

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 2024

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

PSALM 23 (Read Responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6:30-34, 53-56

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

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.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick especially.... Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Choir

Please Stand

OFFERING HYMN

Bringing in the Sheaves

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

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”

An Unbroken Circle © 2017 Grace Lutheran Church Northeast.

Words of Institution: based on *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

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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 & 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.

***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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

ELW 789

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

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Sacristans: Karla Maloney & Deborah Heinrich

Lector: Karla Maloney

Ushers: Jeff Dugger & Brian Kunar

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor of the Nevergoll
family by Paul & Judith Nevergoll

**Denotes Choir Boys Favorite*

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

TODAY, July 21

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Pentecost 9

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

5:30 p.m. *Flotilla & Fellowship—Schuver Home*

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

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

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26 10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Mid-Morning Meeting*) ChEd
 Next Sunday, July 28 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 Pentecost 10 10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming*

THANK YOU! Paul & Judith Nevergoll would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, texts, and cards as Paul has gone through his kidney transplant. He is recovering nicely and we hope to see him very soon. Continued love and prayers, Paul.



TONIGHT!—FELLOWSHIP & FLOTILLA begins at 5:30 with fellowship at the home of Bruce & Connie Schuver (559 Regatta). 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. You do not have to go on the lake if you want to enjoy fellowship only! If you haven't signed up, please talk to Connie or Rita today.

COLLECTION 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—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 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**

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| *Tommae Sligh | Mickey Lindler | Jane Potts |
| ----- | Crosby Livingston | Grady Sharpe |
| *Dot Black | Angie Matlosz | Melinda Sharpe |
| *Bob Bowers | Terry Matlosz | JoAnn Smoak |
| *Don & Gwen Buff | Caroline McCauley | Richard Starnes |
| *Rose Colley | Gary McManus | Marlene Stirewalt |
| *Helen Derrick | Bob Michelsen | Bruce Whelchel |
| *Virgie Dreher | Sandra Michelsen | |
| *Barbara Fowler | Paul Nevergoll | |
| *Alma Paulson | Judy Olson | |
| *Miriam Shealy | Harry O'Quinn | |
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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; Mandy McLeod's son |
| Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn Cook's grandson | Hunter Purvis USA; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's SIL |
| Grant Frick, SCNG; Linda Frick's grandson | |

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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