

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

**June 20, 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 or need 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 of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm.  
By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by  
your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

# WORD

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

## **FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

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

## **PSALM 107:1-3,23-32 (Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

**<sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,**

**which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away  
in their peril.

**<sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

**<sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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 4:35-41**

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

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

**ELW 756**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders especially... Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Your healing spirit comforts those who suffer from sickness and serious illness. Provide them relief from pain and anxiety, give hope of health renewed, and protect them with your loving care. We pray especially for...

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. 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 *By Joe Wadsworth*

Gracious God; timeless and Ageless God; you have commanded us to love our enemies. You yourself gave your life for those who were motivated by hatred.

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name....**

You have watched humanity fight and scrap. You have watched with sadness as your creation is hoarded and divided for spoil under the guise of dominion. Help us seek your will in our lives. Make us your ambassadors as well as your disciples.

**Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven....**

You sent your only Son so that your people; All your people, might truly know of your love and of your peace. That we might fully understand your AGAPE, your SHALOM. In a time of war, our hearts need your assurance and your presence confirmed. Our leaders need to sense your power is the strengths they employ.

**Give us this day our Daily Bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...**

It is so easy to reap a harvest of anger and revenge. Our hearts so easily fill with rage and discord. When war rages, sometimes our patriotism supersedes our mandate for peace and reconciliation. Forgive us our anger and grant us hearts of renewing peace. Help us be mirrors of your life even in times of discord.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...**

And so, Lord God of Creation, Savior of the World, we pray for a new chapter of peace to open. Before the momentum of hatred eclipses our strength to control it, grant us peace within. Create in us a clean heart and peaceful mind. This is the nature of your Kingdom; this is the basis of your power, and this is the joy of your Glory. Give us peace.

**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.**



**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: Carolyn Cook  
 Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Paul Nevergoll

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today to the Glory of God our Father by Bruce & Connie Schuver.



**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!

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL**

TODAY, June 20      *Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*  
                           9:15 a.m.      Sunday School  
                           10:30 a.m.      Worship—also streaming



Tuesday, June 22      12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, June 23      **NO Bible Study**—PFA at Lutherock

Thursday, June 24      12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Next Sunday, June 27      *Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*—  
                           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 Lutherock for Confirmation Camp the week of June 21-26; he will be available via text for pastoral care needs.*

# What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, he called it ... "Dad."

~unknown

***Happy Father's Day to all who answer to: Dad, Papa, Grandpa, Opa  
And to all who fill those shoes.***

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

**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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