

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 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

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW 805

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. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

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

PSALM 85:8-13 (Read Responsively)

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

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.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray especially for In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you especially Mike Lindler. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. 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

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Please Stand

The Lord is My Light

Ensemble

OFFERING HYMN

Vs. 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 *after each verse*

Bringing in the sheaves

Bringing in the sheaves

We shall come rejoicing

Bringing in the sheaves

Bringing in the sheaves

Bringing in the sheaves

We shall come rejoicing

Bringing in the sheaves

Bringing in the Sheaves

Vs. 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

Vs. 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.**

“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

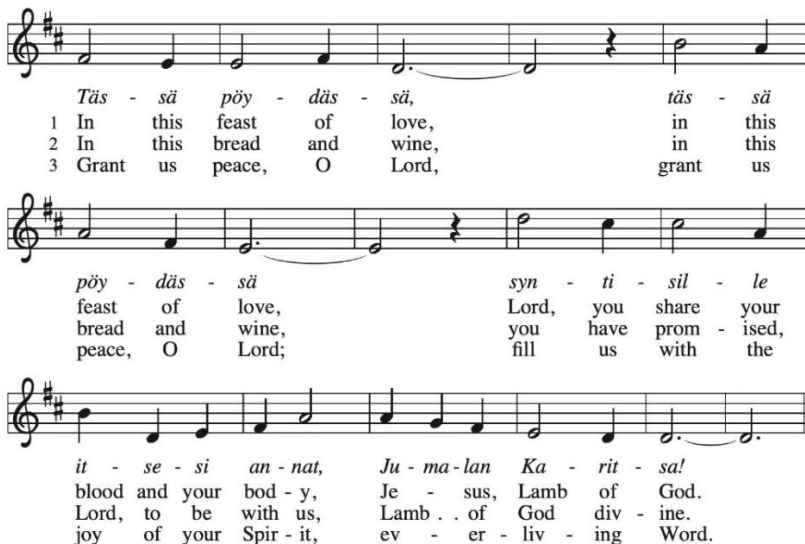
COMMUNION

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 HYMNS

In This Feast of Love

ACS 962



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Faith of Our Fathers**

ELW 813

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **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 HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Deborah Heinrich

Lector: Linda Frick

Ushers: Jeff Dugger & Brian Kunar

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Fulmer by Ed Fulmer.

**Denotes Choir Boys Favorite*

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 & music director), and Grace Alworth (musician & 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!

TODAY, July 14

Pentecost 8

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming

11:30 a.m.

Summer Luncheon & Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 16

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (Back to Basics Group) FH

6:00 p.m.

LMM Dinner Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 17

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study – studying Ecclesiastes - Fellowship Hall



<u>Thursday, July 18</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Friday, July 19</u>	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i>) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, July 21</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 9</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Flotilla & Fellowship—Schuver's home</i>

LMM Dinner Meeting -- Tuesday, July 16th at 6 pm.



SUNDAY, JULY 21—FELLOWSHIP FLOTILLA begins at 5:30 with fellowship at the home of Bruce & Connie Schuver. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert and your beverage of choice. We intend to be off the lake by 8:15ish and will return for dessert and farewells. Please see the sign up sheet to be sure you have a seat on a boat!

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE BEGINS—if you would like to donate supplies, drop them in the narthex or office. Our collection will go to the Lutheran Services program to help foster care and other at risk students. 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**

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

A SPECIAL MEASURE OF GRACE FOR THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MIKE LINDLER

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

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

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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deposited immediately. Personal 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