

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15, 2023

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled
to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✚ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW 308

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.**

LITANY

"The Light of God Has Come!"

[Christine Sine]

Come and see!

**The light of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and love;
It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.**

Come and follow!

Christ our companion has redeemed our world.

He draws us into a loving family from every tribe and family and culture.

Go and tell!

**The Spirit has equipped us for service to love our neighbours as we do ourselves,
To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! .The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1-11 (Read Responsively)

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall trust the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

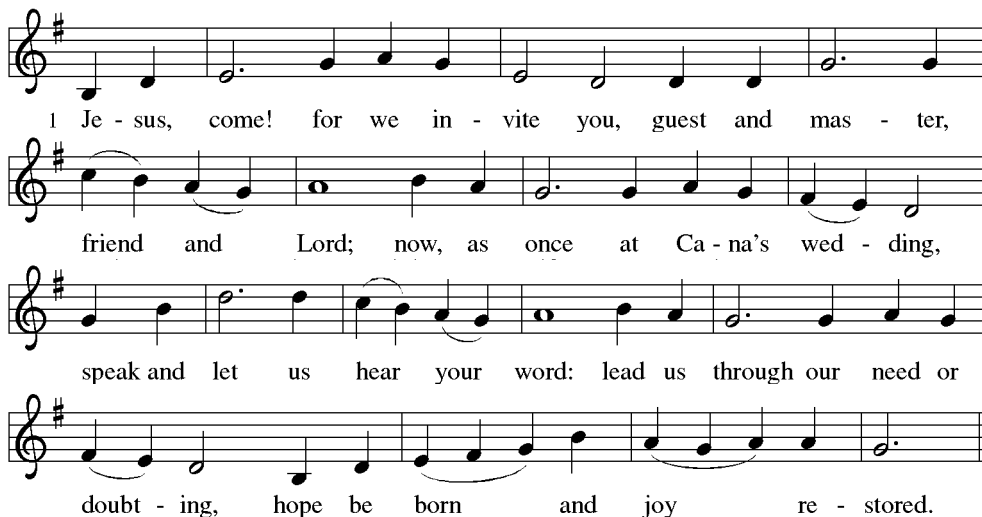
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless

on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated

means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Please Sit

SERMON

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray especially for....

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You are glorified in the servants you have called. Give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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

*We offer the convenience of **secure online giving** through Tithe.ly. Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each entrance/exit for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.

From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever.

Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might.

Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.

He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Again, 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.

With joy we tell our story:

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.

Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.

And so we pray and praise: Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. For those who are able, an usher will instruct the congregation when to come forward using the center aisle; please return to your pew using the side aisles. Wine, juice (white), and gluten-free wafers are available. Please alert an usher if you require assistance so communion can be brought to you.

Please Sit

COMMUNION SONGS

*In the Singing
Now the Silence*

**ELW 466
ELW 460**

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. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

- Lector: Linda Frick
- Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Karla Maloney
- Ushers: Harry Metz, Bill Colley

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie Fulmer by her devoted husband Ed Fulmer.

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

<u>TODAY, Jan 15</u>	<i>Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
<u>Tuesday, Jan 17</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH 6:00 p.m. LMM Meeting—Fell. Hall (<i>take down Chrismon Tree</i>)
<u>Wednesday, Jan 18</u>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study—The Parables of Jesus
<u>Thursday, Jan 19</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Next Sunday, Jan 22</u>	<i>Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>

**SPECIAL NOTICE! CONGREGATION MEETING,
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH!**

***This meeting is to discuss and vote on a proposal to repair the bell tower.
You may also designate gifts to “building fund” to help offset costs.
See letter from Pastor Frank for details.***



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

Bill Adams	*Pastor Henry Brandt	Jackie Dunning	Linda Miller
*John Martin Areheart	Don Buff	Lisa Gillespie	Susan Norcutt
Keith Berkeley	Joe Cooper	Douglas Gourley	Harry O'Quinn
Keith B. Berkeley	Donny Day	Jim Johnston	Jane Potts
Leslie Berkeley	*Helen Derrick	Jill Lee	*Billie Schnabel
*Dot Black	Barbara Devore	Mickey Lindler	Tommae Sligh
Ken Black	*Virgie Dreher	Terry Matlosz	Richard Starnes
Joyce Bowers	Allison Dugger	Gayle Michelsen	Ed Thomas

FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

Friends & Family of Pastor Jim Nichols

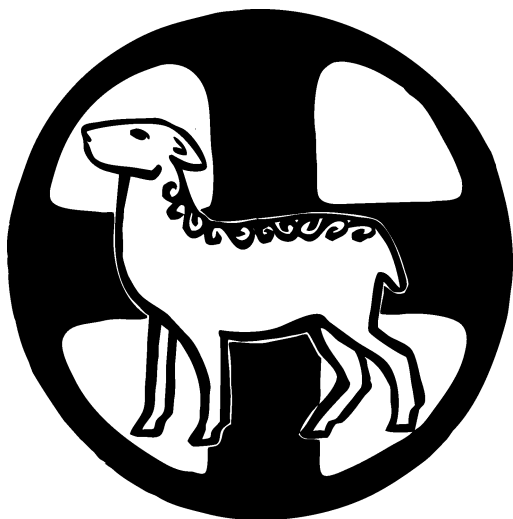
MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY

Tyler Alexander, grandson of Sherri Spangler, USMC
 Samantha Davis, niece of Gene & Diana Riley, US Army
 Zachary Davis, grandson of Carolyn Cook, US Navy
 Grant Frick, grandson of Linda Frick, SC National Guard
 Victor Frick, grandson of Linda Frick, US Army
 Phil Lake, husband of Bridgett (Sloan) Lake, US Naval Reserve
 Collin Maloney, son of Mike & Karla Maloney, US Army OTS
 Griffin Mcleod, son of Amanda McLeod, SC National Guard
 Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard
 Hunter Purvis, son-in-law of Jerry & Cheryl Baxter, US Army
 Colt Protheroe, nephew of Kate Brighton, US Navy



SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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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 with the worship service available via audio.

Large Print bulletins 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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