**

God whose mercy is without end did not leave us lonely and broken.

**In Christ, God became one with us, meeting us in our brokenness and pain.**

In Christ, God declares our sin uncounted, our muddiness washed clean in the river of new life.

**Amen.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Shall We Gather*

**ELW 423** vs 1-3

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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 (*Read 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 5:6-17**

*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>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in

the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <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** (*Sung Twice*)

*Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me;*

*Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me;*

*Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me;*

*'way beyond the blue.*

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

The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.**

*Please Sit*

## MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW 679

## HOLY BAPTISM

*Anderson “Andi” Gray Hutson*

ELW pg. 227

*Please follow the service beginning at page 227 which concludes on page 231 with the language below:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises especially.... Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their

children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the Emanuel Nine and all the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**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

Isaac Shevenell, solo

*Please Stand*

### OFFERING SONG

*As the Grains of Wheat*

**ELW 465**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

### “AN UNBROKEN CIRCLE”

*An Unbroken Circle © 2017 Grace Lutheran Church Northeast.*

*Words of Institution: based on Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

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***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?  
There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*Jesus took bread, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and foes;*

*Said to them "Where I am going, you cannot yet go."*

***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?***

***There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*Took the chalice, and he blessed it, said "Do this; remember me;*

*When I'm gone you won't be lonesome, for the Spirit will make you free."*

***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?***

***There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*When we gather at this table, we are with those who have gone;*

*In the promised resurrection in Christ we'll be made one.*

***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?***

***There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*(slower) Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?*

***There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

## **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**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*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.*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

***Just a Closer Walk\****

**ELW 697**

***How Great Thou Art\****

**ELW 856**

*Please Stand*



## COMMISSION

As you go forth from this table, may your life be fed with good things.

May you fast from worry and feast on trust.

May you fast from haste and feast on patience.

May you fast from judgment and feast on kindness.

May you fast from gossip and feast on service.

May you fast from resentment and feast on forgiveness.

May you fast from fear and feast on love, finding your power for compassion in the life of Jesus our Lord.

**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

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

**ELW 449**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Feed the hungry.

**We will. Thanks be to God.**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Linda Frick

Sacristans: Sabrina Whitecotton & Karla Maloney

Ushers: Gerry & Myrna Goegeline

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother Ty Anderson by Pastors Frank & Mary Anderson.

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*\*DENOTES A "CHOIR BOYS" HYMN SELECTION*



## WE WELCOME THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Anderson “Andi” Gray Hutson, daughter of Grayson & Lauren Hutson, granddaughter of Mike & Joyce Burgess and Bill & Carol Hutson. Big sister Harrison and big brother Whitman are happy to add a new sibling to the family.

*This “bluegrass liturgy” was originally designed to accompany the season of Lent at Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. It was cooperatively produced by Rev. Emmy Kegler (pastor), Kristi MacKay (worship and music director), and Grace Alworth (musician and congregational leader).*

*The majority of the bluegrass liturgy pairs well-known folk and bluegrass music with the rhythm of liturgical worship: gathering, confession and forgiveness, Scripture, offering, and sending. Only the communion song has original text; the others all keep with the musicians who produced them and who are credited as such.*

### **THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** 4:55 pm Mon & Fri Update Calls from Pastor Frank!

<u>TODAY, June 16</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 4</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>
<i>Happy Father’s Day!</i>		
<u>Tuesday, June 18</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting ( <i>Back to Basics Group</i> ) ChEd
	6:00 p.m.	<i>LMM Dinner Meeting</i>
<u>Wednesday, June 19</u>	10:00 a.m.	NO Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation for Joyce Bowers—Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life for Joyce Bowers
<u>Thursday, June 20</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting ( <i>Back to Basics Group</i> ) FH
<u>Friday, June 21</u>	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting ( <i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i> ) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, June 23</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 5</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>

**LMM Dinner Meeting:** Menu: Fried Chicken (need sub for Paul N.), drinks (Larry Slice), Potato Salad (Frank Scuderi), Dessert (Gerry Goegeline).



**Kent Graham**  
@KentWGraham



I don't understand how God can have Ten Commandments for the whole world, and my wife can have 152 just for our house.

**Save the Dates: Sunday July 14—Summer Luncheon & Ice Cream Social**  
**Sunday, July 21—Fellowship Flotilla**  
*Details and sign up sheets to be posted soon!*



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

*Dot Black	Kristin Belusko	Alice King	Paul Nevergoll
*Bob Bowers	Drew Colley	Cindy Lavigne	Judy Olson
*Don & Gwen Buff	Donny Day	Jill Lee	Harry O'Quinn
*Rose Colley	Jackie Dunning	Mickey Lindler	Brooke Pittman
*Helen Derrick	Sharolyn Esgar	Crosby Livingston	Jane Potts
*Virgie Dreher	Lisa Gillespie	Angie Matlosz	Melinda Sharpe
*Barbara Fowler	Douglas Gourley	Terry Matlosz	Marla Smith
*Alma Paulson	Darlene Griffin	Caroline McCauley	JoAnn Smoak
*Miriam Shealy	Joy Gunter	Gary McManus	Richard Starnes
*Tommae Sligh	Tim Hart	Bob Michelsen	Marlene Stirewalt
-----	David Heinrich	Sandra Michelsen	Bruce Whelchel

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

Tyler Alexander, USMC; Sherri Spangler's grandson  
 Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana Riley's niece  
 Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn Cook's grandson  
 Grant Frick, SCNG; Linda Frick's grandson

Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla Maloney's son  
 Griffin McLeod, SCNG-deployed; Mandy McLeod's son  
 Brian Pipkin, SCNG; Louie & Imogene Conder's SIL  
 Hunter Purvis USA; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's SIL



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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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your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available on the drop down fund menu. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

**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 available from an usher.

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Karen Shevenell, Cantor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*