

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 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 SONG

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

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 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.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

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

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

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

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹and 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.**

SONG

Standing on the Promises Of God

Verse 1

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God*

Chorus

*Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God*

Verse 2

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God*

Verse 3

*Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God*

Verse 4

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword
Standing on the promises of God*

Verse 5

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God*

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

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

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and
from the south.

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

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

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

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

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

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

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

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

³²Let 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.

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

²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

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 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 4th 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.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But 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?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And 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.**

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Jeff Dugger

Please Stand

SONG OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments.

Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling *especially*... Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. 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 OFFERING

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

David Heinrich, guitar

Please Stand

OFFERING SONG

Bringing in the Sheaves

Verse 1

*Sowing in the morning
Sowing seeds of kindness
Sowing in the noontide
And the dewy eve
Waiting for the harvest
And the time of reaping
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves*

Chorus

*Bringing in the sheaves
Bringing in the sheaves
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves*

(REPEAT)

Verse 2

*Sowing in the sunshine
Sowing in the shadows
Fearing neither clouds
Nor winter's chilling breeze
By and by the harvest
And the labour ended
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves*

Verse 3

*Going forth with weeping
Sowing for the Master
Though the loss sustained
Our spirit often grieves
When our weeping's over
He will bid us welcome
We shall come rejoicing
Bringing in the sheaves*

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.

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.**

SONG

Leaning on The Everlasting Arms

ELW 774

COMMISSION

As you go forth from this worship, 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

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 463

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Feed the hungry.

We will. Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jeff Dugger
Lector: Harry Metz
Ushers: Gerry & Myrna Goegeline

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God by Gerry & Myrna Goegeline.

Please check the flower calendar for open July & August dates!

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

<u>TODAY, June 23</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 5</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship—also streaming</i>
<u>Tuesday, June 25</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) ChEd
<u>Wednesday, June 26</u>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – studying Ecclesiastes - Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, June 27</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Friday, June 28</u>	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i>) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, June 30</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 6</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>



Sunday July 14—Summer Luncheon & Ice Cream Social
Deborah Heinrich, organizer



Ice Cream Social



Sunday, July 21—Fellowship Flotilla
Connie Schuver & Rita Anderson, organizers

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



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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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