

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 31, 2022**

*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

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✙** one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of **✙** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

### 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. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14: 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

**PSALM 149:1-12 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

**<sup>2</sup>you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**<sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
**<sup>6</sup>the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
**<sup>8</sup>for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

**<sup>10</sup>For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

**<sup>12</sup>Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

*Please Sit*

## **SERMON**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

**ELW 696**

## **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**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress especially.... Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church council and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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

## *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

Ladies Quartet

Deborah Heinrich, Karen Shevenell, Karla Maloney, Mary Anderson

*Please Stand*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

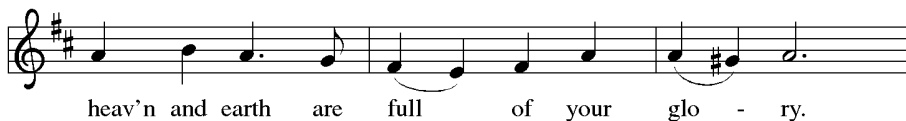
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Lord God, we praise you, bless you, and adore you.

In thanksgiving we bow before you.

O loving Father! You have created all, and you care for your children day and night.

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah!**

You sent your Son to bring us your salvation.

Christ is the source of every grace and blessing, the true paschal lamb and bread of heaven, the very joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah!**

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

We remember Jesus, your Word made flesh, our elder brother, dying on the accursed tree, crushing the power of hell, and rising again victorious from the grave.

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah!**

Send your Spirit on this holy feast. Nourish and heal us with the body and blood of our Savior. Bestow on your church your sweetest love, your transcendent comfort, your unity and peace.

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah!**

To you, the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
we give our thanks and praise, joining now and forever in loud songs of

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah!**

Amen. **Amen.**

## 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**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

## **COMMUNION**

*The Pastor will instruct the congregation when to take communion from their pew. Wine, juice, and gluten-free wafers are labeled and available at each entrance. Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness.*

## **COMMUNION SONG**

*One Bread, One Body*

**ELW 496**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

**ELW 537**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Rita Anderson  
Sacristans: Carolyn Cook  
Ushers: Harry Metz, Bill Colley

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and for the beauty of our worship by Bruce & Connie Schuver.

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> *Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

**10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion***

Tuesday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) Chr Ed  
**6-8 p.m. *Beer & Hymns—Craft & Draft-Irmo***

Wednesday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Studying Romans-Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Next Sunday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> *Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

**10:30 a.m. *Worship with Holy Communion***

*Monday & Friday Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm*



Back-to-School Supply Drive underway! Please drop off supplies in the office or the box in the narthex. Cash donations also welcomed through the offering plate or office. Note “school” in the memo line on your check or offering envelope, please.

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND\* AND/OR ILL



Bill Adams

Roy Adams

\*John Martin Areheart

Leslie Berkeley

\*Dot Black

Pastor Henry Brandt

Donny Day

\*Helen Derrick

Barbara Devore

\*Virgie Dreher

Jackie Dunning

\*June Fulmer

Lisa Gillespie

Gayle Goodrich

Douglas Gourley

Terry Harris

Jim Johnston

Susie Kerstad

Jill Lee

Mickey Lindler

Linda Miller

Susan Norcutt

Harry O'Quinn

Jane Potts

\*Billie Schnabel

Richard Starnes

Ed Thomas

Libby Woodruff

## FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

### MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY

Tyler Alexander, grandson of Sherri Spangler, USMC

Samantha Davis, niece of Gene & Diana Riley, US Army

Zachary Davis, grandson of Carolyn Cook, US Navy

Grant Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, SC National Guard

Victor Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, US Army

Phil Lake, husband of Bridgett (Sloan) Lake, US Naval Reserve

Collin Maloney, son of Mike & Karla Maloney, US Army OTS

George McArthur, son of Judith Tolhurst, USMC in Japan

Griffin McLeod, son of Amanda McLeod, SC National Guard

Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard

Colt Protheroe, nephew of Kate Brighton, US Navy



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# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

**Restrooms are 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 with the worship service available via audio.

**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*