

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 16, 2022**

*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

*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 creates us,  
redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory**

**when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done**

**and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe**

**in the glory of your Son born among us,**

**and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Jesus, the Light of the World*

ACS 914

*HOP for January- Leaders sing first phrases;*

*Congregation sings "Jesus, the Light of the World"; All sing Refrain*



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please Sit*

# WORD

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

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

- <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

## **PSALM 36:5-10 (Responsively)**

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**<sup>8</sup>They feast upon the abundance of your house;**

**you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**<sup>10</sup>Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

<sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

*Please Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Sung by Leader*

*Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;*

*touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.*

*Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.*

**GOSPEL: John 2:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave

out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.<sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom<sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *Sung by All*  
*Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,*  
*Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,*  
*Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.*

*Please Sit*

**SERMON**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*      **ELW 488**  
*Congregation sings vs. 1,3,4; Leaders sing vs. 2*

**INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL 2022**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially.... Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## THANKSGIVING

*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](https://www.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**

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

Karen Shevenell, piano

*Please Stand*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER DURING EPIPHANY**

Arise, shine inheritors of God's light,  
Bearers of Christ's light to our darkened world,  
**The light of God has come into our world,  
And nations will come to its brightness,**  
Arise, shine, privileged ones who live in the light of Christ,  
Bow before God not in shame but in awe,  
**All is visible in Christ's eternal light,  
In us God's light never goes out.**

Arise shine, in Christ, God's light has been revealed to us,  
It reaches across time and space,  
**We have come to see,  
We have come to follow,**  
Arise shine, in Christ God's light has been revealed to all people,  
God's glory has been unveiled in all the earth,  
**May we go and tell,  
May we go and share God's light with our needy world.**

## **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

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✚ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**ELW 310**

*Congregation sings vs. 1,2,4; Leaders sing vs. 3*

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Rita Anderson

Ushers: Gerry Goegeline, Dean Whitecotton, Bo Harris

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, January 16 *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** *Worship*—also streaming

Tuesday, Jan 18 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

**6:00 p.m.** **LMM—Fellowship Hall**—BYO brown bag dinner

Wednesday, Jan 19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—studying II Kings

Thursday, Jan 20 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (*Back to Basics Group*) FH

Next Sunday, Jan 23 *Epiphany 3*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** *Worship*—also streaming

*4:55 pm Monday and Friday Update Calls from Pastor Frank!*

**Safe Worship**-We urge everyone to follow the CDC guidelines in terms of appropriate activities and precautions based on transmission levels and your status as a vaccinated or unvaccinated individual or household. **We strongly encourage you to wear masks when inside church buildings due to rising transmission levels in the Midlands.** Sanitizer & masks are available at the doors. The rear lectern-side pews remain reserved for those who prefer to **physically distance and wear masks.** We will leave offering plates at the doors.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion continues to be offered on the first Sunday each month from your pew. Quiet Communion following worship will be offered on remaining Sundays. We continue to use individual “pods” with wine, juice or gluten free (wine) options!



**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION (LMM)** meets Tuesday night at 6 pm. Everyone please bring a brown bag dinner. We will assign menu tasks for February and discuss plans for Shrove Tuesday.

All men of Saint Michael are invited and we hope to see you on Tuesday night!

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DO IN 2022?** Why not consider dedicating or rededicating some time to the activities of your church? There are so many ways to become involved that are not overly time consuming but help keep everything at Saint Michael running smoothly.

- We need lectors, altar flowers, and ushers each Sunday
- There are filing and sorting projects ongoing in the Archives, Music Library, and Property Committee
- Our Fellowship & Community Activities Committee is always looking for help and suggestions for fun events
- Property and Cemetery Committees occasionally need some assistance in the great outdoors



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



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|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Roy Adams            | *Betty Flinsch      | Caroline McCauley |
| John Martin Areheart | June Fulmer         | Linda Miller      |
| Dot Black            | Lisa Gillespie      | Susan Norcutt     |
| Joyce Bowers         | Gayle Goodrich      | Jane Potts        |
| Don Buff             | Douglas Gourley     | *Billie Schnabel  |
| Jamie Coleman        | David Hermanson     | *Olene Sons       |
| Carolyn Cook         | Jeanette Jacobs     | Richard Starnes   |
| Donny Day            | Jim Johnston        | Ed Thomas         |
| *Helen Derrick       | Susie Kerstad       | Bruce William     |
| Barbara Devore       | Steve & Amy Lambert |                   |
| *Virgie Dreher       | Jill Lee            |                   |
| Jackie Dunning       | Mickey Lindler      |                   |

**MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF THE US ARMED FORCES & MILITARY, INCLUDING:**

- 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 Ted & Linda Frick, SC National Guard  
Victor Frick, grandson of Ted & Linda Frick, US Army  
Phil Lake, husband of Bridgett (Sloan) Lake, US Naval Reserve  
Collin Maloney, son of Mike & Karla Maloney, US Army OTS  
George McArthur, son of Judith Tolhurst, USMC in Japan  
Griffin McLeod, son of Amanda McLeod, SC National Guard  
Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard  
William Woodruff, son of Jeff & Libby Woodruff, US Army



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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



**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!

**Tithe.ly online giving** available in the app store or [www.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). Set up a secure profile, search "St. Michael Lutheran" and click on our church. One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled, eliminating the need for carrying cash or check writing. The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately. Personal

information is 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 and **KID ACTIVITY PACKS** available from an usher

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*

*Karen Shevenell, Cantor*

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