

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 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

TEMPLE TALK

Jim Griffin, Gideons International

Free Will Offering at the Doors

PRELUDE

Please Stand

GATHERING HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Shall We Gather

ELW 423 vs 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

PSALM 123 (*Read 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 (*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 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.**

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Listen God is Calling**

ELW 513

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.

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal especially.... In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. 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

*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

This is My Body

Karen Shevenell, solo

Please Stand

OFFERING HYMN

Verse 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*

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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*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.*

Bringing in the Sheaves

Verse 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*

Verse 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*

*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, the
 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

*Spirit of Gentleness**

ELW 396

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

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Deborah Heinrich
Lector: Carolyn Cook
Ushers: Jeff Dugger & Brian Kunar

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God by Bruce & Connie Schuver.

**Denotes Choir Boys Favorite*

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.

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

<u>TODAY, July 7</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 7</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>
<u>Tuesday, July 9</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Wednesday, July 10</u>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – studying Ecclesiastes - Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, July 11</u>	12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Friday, July 12</u>	10:00 a.m.	AA Meeting (<i>Mid-Morning Meeting</i>) ChEd
<u>Next Sunday, July 14</u>	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Pentecost 8</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming</i>
	11:30 a.m.	<i>Summer Luncheon & Ice Cream Social</i>



SUMMER LUNCHEON & ICE CREAM SOCIAL Join us next Sunday after church for fellowship and an indoor picnic luncheon. Chicken, drinks & ice cream provided! Bring a summer salad, ice cream toppings or a dessert if you can. All welcome!

SPECIAL STRING QUARTET CONCERT! Laura & Frank Thomas with their talented friends are giving a FREE concert for our members *Friday, July 12th at 6 pm* here at the church. Feel free to tell your friends & neighbors.

LMM Dinner Meeting -- Tuesday, July 16th at 6 pm. Menu: TBA



SUNDAY, JULY 21—FELLOWSHIP FLOTILLA begins at 5:30 with fellowship at the home of Bruce & Connie Schuver. 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. Please see the sign up sheet to be sure you have a seat on a boat!

COLLECTIONS 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 BEGINS—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 other 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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| *Dot Black | Kristin Belusko | Mickey Lindler | Jane Potts |
| *Bob Bowers | Drew Colley | Crosby Livingston | Grady Sharpe |
| *Don & Gwen Buff | Donny Day | Angie Matlosz | Melinda Sharpe |
| *Rose Colley | Jackie Dunning | Terry Matlosz | Marla Smith |
| *Helen Derrick | Lisa Gillespie | Caroline McCauley | JoAnn Smoak |
| *Virgie Dreher | Douglas Gourley | Gary McManus | Richard Starnes |
| *Barbara Fowler | Joy Gunter | Bob Michelsen | Marlene Stirewalt |
| *Alma Paulson | Tim Hart | Sandra Michelsen | Bruce Whelchel |
| *Miriam Shealy | David Heinrich | Paul Nevergoll | |
| *Tommae Sligh | Alice King | Judy Olson | |
| ----- | Jill Lee | Harry O'Quinn | |

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

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| Tyler Alexander, USMC; | Collin Maloney, USAOTS; |
| Sherri Spangler's grandson | Mike & Karla Maloney's son |
| Samantha Davis, USA; | Griffin McLeod, SCNG-deployed; |
| Gene & Diana Riley's niece | Mandy McLeod's son |
| Zachary Davis, USN; | Brian Pipkin, SCNG; |
| Carolyn Cook's grandson | Louie & Imogene Conder's SIL |
| Grant Frick, SCNG; | Linda Frick's grandson |
| | Hunter Purvis USA; |
| | Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's SIL |



SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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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