

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 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

ELW SETTING ONE

pages 97-113

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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 to the Lord***

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719

PSALM 146 (Sung Responsively)



- ¹ Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
 whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
 The LORD sets the | captive free.
⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed**
down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger;
 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with

everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia with Verse

ELW Pg. 102

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Rich Man and Lazarus 2

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, He lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

The rich man called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

Please Sit

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

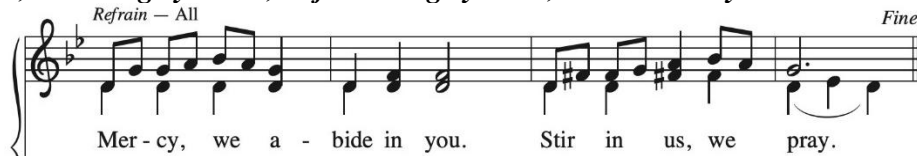
Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

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 Choir; Refrain sung by choir, second time by ALL



We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth.

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation.

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all.

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

We pray for people in any need *especially*.... Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love.

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support.

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life.

ACS 1077, vs. 3 sung by 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.

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.

Please Sit

THANKSGIVING

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Michael and All the Angels

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.

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.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Dean & Sabrina Whitecotton

Lector: Karla Maloney

Message: Kate Brighton

Worship Assistant: Kris Esgar

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph Smoak Sr. by JoAnn Smoak.

MANY THANKS TO KATE BRIGHTON for bringing the message for today's service. As well as a long productive career in entertainment at Nickelodeon, Disney, and in local theaters in Florida, Oregon, California, North and South Carolina; she taught at Crestmont College in California. Crestmont College is the Salvation Army's Training Center where she taught youth ministry, arts, and preaching. Kate served as a youth pastor in Pendleton, Oregon and played 'Penelope Blumm, Biblical Archeologist' for six years in the Shandon Baptist Church's Summer Youth Program here in Columbia.

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

TODAY, September 28th

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Pentecost 16

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

Worship

Tuesday, September 30th

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Wednesday, October 1st

10:00 a.m.

Bible Study—James, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 2nd

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Friday, October 3rd

10:00 a.m.

AA Meeting (*Morning Group*) ChEd

Saturday, October 4th

9-10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Next Sun, October 5th

Pentecost 17

9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

Choir Warmup—Choir Room

Worship with Holy Communion

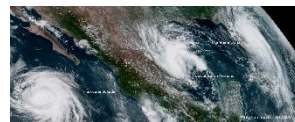
Blessing of the Animals—Front Plaza

Animal Blessing
Sunday, October 5th
4:00 p.m.



All animals welcome. Please use your best judgement as to the need of leash, carrier or cage to keep your pet(s) calm and as cool as possible. We are hoping for the Glencoe Farms horses to join us, so we don't want anyone getting squished! Pup cups, water, treats, and blessing certificates will be available before/after the service. PFA will be available for individual blessings and to come to your vehicle if your pet is not big on social events.

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.



**Come and
Join Us!**

AF-AM CEMETERY WORKDAY

October 25th

Saturday, 9 am til Noon

Please bring gloves, rakes, loppers, wagons, etc.

We will be moving limbs, clearing debris, and trying to clear a bit more area nearest the pasture. Ground penetrating radar will be back in November so we have to clear wherever they will be “looking” for additional remains and fieldstones.



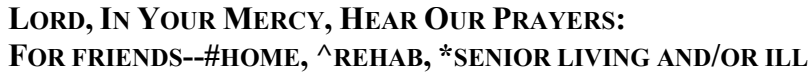
Picnic in the Park

Bethlehem and Mt. Hermon Lutheran are sponsoring a Dutch Fork Lutheran Church Cluster Gathering in Peak.



- * **Saturday, November 15, 2025**
- * Gathering: 11:30 a.m.
- * Short outdoor service: 11:45 a.m.
- * Picnic: 12:00 p.m. in Peak Town Park (across from Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church)
- * Hike, walk or bike: 12:30 p.m., the Palmetto Trail at your own pleasure.
- Please bring your lawn chair(s); enough for your family, or picnic blanket and your picnic lunch and drink.
- Disability access to the trail is in the town of Peak
- Parking: Parking is available at the Peak Park, and down by the Palmetto Trail a very short distance from the Peak Town Park.
- Restroom access will be at Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church.

Come enjoy God's wonderful creation in the great outdoors!



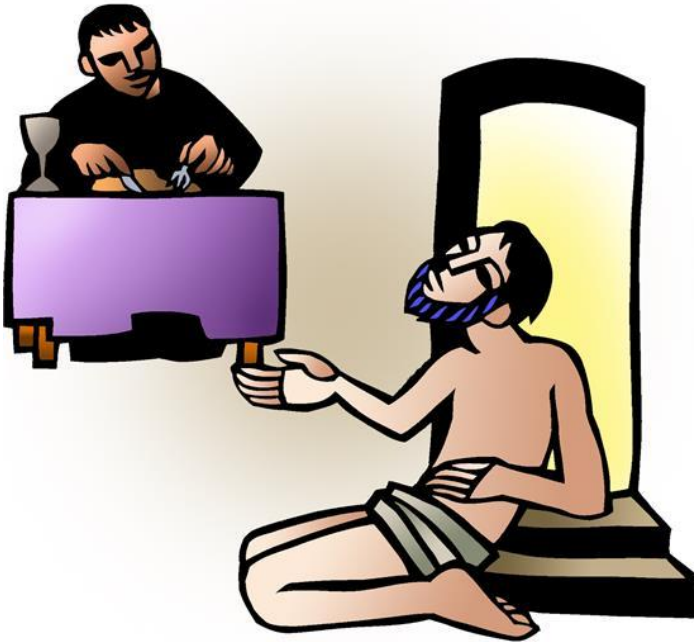
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If you are a guest, welcome!

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 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

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