

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2024

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

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. 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 (*Read 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 (*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 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.**

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Come to You For Healing, Lord

ELW 617

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us

who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for... and all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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

I'll Fly Away

Kate Brighton, jars

Please Stand

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.**

“AN UNBROKEN CIRCLE”

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Words of Institution: based on Will the Circle Be Unbroken

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***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*Jesus took bread, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and foes;
Said to them "Where I am going, you cannot yet go."*

***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*Took the chalice, and he blessed it, said "Do this; remember me;
When I'm gone you won't be lonesome, for the Spirit will make you free."*

***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*When we gather at this table, we are with those who have gone;
In the promised resurrection in Christ we'll be made one.*

***Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.***

*(slower) Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waitin' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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.



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
 I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;
 I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
 I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.
 I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

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.

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

*This is My Song**

ELW 887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Feed the hungry. **We will. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

ELW 888

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Rita Anderson

Lector: Kate Brighton

Ushers: Gerry & Myrna Goegeline

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Frank for all of his hard work and dedication to Saint Michael by Brian & Kristi Kunar.

**Denotes Choir Boys Favorite*

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

TODAY, June 30

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Pentecost 6

10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming*

Tuesday, July 2

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

5-7 p.m. *Beer & Hymns—Craft & Draft, Irmo*

Wednesday, July 3

10:00 a.m. Bible Study – studying Ecclesiastes - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 4

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

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY JULY 4-5TH

Friday, July 5

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid-Morning Meeting*) ChEd

Next Sunday, July 7

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Pentecost 7

10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming*



Sunday July 14—Summer Luncheon & Ice Cream Social

Deborah Heinrich, organizer

Sunday, July 21—Fellowship Flotilla

Connie Schuver & Rita Anderson, organizers



COLLECTIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS—Drop off canned goods and shelf stable items in narthex or office. Monetary donations can be made via offering plate, online or mail. Thank you for your generosity.



**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS
FOR FRIENDS--HOME, REHAB, SENIOR LIVING* AND/OR ILL**

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| *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:

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| Tyler Alexander, USMC; Sherri Spangler's grandson | Collin Maloney, USAOTS; Mike & Karla Maloney's son |
| Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana Riley's niece | Griffin McLeod, SCNG-deployed; Mandy McLeod's son |
| Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn Cook's grandson | Brian Pipkin, SCNG; Louie & Imogene Conder's SIL |
| Grant Frick, SCNG; Linda Frick's grandson | 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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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 available from an usher.

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

Karen Shevenell, Cantor

Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator