

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SCOTT T. MCCAULEY

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MARCH 19, 1959 – AUGUST 10, 2021

AUGUST 20, 2021 + 11:00 A.M.

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Please speak the responses **gently**. As a courtesy, it is asked that masks are worn while moving about. For those who are vaccinated, please sit on the pulpit side of the sanctuary or the front pews on the lectern side. The rear lectern-side pews are for those who prefer or need to mask & physically distance.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Paschal Candle is burning at the urn and signifies the Christian's assurance of eternal life through the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our brother, Scott,
to give thanks for his life, to recommend him to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A pall is placed on the urn in remembrance of Scott's baptism—a sign of being clothed with Christ in baptism.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Scott. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

LITURGY FOR THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Adapted From *Every Moment Holy, Volume 2*, by Douglas Kaine McKelvey

O Christ, your joyful union with your bride is the deep mystery toward which all our earthly marriages portend.

Therefore, deal tenderly with Caroline now as she finds herself alone here at the end of this precious union with Scott.

In marriage, the two of them had become one.

And Caroline should not feel as if, by this loss, she has simply been reduced to one again, or as if she has now become some ragged half, the salvaged piece of a thing torn asunder.

This is a grief like no other, O Lord, for they were companions in a holy bond, their hearts and lives knit together, sharing purpose and plan, sharing days and nights and dreams, hands clasped in a common pilgrimage.

Together, they were becoming what neither of them could have been alone. Their vow to love within your greater love was remaking them into a new thing, as they each sought in grace to learn to prize and serve another.

And now their grand experiment has reached its sudden earthly end. It seems so unreal, and beyond all reasonable reckoning, to comprehend that one's closest friend and ally has vanished from the world. Caroline is unmoored and adrift in these spaces they so recently shared.

Give grace, O God of Love and hope.

Give grace, O God of mercy and sympathy.

Give grace, O God, who knows her hurt, her shock, her grief, her loss.

Give grace, O God, who grieves for her, who shelters her, who weeps with her.

Give comfort to your sorrowing child, and to all others who find themselves dismayed by this sudden inrush of silence at the end of a marriage.

This is an anguish multiplied by the fact that Caroline has lost the companion she would have shared such sadness with.

Be present, O God, in the emptiness.

Be present, O God, in the silence.

Be present, O God, in the aching heart of this new and solitary sorrow.

Amen.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND READING: I John 4:7-11

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love God does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Please Stand

GOSPEL: John 14:25-27

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

Please Sit

MEDITATION

Bishop Herman R. Yoos, III

SONG

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray...

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion, of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand,
to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

**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

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Scott to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Scott. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

PROCESSION TO THE CEMETERY

Please follow the Cross, Pastor, and family to the place of burial in the cemetery.

Scripture will be read as the people gather.

COMMITTAL

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Let us pray...

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Scott, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The bell tolls 62 times for each year of Scott's life on earth.

A reading from First Corinthians: Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (*1 Corinthians 15:51-57*)

SONG

In the Garden

Mary Anderson, soloist

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Scott, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.

The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon him with favor and + give him peace.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

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ALTAR FLOWERS *are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Scott by his fellow Lutheran Men in Mission at Saint Michael. He was a faithful member of LMM and will be greatly missed.*

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OFFICIATING MINISTER The Rev. Frank W. Anderson
Pastor, Saint Michael Lutheran Church

PREACHER The Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos. III
Bishop of the SC Synod, 2008-2020
Friend of the Family

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SOLOIST The Rev. Dr. Mary Williams Anderson

URNBEARER John F. McCauley, Brother

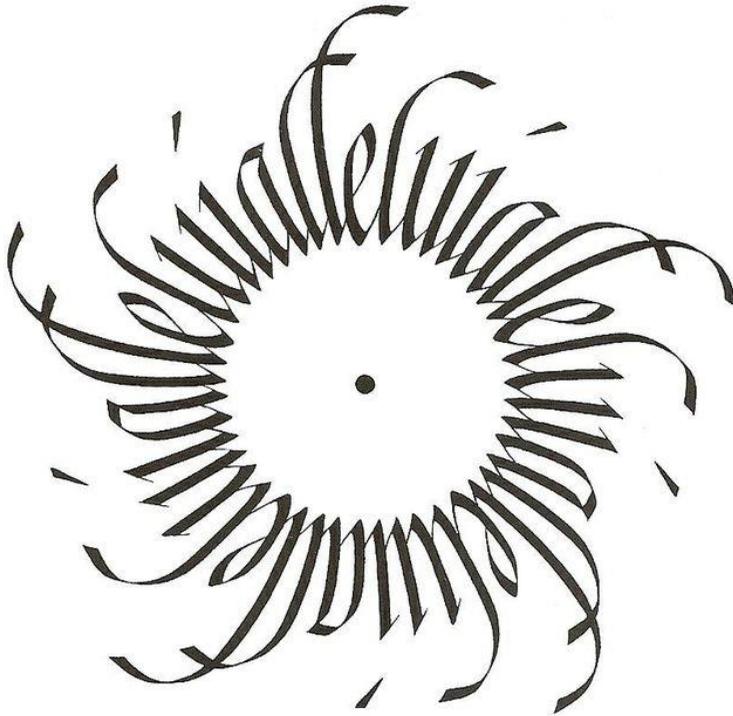
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The family appreciates your presence, and your many acts of
kindness that have been shown.

*Memorials may be made to Saint Michael Lutheran Church
or the ALS Foundation at 1300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22209 in Scott's memory.*

*For it is you who light my lamp,
the Lord my God lightens my darkness.
--Psalm 18:28*





SCOTT T. MCCAULEY

Scott was born in Charlotte, NC on March 19, 1959 and passed away on August 10, 2021 at Lexington Medical Center. He was the son of the late John F. McCauley and Charlotte Fulbright McCauley. Scott was a devoted member of Saint Michael Lutheran Church. He was the owner of McCauley Lawn Care and had been a welder for many years. Scott enjoyed the outdoors hiking, walking on the beach, swimming and just swinging in his hammock. He loved to travel wherever the road would take him but was always his happiest at Edisto. Always up for an adventure and exploring new places. Scott was a craftsman who loved working in his shop and giving his creations to friends and family for no reason at all. Most of all he enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 28 years, Caroline Eaton McCauley, brother; John (Beth) McCauley, Raleigh, NC, sisters; Sally McCauley, Charlotte, NC, Gigi (Stan) Hankins, Cary, NC, nieces; Ashley McCauley and fiancé Parker Ennis, Marijean Hankins; nephews: Conner (Tiffany) McCauley, Stan Hankins; great nieces: Melani and Karella McCauley, special friends; Alan (Vicky) Huggins, Anne Van Atten, and Amy Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service for Scott Thomas McCauley (62) of Columbia will be held on Friday, August 20th, 2021 at 11:00 am at Saint Michael Lutheran Church, 400 River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212. Inurnment will follow in the Church cemetery. Reverend Frank W. Anderson and The Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos, III will officiate.

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