

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Second Sunday After Pentecost*

**June 22, 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*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS+

**TFF 148**

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! since I laid my  
2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I laid my  
3 Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I laid my

bur - den down. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -  
bur - den down. I feel bet - ter, so much  
bur - den down. Feel like shout - ing. "Hal - le -

lu - jah! since I laid my bur - den down.  
bet - ter, since I laid my bur - den down.  
lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - den down.

Let use pray. We come before you with a heavy hearts, burdened by our sin. We confess that we have been trying to carry this alone, and realize that we cannot. We choose to lay our burdens down at your feet, trusting in your infinite wisdom and love. Fill us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us release this worry and find rest in your presence. Guide me, Lord, and show me the path forward. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Come, All You People*

**ELW 819**

### 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 Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

### PSALM 22:19-28 (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- spring of Israel.

**<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

*Please Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION+**

***Lead Me, Guide Me*** (Refrain Only)

**ELW 768**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

*Please Sit*

**MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**ELW 843**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick *especially*. . . . Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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. 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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, for the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their animals, and for friends and strangers and family, for homes and grocery stores and schools.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil.

*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.*

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom,

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace,

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen!

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*Please Sit*

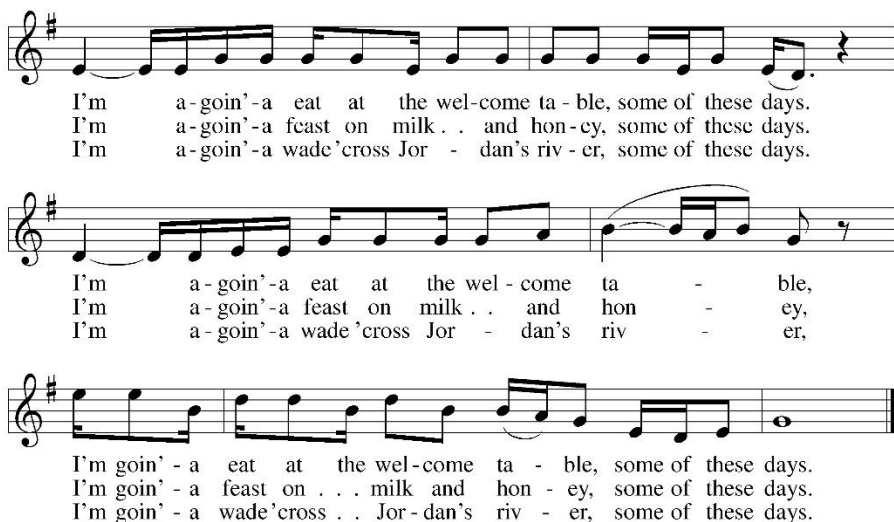
## WELCOME TABLE+

**TFF 263**



1	I'm	a - goin' - a	eat	at	the wel - come	ta	-	ble,
2	I'm	a - goin' - a	feast	on	milk . . and	hon	-	ey,
3	I'm	a - goin' - a	wade 'cross	Jor - dan's	riv	-	-	er,





I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on . . . milk and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade'cross . . . Jor-dan's riv - er, some of these days.

## 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

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling\**  
*One Bread, One Body*

**ELW 608**

**ELW 496**

## 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. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Harry Metz, Bill Colley  
Sacristans: Carolyn Cook, Deborah Heinrich  
Lector: Linda May

+ indicates a musical selection to be sung throughout the Summer \* indicates a Choir Boys Favorite

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Fulmer by her devoted husband Edward Fulmer.

<b>THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL</b>			<i>Mon &amp; Fri Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm</i>
<u>TODAY, June 22<sup>nd</sup></u>			<i>Pentecost 2</i>
9:15 a.m.			Sunday School—Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m.			<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup></u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting ( <i>Back to Basics Group</i> ) FH	
<u>Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study—Proverbs, Fellowship Hall</b>	
	11:35 a.m.	<b>Baked Goods packaging and sealing for the Troops</b>	
<u>Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup></u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting ( <i>Back to Basics Group</i> ) FH	
<u>Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd	
<u>Next Sun, June 29<sup>th</sup></u>			<i>Pentecost 3</i>
9:15 a.m.			Sunday School—Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m.			<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>

**Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>** is the date for assembling and vacuum sealing our baked goods to send to the troops. We’ll meet after bible study. You may drop off items on Tuesday if you cannot be here on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Non-perishable goods are also being collected through July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please grab a card or write a personal note and leave in the narthex. Many of our troops are not receiving a lot of mail so this is a welcomed action.

**MONDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> Bob Bowers Visitation at 1 pm followed by Memorial at 2 pm.**

**School Supplies & Summer Food Drive**—As you are shopping over the next few

Bruce Whelchel

2-17 Air Combat Squadron-*deployed*

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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!!