

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 25th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
DSI (pg. 151)	Matins (pg. 219)
Hymns	Hymns
TLH 639*, 644, 619, 646, 624, 409	TLH 639*, 644

Wednesday Hymns 877, 644

* *"For Many Years, O God of Grace" #639*

(1) For many years, O God of grace, This church
has been ,my dwelling place And we Thy
congregation.

Upon the precious Cornerstone, Our faith is
built, and Christ alone Is still our one
Foundation.

Today We pray: "Let us greet Thee, Lord, and
meet Thee Here with singing, All our
praises to Thee bringing."

(2) Here children have been born a-new As
manifold as morning dew, Their vows to
Thee confessing.

Here many found a table spread, They ate
Christ's body with the bread And drank
the cup of blessing,

Today We pray: "Let none falter At Thine altar.
We adore Thee, Gladly worship here
before Thee."

(3) Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and groom besought Thine
aid, Thy love their own transcending.

Here mourners, with their troubled hearts, Have
found the peace Thy word imparts, The
joy that has no ending.

Today We pray: "May the story Of Thy glory Here
resounding Be a song of grace
abounding!" Amen.

Sermon
Pastor David Davis,
Michigan District President

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4: Nevertheless, there will be no more
gloom for those who were in distress. In the past
he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of
the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the
Jordan. The people walking in darkness have seen
a great light; on those living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged
the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice
before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as
warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as
in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their
shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

I Corinthians 1:10-18: I appeal to you, brothers and
sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all
of you agree with one another in what you say and
that there be no divisions among you, but that you
be perfectly united in mind and thought. My
brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household
have informed me that there are quarrels among
you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow
Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I
follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." Is
Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were
you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that
I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and
Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in
my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of
Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I
baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me
to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with
wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be
emptied of its power. For the message of the cross

is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-25: When Jesus heard that John had
been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving
Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which
was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and
Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the
prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of
Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in
darkness have seen a great light; on those living in
the land of the shadow of death a light has
dawned." From that time on Jesus began to
preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is
near." As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of
Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and his
brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the
lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me,"
Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At
once they left their nets and followed him. Going
on from there, he saw two other brothers, James
son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in
a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their
nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left
the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus
went throughout Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the
kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness
among the people. News about him spread all over
Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill
with various diseases, those suffering severe pain,
the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and
the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds
from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and
the region across the Jordan followed him.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Dave Miller,
Rodney Hecht; Mark Schiefer*

Organist *Pam Bernreuter*

Trumpeter *Audrey Van de Veer*

Choir. *K-8th Grade*

Usher *Ron Spiekerman; Paul Kern*

Altar Guild *Lois Bierlein, Donna Bierlein*

Wednesday

Elder *Kevin Kern*

Pianist. *Heiki Palm*

Usher *Paul Kern*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Mon *Lutheran Schools Week*

Tue *Adult Choir 7 p.m.*

Wed *Worship Service 7 p.m.*

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Kicking Off Our 175th: We welcome District
President Dave Davis this morning, along with
Pastor Elmer Schiefer, who just turned 100 years
old! This is also the start of Lutheran Schools
Week, and our students will be singing in both
services. President Davis will be hosting a Q&A
between services.

Sloppy Joes: The 5th-8th grades are hosting a
sloppy joe sale this Sunday after both services in
the church foyer. Each bag contains: sloppy joe,
chips, and cookie. Cost is \$5. Why cook when we
can do it for you? All proceeds will go towards
the cost of the 5th-8th grade spring bus trip to
Henry Ford and Greenfield Village. Thank you in
advance for your support!

St. Michael's will host a special Lutheran Schools
Week chapel for the surrounding Lutheran

Schools this Wednesday at 9:00. Everyone is invited to attend!

Voters Meeting Notes: Administrative Pastor call extended to Pastor Gillaspie. Motions passed: establish a Call Committee for an associate pastor; repair church roof; raise substitute teacher pay to \$13.73/hour; appoint Megan Bauer as chair of Technology Committee, Amy Bickel as Wages and Benefits chair with Madylyn Rogers as at-large member of W & B.

Pastor Gillaspie's Sunday Bible Class will no longer be held at school. He will be leading the class in the overflow room starting in a few weeks.

Youth Group Event: February 1st, Snow Tubing at Snow Snake in Harrison, MI. We will meet for early service at 7:45 at St. Michael's. If you are planning to attend please RSVP to Mrs. Hoepfner by January 26. More information can be found in the Jan. Newsletter.

Passion Drama meeting rescheduled to Feb. 1st between services. Everyone is invited!

Lutheran Hour Rally: St. Lorenz Lutheran Church of Frankenmuth will host a special worship service and rally on Sunday, February 1st, at 2:00. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To register or to View Live: Go to MI-LLL.ORG. A popup screen will appear with a green button (View Lutheran Hour Rally) Click on this button a few minutes before to worship together. (There are currently promotional videos at this button.)

Mary Martha will meet on Monday, February 2 at 7 pm in the church meeting room. Vicar Karl Camp from St. Lorenz will speak on his journey to becoming a pastor and stories about growing up

in Russia. All are welcome to attend and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

Sisters of Ruth: - Gera Tavern has been reserved for Wed. Feb. 4th for noon lunch. Meet at the church by 11:45 a.m. Call Luann with any questions.

Attention! Cemetery Committee is accepting bids for the 2026 mowing season. Please contact Jason Bierlein (989)529-5733 by 2/23/2026 If interested.

Adult Choir We are excited to extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join the Adult Choir here at St Michael's. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or simply love to sing from the heart, our choir is a welcoming space where voices come together to inspire, celebrate our faith, friendships and harmony. Rehearsals are Tuesday's at 7 p.m.. Come Join Us!

St. Michael's Church Anniversary. We are working on a special project and would love your help! We are looking for people of all ages -- young and old -- who would like to be part of a special anniversary video. Additionally, we are looking for old photos from past events or memories at St. Michael's. If you're interested or have photos to share, please contact Mallorie Rogers at 989-882-7249.

Thank you! to everyone who donated to Focus on the Family's Option Ultrasound and Lutherans for Life for Life Sunday. We collected over \$1300 for these pro-LIFE organizations! (which means we will help save over 15 babies!) Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. Special thanks to Pastor, Nancy, Julia, Kevin, Becky, and the elders for all your help. I ask that you continue to pray for Lutherans for Life and all

those working on the front lines for the cause of LIFE. And remember, We are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Dear Members of St. Michael's...
Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, emails. I wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year! The power of prayer is amazing. God Bless you all.
-Barb Kern

Thank you for the warm wishes and prayers while recovering from surgery on my knee.
-Jenna Mathews

<u>Attendance</u>	
Sun. Jan. 18 th	349
Wed. Jan 21 st	25

Other News
The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Rotten Tomatoes"; *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*; Boasting gone wrong—it's the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we've earned and deserved. 1 Corinthians 1: 30-31

Option Ultrasound financial information: Committing to a monthly donation requires prayerful consideration, but can make a difference. Every \$60 donated saves 1 baby from abortion through this program. Or \$30 monthly for a year can empower 6 mothers to choose life. If you wish to donate to Option Ultrasound at any time, you may use this website. FocusOnTheFamily.com/pro-life. Thank you in advance!

Prayers
Health

Lewis Abraham; Brody Bauer, Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Bob & Faith Heinlein; Ann Houser; Dave Janson; Barb Kern; Rick Keinath; Lynn Koviack Carolyn Navarre; Eugene Palmreuter; Larry Putman; Barb Rupprecht; Dawn Schoenow, Don Weber; Rollie Wenzel

Thanksgiving
Paul Weber's 70th Birthday; Jan. 25th

Mission
Dr. Becky Grossmann began serving with Lutheran Bible Translators in 1985 as an assistant, she currently serves as a translation consultant for the Bandi, Dan, and Maan full Bible translation programs in Liberia and the Themne full Bible translation program in Sierra Leone.

Prayer of the Day
"Lord God, since You have always given Your servants the Holy Spirit, grant us His gifts and the grace to use them to Your honor and glory and for the good of others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."

