

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 4, 2021

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Please speak the responses **gently**. As a courtesy, it is asked that masks are worn while moving about. For those who are vaccinated, please sit on the pulpit side of the sanctuary or the front pews on the lectern side. The rear lectern-side pews are for those who prefer or need to mask & physically distance.*

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Hymn of Praise to be used until the end of July

- 1 *Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*
- 2 *All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.*
- 3 *Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them,

‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says.’ ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

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

PSALM 123 (Responsively)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

**²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ’s grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW 890

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need especially.... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries that include*). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **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](https://www.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

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

All Sing:

*God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above*

*From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home*

*God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above*

*From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home*

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Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise

you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.

Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise

you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.

Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise

you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

*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.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever. **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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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 on the first Sunday each month. Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. Please contact the pastor for home communion.

COMMUNION SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

Please Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **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 SONG

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Interim Musician: Harold “Hoss” Jefferies
Lector: Kate Brighton
Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Paul Nevergoll

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the Glory of God and in celebration of our great country by Gerry and Myrna Goegeline.

Safe worship restrictions implemented in March 2020 are now removed in terms of worship and gathering for fellowship times. We urge everyone to follow the CDC guidelines in terms of appropriate activities and precautions based on your status as a vaccinated or unvaccinated individual or household.

General: Sanitizer and extra masks are available at the doors. The rear section of pews on the lectern side of the sanctuary remain reserved for those who prefer to physically distance and

wear masks. We will leave offering plates at the doors for now.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion will continue to be offered during worship on the first Sunday each month. Quiet Communion following worship will be offered on remaining Sundays through the Summer. As we near the end of our Communion “pod” supply, you may need to take a juice or gluten free option!

Please advise Pastor Frank, ushers, or council members if you have an accommodation or concern that has not yet been addressed and we will do our best to assist.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, July 4 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship—also streaming



Monday, July 5 OFFICE CLOSED-Holiday

Tuesday, July 6 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH
6:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns—@ Craft & Draft, Irmo

Wednesday, July 7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Books of Samuel
5:00 p.m. Lake Murray Flotilla—meet at 559 Regatta

Thursday, July 8 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Next Sunday, July 11 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost—
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion—Also streaming

Monday and Friday Update Calls from Pastor Frank at 4:55 pm

JULY SERVICE PROJECT

#2 PENCILS/SHARPENER
PINK ERASER
GLUE STICKS
COMPOSITION BOOKS
SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
LOOSE LEAF PAPER
POCKET FOLDERS
PENCIL CASE
COLORED PENCILS
BLUE/BLACK/RED PENS
HIGHLIGHTERS
CRAYONS



BACKPACK
KLEENEX
DISINFECTANT WIPES
SMALL HAND SANITIZERS



**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS
FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND* OR ILL**

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| Bill Adams | Douglas Gourley | Jane Potts |
| Roy Adams | David Hermanson | *Billie Schnabel |
| John Martin Areheart | Jeanette Jacobs | *Olene Sons |
| Dot Black | Jim Johnston | Robin Squires |
| Gwen Buff | Jill Lee | Richard Starnes |
| *Helen Derrick | Mickey Lindler | Ed Thomas |
| *Virgie Dreher | Caroline McCauley | Valerie Waites |
| *Betty Flinsch | Scott McCauley | Bruce William |
| June Fulmer | Linda Miller | |
| Lisa Gillespie | Susan Norcutt | |

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

Tyler Alexander, grandson of Sherri Spangler, USMC
 Samantha Davis, niece of Gene & Diana Riley, US Army
 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
 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
 William Woodruff, son of Jeff And Libby Woodruff, US Army



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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!

Tithe.ly online giving available in the app store or www.tithe.ly/give. Set up a secure profile, search "St. Michael Lutheran" and click on our church. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, safe, and funds are

deposited immediately. Personal information is secure, and you can change 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 and **KID ACTIVITY PACKS** available from an usher

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator

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