

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

**August 23, 2020**

*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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## *We All Are One in Mission v.1&2*

ELW 576

1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

① Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: ② Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

③ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

① For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

② gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

③ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to 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: Isaiah 51:1-6

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out  
from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will  
rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will  
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will  
die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

### PSALM 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

*Please Sit*

## MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Built On a Rock v.1,3&4*

**ELW 652**

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling—

calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.

3 Christ builds a house of living stones:  
we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.

4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing.  
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,  
making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the  
living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at  
home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures.  
Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish  
this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries,  
legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders  
regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of  
peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your  
purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those  
who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care especially...

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You call us into this Lake Murray community, in which we, though many, are one in  
Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given  
us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to  
joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved  
dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,



**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our 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*

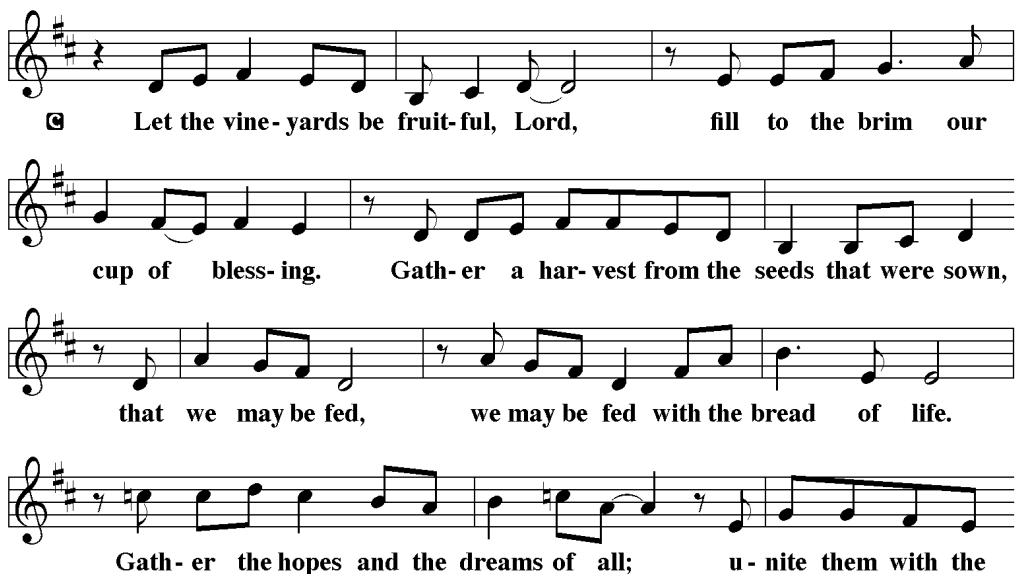
### OFFERING

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*Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Feel free to place a yellow online giving card in the offering plate.*

*Please Stand*

### OFFERTORY OR SPECIAL MUSIC



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the



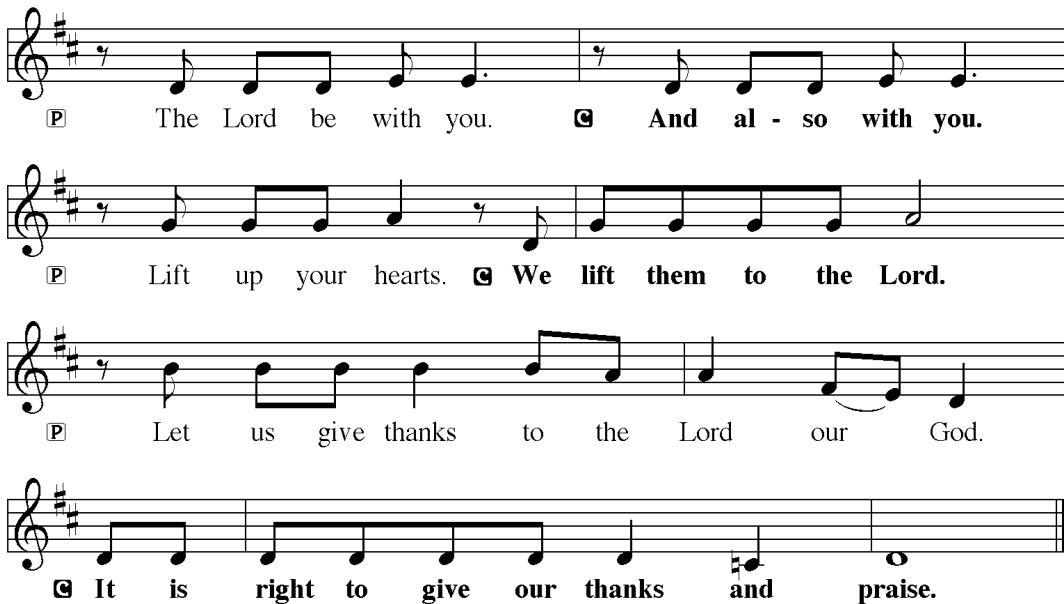
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

**God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff continues with 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff contains 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and rests.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.*

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, 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.**

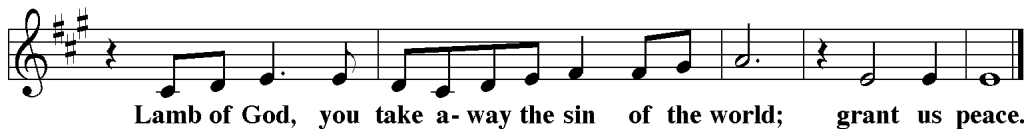
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. The Pastor will commune those with mobility concerns first. All others come forward in the transept to receive. Wine, white grape juice, and gluten-free wafers available.*

**LAMB OF GOD** *Any worship assistants or guests should move forward near the rail, maintaining a social distance of six feet, to receive communion via minimal contact.*



*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

Let us pray together...

**God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✚ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy v.1&3*

**ELW 588**

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| 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,<br>like the wideness of the sea;<br>there's a kindness in God's justice<br>which is more than liberty.<br>There is no place where earth's<br>sorrows<br>are more felt than up in heav'n.<br>There is no place where earth's<br>failings<br>have such kindly judgment giv'n. | 3 For the love of God is broader<br>than the measures of our mind;<br>and the heart of the Eternal<br>is most wonderfully kind.<br>But we make this love too narrow<br>by false limits of our own;<br>and we magnify its strictness<br>with a zeal God will not own. |
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**LECTOR:** Paul Nevergoll

**STREAMING AVAILABLE!** We continue to offer Sunday Worship online via YouTube, Facebook, and our website. Please check our social media, website or recent email communications for links and more information.

**HOME COMMUNION** available through Pastor Frank or the office. Each cup is individually sealed and contains a wafer and juice serving. We can put together several servings in a sealed plastic bag and deliver curbside if you call in advance!

**BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR PARKER**—Kris’s young buddy, Parker, turns 7 on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Since there won’t be a birthday bash, his Mom has asked for a shower of birthday cards (pictures, letters, etc.) so she can store them up and surprise him on his big day. If you’d like to send a card, please address to: Parker Carrell, PO Box 322, Mazon, IL 60444. Thanks so much!



**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL**

TODAY, August 23

**10:30 a.m.**

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Worship with Holy Communion—Streaming Online**

Tuesday, August 25

**6:00 p.m.**

**Church Council Meets—Fellowship Hall**

Next Sunday, August 30

**10:30 a.m.**

*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Worship with Holy Communion—Streaming Online**

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

Roy Adams  
Dot Black  
Gwen Buff  
Pastor James Connolly  
\*Helen Derrick  
\*Virgie Dreher  
Elaine  
Clarence Faber  
June Fulmer  
Maisy Goegeline  
Helen

Gloria Helgeson  
Joseph  
Jill Lee  
Mickey Lindler  
Scott McCauley  
Gayle Michelsen  
Sandra Michelsen  
Linda Miller  
Nan  
Susan Norcutt  
Erna Prawdzik



Phyllis Ruttonsha  
\*Billie Schnabel  
\*Olene Sons  
Richard Starnes  
Terry Stokes  
Ed Thomas  
Brady Waites  
Bruce William  
David Wilson  
Crystal Wood

**FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE**

The family and friends of Verta Drafts Koon

The family and friends of Frank Griffin

**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  
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

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

— From the Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



**If you are a guest, welcome!** Please drop a blue Connections Card 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 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.

Large Print and Kids Celebrate bulletins available from an usher

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Malechi Doren, Cantor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*

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