

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

**June 28, 2026**

*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 if you are able*

### GATHERING SONG

*All Are Welcome*

**ELW 641**

### 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.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* ACS 1087



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

### PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 *Read Responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

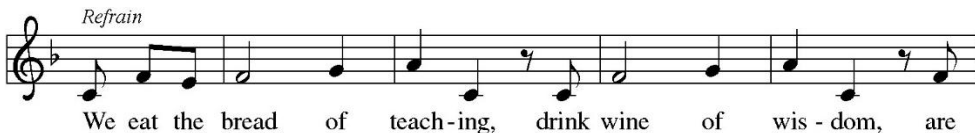
<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Please Stand if you are able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Pastor sings once, all sing once*

**ELW 518**



giv - en here a taste of the king - dom. To - geth - er  
 joined, the great - est and the least, we all are  
 one at Wis - dom's ho - ly feast.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

*Please Sit*

**MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand if you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

**ELW 719**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. *We pray especially for . . . .* Bless caregivers as they show God’s hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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 the convenience of **secure online giving** on our website through [Tithe.ly](#). Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each door for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Welcome Table*

Ensemble

*Please Stand*

### OFFERING SONG

*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

ELW 691

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.*



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

## 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**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*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.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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*Please Stand*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

*Just As I Am Without One Plea\*  
Jesus Loves Me\**

**ELW 592**

**ELW 595**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONGS**

*This Is My Song  
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies\**

**ELW 887**

**ELW 888**

## DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

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*\*Denotes Choir Boys Favorite Song*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: The Andersons  
Lector: Kate Brighton  
Sacristans: Kristi Kunar, Rita Anderson

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thelma Rebecca “Becky” Plott (Kearse) Loadholt by Herbert Loadholt.

**SAVVY SENIORS!** On break until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** 4:55 pm M/F Update Calls from Pastor Frank!

TODAY, Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>      ***Pentecost 5***  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School      ***10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion.***

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>      12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) ChEd

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>      ***NO activities. Savvy Seniors on break until July 15<sup>th</sup>!***

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>      12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>      ***Office Closed-Holiday***  
10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid Morning Group*) ChEd

Next Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>      ***Pentecost 6***  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School      ***10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion***



## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

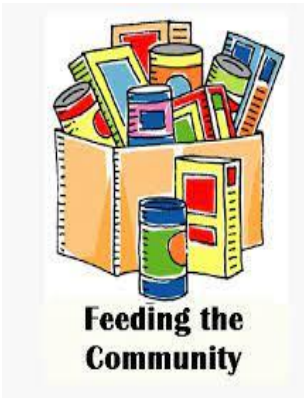
FOR FRIENDS--#HOME, ^REHAB, \*SENIOR LIVING AND/OR ILL

<i>Ken &amp; #Dot Black</i>	<i>*Tommae Sligh</i>	Julie Goegeline Lucas
<i>*Don &amp; Gwen Buff</i>	Marie Derrick	Angie Matlosz
<i>#Barbara DeVore</i>	Lisa Gillespie	Gary McManus
<i>#Virgie Dreher</i>	Douglas Gourley	Harry O'Quinn
<i>*Barbara Fowler</i>	Joy Gunter	Jane Potts
<i>#Terry Matlosz</i>	Susan Herndon	Marlene Stirewalt
<i>*Alma Paulson</i>	Vicky Huggins	Ed Thomas
<i>Grady &amp; #Melinda Sharpe</i>	Jill Lee	Bruce Whelchel
	Patrick Lindler	Dean Whitecotton

**THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF DONNY DAY, LINDA FRICK'S BROTHER**  
**THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LARRY KUNAR, BRIAN'S FATHER**

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

Tyler Alexander, USMC: Sherri Spangler's grandson  
Samantha Davis, USA-Europe; Gene & Diana Riley's niece  
Zachary Davis, USN-deployed; Carolyn Cook's grandson  
Grant Frick, SCNG-deployed; Linda Frick's grandson  
Liam Maloney, SCNG; Mike & Karla Maloney's son



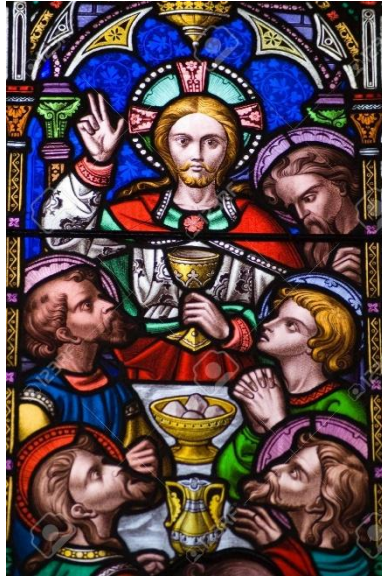
We are collecting for the SGL's Pantry—any non-perishable items are appreciated. They also accept online donations through PayPal. Thank you in advance for your help and support of those in our communities with food insecurity.

Also, we'll donate school supplies once again to the Lutheran Services Carolinas local program that benefits foster care and new refugee students. Backpacks, notebooks, notepaper, pens, pencils, art supplies and other school items are needed—those sales are coming up!



We are organizing a flotilla to watch the purple martins. Vacations and health matters have intervened, so an announcement will be made soon as to our plans.

*Please check the flower calendar for any available dates! Thanks in advance.*



*"Backyard" by Carl Sandburg*

*"Shine on, O moon of summer.  
Shine to the leaves of grass, catalpa and oak,  
All silver under your rain to-night.*

*An Italian boy is sending songs to you to-night from an accordion.  
A Polish boy is out with his best girl; they marry next month;  
to-night they are throwing you kisses.*

*An old man next door is dreaming over a sheen that sits in a  
cherry tree in his back yard.*

*The clocks say I must go—I stay here sitting on the back porch drinking  
white thoughts you rain down.*

*Shine on, O moon,  
Shake out more and more silver changes."*

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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.stmichael1814.com/online-giving](http://www.stmichael1814.com/online-giving). One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, secure, and funds are

deposited immediately. Designations for memorials 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 Facebook Live.

**Large Print and Kids Celebrate** bulletins 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!!**