

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 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 HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

PSALM 130 (Read Responsively)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, (repeat) more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504

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.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness especially.... With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you especially our sister Joyce Bowers. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. 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 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**. 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 *The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation* Frank Anderson, solo

Please Stand

OFFERING SONG *As the Grains of Wheat* **ELW 465**

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.

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

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.

COMMUNION SONGS

Just a Closer Walk

ELW 697

It is Well With My Soul

ELW 785

Please Stand

COMMISSION

As you go forth from this table, 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

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW 537

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Feed the hungry.

We will. Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Linda May

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Deborah Heinrich

Ushers: Gerry & Myrna Goegeline

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Edwin Fulmer, celebrating his birthday on June 14th, by Pattie Fulmer.

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This "bluegrass liturgy" was originally designed to accompany the season of Lent at Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. It was cooperatively produced by Rev. Emmy Kegler (pastor), Kristi MacKay (worship and music director), and Grace Alworth (musician and congregational leader).

The majority of the bluegrass liturgy pairs well-known folk and bluegrass music with the rhythm of liturgical worship: gathering, confession and forgiveness, Scripture, offering, and sending. Only the communion song has original text; the others all keep with the musicians who produced them and who are credited as such.

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

<u>TODAY, June 9</u> <i>Pentecost 3</i>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. <i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>
<u>Monday, June 10</u>	6:00 p.m. Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall
<u>Tuesday, June 11</u> <i>Office Closed</i>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) ChEd ELECTION DAY – Voting in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wednesday, June 12</u>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study: Resurrection Narratives – Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, June 13</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Friday, June 14</u>	10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (<i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i>) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, June 16</u> <i>Pentecost 4</i>	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. <i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>

ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE TUESDAY JUNE 11TH AND TUESDAY JUNE 25TH (RUN-OFFS). PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THESE DAYS TO ASSIST. WE WILL CHECK MESSAGES DURING BREAKS. PLEASE TEXT PASTOR FRANK OR KRIS IF THERE IS A PASTORAL EMERGENCY.



PRO TIP IF YOU VOTE AT SAINT MICHAEL PRECINCT—LINES ARE SHORTEST DURING LUNCH AS FOLKS MISTAKE THE AA MEETING CARS FOR VOTERS! LINES ARE GENERALLY LONGEST AT 7 AM.



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

*SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE FRIENDS & FAMILY OF JOYCE BOWERS
CELEBRATION OF LIFE—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19—11 AM (VISITATION 10 AM)*

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

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



*Congratulations to US Army Sargent Major Samantha Davis on her promotion!
Samantha is Gene & Diana Riley's niece.*



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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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information is secure, and you can change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available on the drop down fund menu. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

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