

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 2025

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM+

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ELW 834

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.**

KYRIE+ (Sung Responsively)

In Peace Let Us Pray

ELW pg. 98

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please sit.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM 51:1-10 (*Sung Responsively*)



- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- ³ For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION+

Alleluia

ELW Pg. 102

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

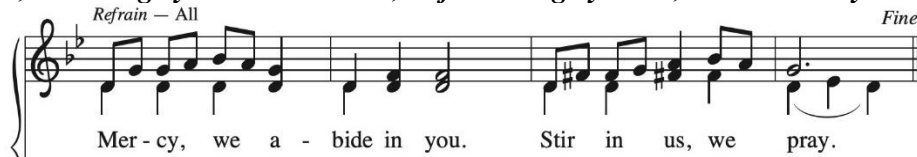
Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

ACS 1077, vs. 1 sung by Leader or Choir; Refrain sung by choir, second time by ALL



Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy.

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace.

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness.

ACS 1077, vs. 2 sung by Leader or Choir; Refrain 1st by choir, 2nd by ALL

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain *especially*.... Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy.

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged.

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection.

ACS 1077, vs. 3 sung by Leader or Choir; Refrain 1st by choir, 2nd by ALL

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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 **secure online giving** through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Please see the back page for more. Offering plates located at each entrance/exit. If you need an envelope or assistance, please ask an usher.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Choir

Please Stand

OFFERING HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING+

ELW pg. 107

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY+

ELW pg. 108

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE+

ELW pg. 108-109

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

LAMB OF GOD+

ELW pg. 112-113

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Create in Me a Clean Heart
Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak*

ELW 188

ELW 676

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Please Sit

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

ELW 545

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Dean & Sabrina Whitecotton

Lector: Carolyn Cook

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook, Deborah Heinrich

+ indicates a musical selection to be sung throughout the Summer * indicates a Choir Boys Favorite

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their newest great-granddaughter, Brynlee Gaines by Gerry & Myrna Goegeline.



NEW ADDITION! Brynlee Gaines was born to Tori & Tyler Gaines. She is the granddaughter of Jeff & Julie Goegeline and great-granddaughter of Gerry & Myrna Goegeline. She was welcomed home by her fur-siblings Ruby and Luna.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL *Mon & Fri Update Calls from PFA at 4:55 pm*

TODAY, September 14th

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Pentecost 14

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, September 16th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

6:00 p.m.

LMM District Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 17th

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study—Proverbs, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 18th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, September 19th

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (*Morning Group*) ChEd

Saturday, September 20th

9-10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, September 21st

Pentecost 15

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

10:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion



We're riding in the 50th Anniversary Okra Strut Parade!

9:00 am on Saturday, September 27, 2025

Smiling faces & grandkids needed!!

We'll sing a couple well known songs along the way and wave at our friends, new and well known.

Truck, driver, and hayrack/trailer needed. Talk to Kris.

The Golden Strut: Fifty Years of Struttin'

SEPTEMBER 26 6PM-11 PM

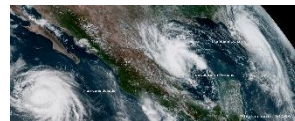
SEPTEMBER 27 9AM-5 PM

MOORE PARK + 7473 Church Street

+ Irmo, SC 29063



LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF has boots-on-the-ground when mother nature strikes as well as in times of war and strife. Please consider a donation before the end of September, as we are in the midst of Hurricane Season. Your gift and compassion are appreciated.



**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS:
FOR FRIENDS--#HOME, ^REHAB, *SENIOR LIVING AND/OR ILL**

Ken & #Dot Black
*Don & Gwen Buff
*Rose Colley
*Helen Derrick
#Barbara DeVore
#Virgie Dreher
*Barbara Fowler
*Alma Paulson
Grady & #Melinda
Sharpe

#Miriam Shealy
#Larry Slice
*Tommae Sligh

Dea Baughman
Kristin Belusko
Cathy C.
Donny Day
Lisa Gillespie
Douglas Gourley

Darlene Griffin
Joy Gunter
Bo Harris
David Heinrich
Vicky Huggins
Jill Lee
Angie Matlosz
Terry Matlosz
Linda May
Gary McManus

Judy Olson
Harry O'Quinn
Brooke Pittman
Jane Potts
Reggie Price
Marlene Stirewalt
Bruce Wheelchel

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

Tyler Alexander, USMC: Sherri Spangler's grandson
Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana Riley's niece
Zachary Davis, USN; Carolyn Cook's grandson
Grant Frick, SCNG-*deployed*; Linda Frick's grandson
Hunter Purvis USA-*deployed*; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's son-in-law
2-17 Air Combat Squadron-*deployed*





Sunday, September 14, 2025
Holy Cross Day

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

*Although we are not celebrating Holy Cross Day in Worship,
it is an interesting history of the cross.*

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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 direct via the ONLINE GIVING tab at www.stmichael1814.com and available in the app store, www.tithe.ly/give. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled.

The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately.

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 and **Children's** books & activities available from an usher.

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

Karen Shevenell, Cantor

Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator

WiFi: StMichaels_Guest PW: Sunday!!