

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.

1 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.
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

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 Madelyn 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. Hoeppner 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

Attendance

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."

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Glory FOR
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