

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 27, 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

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

PSALM 30 (Responsively)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to

walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.
⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Wade in the Water

ELW 459

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick especially... Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. 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

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

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: Rita Anderson
Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Paul Nevergoll

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God.

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DONATIONS for *Sharing God’s Love* will be delivered to their Irmo location in the next few days. Donations can be placed in the box TODAY or dropped in the office through WEDNESDAY. Monetary donations can be given through the offering plates.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, June 27 *Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship—also streaming



Tuesday, June 29 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, June 30 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Books of Samuel

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

Next Sunday, July 4 *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost—*
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion—Also streaming

Next Monday, July 5 OFFICE CLOSED

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

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP FUN

Tuesday, July 6 6:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns—Craft and Draft, Irmo

Wednesday, July 7 TBA p.m. Lake Murray Flotilla—meeting at the Schuver’s

Safe worship 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: Sanitizer and extra masks are available at the doors. 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. 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!

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

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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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