

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Golden Breaks the Dawn v.1&2

ELW 852

1 Golden breaks the dawn, comes the eastern sun; like a rider strong, set the course to run. Birds above me fly, flowers bloom below; through the earth and sky God's great mercies flow.

2 Holy, living God, keep me safe today; though I weary plod, make me kind, I pray. Let me guide our youth, honor weak and old; let me serve with truth, and God's love unfold.

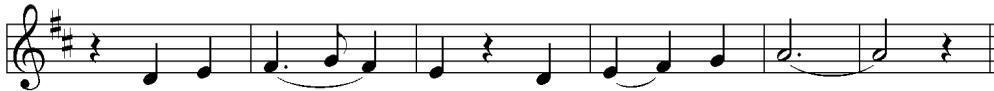
GREETING

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...

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: **Jonah 3:10--4:11**

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and

perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

PSALM 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Please Stand

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness v.1&3

ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they
fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt
be.

mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand
hath provided; great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside! *Refrain*

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning new

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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

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...

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

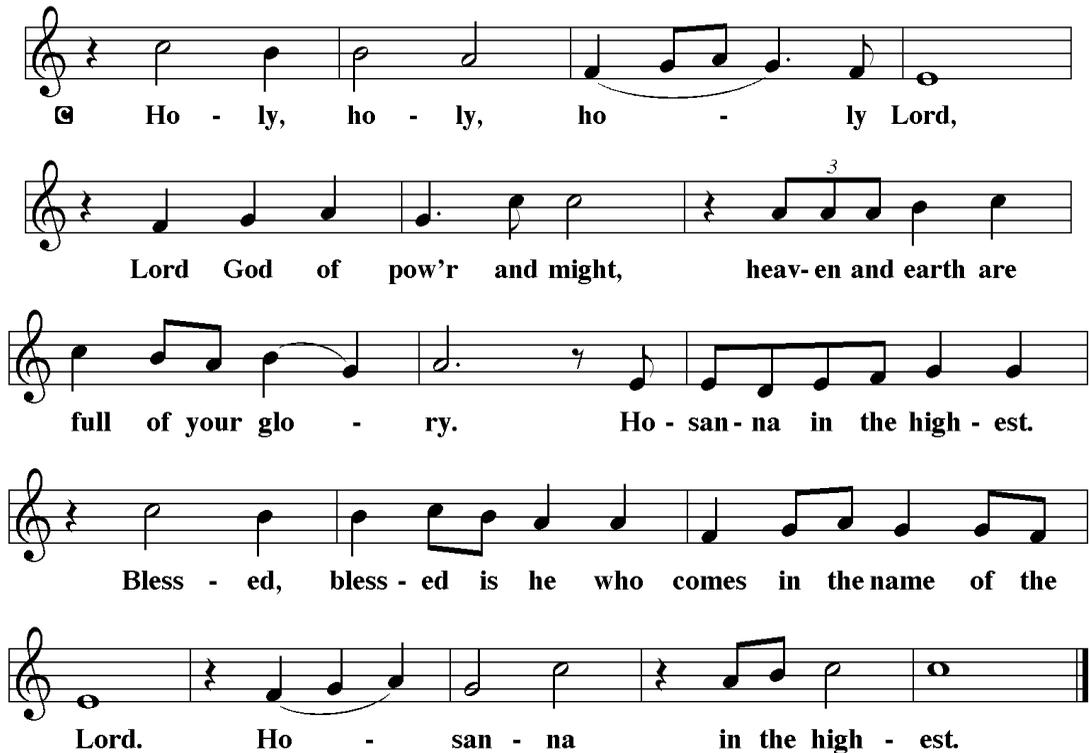
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

**Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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...

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

May God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

How Small Our Span of Life v.1&4

ELW 636

1 How small our span of life, O God,
our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart, the
catching of a breath, a drop within the
ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep to see
the sun no more.

4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith
that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage through
mists of doubt and fears; for hope that
sees a life beyond the swiftly passing
days; for love, both human and divine,
that lifts our hearts to praise.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR: Kate Brighton

STREAMING AVAILABLE! We continue to offer Sunday Worship online via YouTube, Facebook, and our website at 10:30 am. Please check our social media, website or recent email communications for links and more information or call the office. We plan to resume “live”streaming when sanctuary worship returns Sunday, October 4th.

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!



THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

<u>TODAY, September 20</u>	<i>Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Chr Ed/FH
10:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion—Streaming Online
2:30 p.m.	AA Meeting—FH
<u>Tuesday, September 22</u>	12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH
	6:00 p.m. Church Council—FH
<u>Wednesday, September 23</u>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study—FH
<u>Thursday, September 24</u>	12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH
<u>Friday, September 25</u>	11:00 a.m. Videotaping
<u>Next Sunday, September 27</u>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Chr Ed/FH
10:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion—Streaming Online
2:30 p.m.	AA Meeting—FH

*Every Monday and Friday, expect a call from Pastor Frank at 4:55 p.m.
#KeepingUsConnected*

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

Roy Adams
Dot Black
Gwen Buff
*Helen Derrick
*Virgie Dreher
Elaine
Clarence Faber
June Fulmer
Maisy Goegeline
Helen
Gloria Helgeson
Joseph



John Kreykenbohm
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
Amber Tressler
Brady Waites
Bruce William
David Wilson
Crystal Wood

**FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE
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

A Prayer for Enlightenment of the Holy Spirit

God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

— *From Sundays and Seasons*

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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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.

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

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