

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 20, 2025**

*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*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS+

**TFF 148**

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! since I laid my  
2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I laid my  
3 Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I laid my

bur - den down. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -  
bur - den down. I feel bet - ter, so much  
bur - den down. Feel like shout - ing. "Hal - le -

lu - jah! since I laid my bur - den down.  
bet - ter, since I laid my bur - den down.  
lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - den down.

Let us pray. We come before you with a heavy hearts, burdened by our sin. We confess that we have been trying to carry this alone, and realize that we cannot. We choose to lay our burdens down at your feet, trusting in your infinite wisdom and love. Fill us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help us release this worry and find rest in your presence. Guide me, Lord, and show me the path forward. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee\**

**ELW 836**

### 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

*The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

<sup>10a</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

### PSALM 15 (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28**

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,<sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

*Please Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION+ *Lead Me, Guide Me* (Refrain Only)**

**ELW 768**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

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

*During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.*

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

*Please Sit*

**MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

**ELW 754**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair *especially....* Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name 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 **secure online giving** through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Please see the back page for more. Offering plates located at each entrance/exit. If you need an envelope or assistance, please ask an usher.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Please Stand*

**OFFERING HYMN+**

*As the Grains of Wheat*

**ELW 465**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

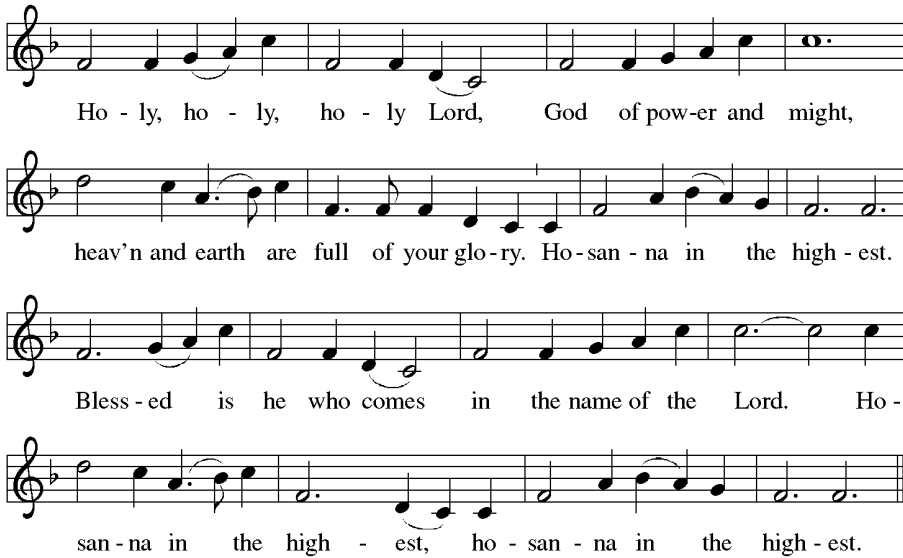
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, God Most High!

We give thanks for your holy covenant, your promise to Abraham, your mercy to the house of David, your word spoken through the prophets, and your beloved Son, the dawn of our salvation.

We praise and magnify you, O God! **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, forgiving Savior, merciful Lord.

We trust in your tender compassion. You are the good Samaritan, we the wounded traveler. You are the sweeping woman, we the lost coin. You ate with Mary, Martha, and Zacchaeus, and you filled Emmaus with your resurrection.

We praise and magnify you, O God! **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

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

For this meal and for your presence within it, we sing:

We praise and magnify you, O God! **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, Power of the Most High. As you came to Mary, come to us and to this meal. Welcome us home, that together we may feast on your love. Feed us with the body of Christ, that we may be holy and righteous before you. Heal us, that with Dorcas we may rise to serve those in need. Send us into all the world, preaching the power of your peace.

We praise and magnify you, O God! **We praise and magnify you, O God!**

Blessed are you, Mighty One, Father, Son, and Spirit, Shepherd of forgiveness, Author of life, Light in our darkness. We join with the multitude of angels to praise and magnify your name, singing, Glory to God in the highest heaven, today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen. **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*Please Sit*

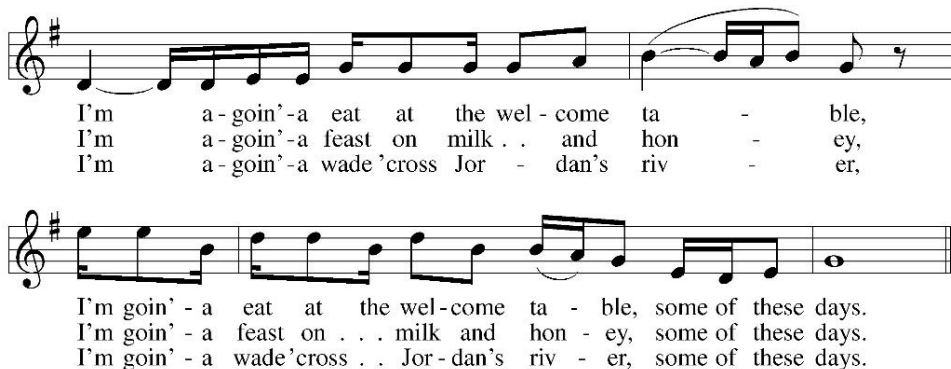
## WELCOME TABLE+

**TFF 263**

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.





I'm a - goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a - goin' - a feast on milk . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a - goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,  
 I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on . . . milk and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross . . Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

## 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**      *As Rain From the Clouds*  
    *Break Now the Bread of Life*

**ELW 508**  
**ELW 515**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Ushers: Gerry & Myrna Goegeline  
 Lector: Rita Anderson  
 Sacristans: Sabrina Whitecotton, Karla Maloney

+ indicates a musical selection to be sung throughout the Summer \* indicates a Choir Boys Favorite

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Anderson Meier by Bob & Rita Anderson.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL** *Mon & Fri Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm*

TODAY, July 20<sup>th</sup>

*Pentecost 6*

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m.

*Worship with Holy Communion*

Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 a.m. **Bible Study—Proverbs, Fellowship Hall**

Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (Morning Group) ChEd

Next Sun, July 27<sup>th</sup>

*Pentecost 7*

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m.

*Worship with Holy Communion*

5-8:30 p.m.

*Flotilla & Fellowship @ Bob & Rita Anderson's (310 Windward Pt. Rd.)*

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**PASTOR FUND** is a discretionary fund used to help those in need from time-to-time and to assist with evangelism needs of our church and community. Due to increased appeals, the fund is running low. Any donations are very much appreciated.

**School Supplies & Summer Food Drive**

As you are shopping, keep an eye out for “on sale” school supplies and/or non-perishable food products. Our local food banks are always running low over the summer—box in narthex. School supplies will be donated at the beginning of August to the local after-school program for Lutheran Services Carolinas. This program helps refugee children and those in foster care in our area.





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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



## **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** direct via the ONLINE GIVING tab at [www.stmichael1814.com](http://www.stmichael1814.com) and available in the app store, [www.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). One-time or

recurring gifts can be scheduled. The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately.

**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 and **Children's** books & activities 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!!