

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* **ELW 461**

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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

PSALM 145:10-18 (Read Responsively)

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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: John 6:1-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John’s gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”

⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”

¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the

place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

ELW 843

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 generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering especially..., we remember families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. 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

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SPECIAL MUSIC

This is Christ's Body

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”

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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

*Just As I Am**

ELW 592

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

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Sacristans: Rita Anderson & Judith Nevergoll
Lector: Rita Anderson
Ushers: Jeff Dugger & Brian Kunar

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God.

**Denotes Choir Boys Favorite*

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

<u>TODAY, July 28</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 10</i>	9:30 a.m.	Choir warmup
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>
<u>Tuesday, July 29</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH

<u>Wednesday, July 30</u>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – studying Ecclesiastes - Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, July 31</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Friday, August 1</u>	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i>) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, Aug 4</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 11</i>	9:30 a.m.	Choir Warmup
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>

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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**

*Dot Black	*Tommae Sligh	Mickey Lindler	Jane Potts
*Bob Bowers	-----	Crosby Livingston	Grady Sharpe
*Don & Gwen Buff	Kristin Belusko	Angie Matlosz	Melinda Sharpe
*Rose Colley	Donny Day	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	
	Alice King	Judy Olson	
	Jill Lee	Harry O'Quinn	

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

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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; Mandy McLeod's son
Hunter Purvis USA; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's SIL



SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

Karen Shevenell, Cantor

Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator