

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.
Please speak the responses **gently**. It is recommended that masks are worn during worship.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water--
the Saluda, Broad and Congaree Rivers, Lake Murray and the Atlantic Ocean,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water:

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We praise you, O God, for our water stories--a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water:

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We remember the waters of Jesus--baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of
Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the
disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font, for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin
and birth us each day into your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for baptism:

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O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth. O God, you are the River, saving us
from death. O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen: **Amen, and amen.**

GATHERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

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

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

**⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

**¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!**

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Pastor sings

In your word, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your word, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

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

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus

answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

Refrain

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound especially..., that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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.*

PRAYER FOR HELP

O Lord, I cry to you for help.

In the morning my prayer comes before you.

Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

You redeem my life from the grave, and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.

Lord, hear my prayer,

and let my cry come before you.

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.**

**those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive**

**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 the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575

1 *In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace and gather a
people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in
Christ's death, then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.*

*grace may our living give proof to our
praise in costly compassion reflecting
Christ's ways.*

3 *In Christ called to witness, by grace
we will preach the life-giving
gospel; God's love we will teach. By*

4 *Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us,
above. Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow. In Christ is
our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

INTERIM MUSICIAN: Harold Jefferies

LECTOR: Paul Nevergoll

USHERS: Paul Nevergoll, Gerry Goegeline, Bo Harris, and Judith Nevergoll

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Bruce & Connie Schuver.



WE WELCOME HAROLD “HOSS” JEFFERIES as our interim musician and accompanist for the next several weeks, as he cares for his father. Hoss is an ordained Lutheran minister and has served as a music director for many years, so we are very blessed to have him lending his musical gifts to our congregation. Hoss is married to Richard Weiman and is the nephew of member Barbara DeVore.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER if you need assistance or have a question before worship. Extra bulletins, offering envelopes, etc. are available if needed. They are not in the pews due to COVID.

HOLY COMMUNION takes place on the *first* Sunday of the month due to ongoing COVID precautions. You may select an individual, pre-filled wine, juice, or gluten-free wafer set at the entrance, which you may keep with you until communion. The pastor will direct the congregation when to partake from the pews or at home.

- **QUIET COMMUNION** takes place *immediately following* worship in the transept on all other Sundays for those who wish to stay. You may also stay in your pew. Please remember to maintain physical distance. The trays will be near the front. Pastor Frank will direct us when to partake.
- We will continue streaming so those at home can join us.
- Please remember to deposit empty cups, seals, and bulletins in the blue recycle bins as you exit.
- **HOME COMMUNION** available through Pastor Frank or the office. Each cup is individually sealed and contains a wafer and juice or wine serving. We can put together several servings in a sealed plastic bag and deliver curbside if you call in advance!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, January 17

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday School—FH

Worship—Also Streaming Online

Tuesday, January 19

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Wednesday, January 20

10:00 am Bible Study—*studying pastoral epistles*

Thursday, January 21

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Next Sunday, January 24

9:15 a.m.

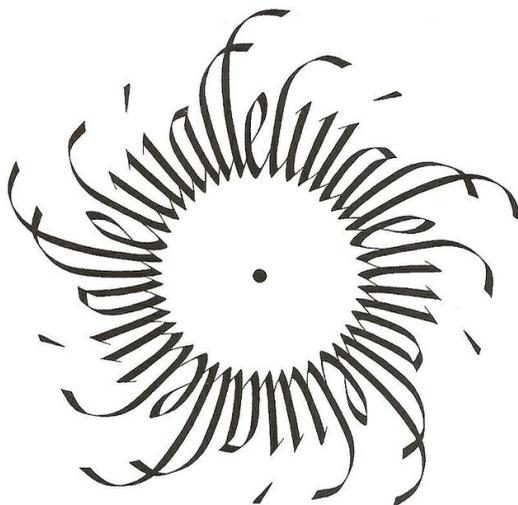
10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday School—FH

Worship—Also Streaming Online

*Every Monday and Friday, expect a call from Pastor Frank at 4:55 p.m.
#KeepingUsConnected*



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

Roy Adams
Dot Black
*Helen Derrick
*Virgie Dreher
Kelly Evans
Marcie Frick
June Fulmer
Lisa Gillespie
Russell Goode



John Kreykenbohm
Jill Lee
Mickey Lindler
Caroline McCauley
Scott McCauley
Gayle Michelsen
Sandra Michelsen
Linda Miller



Susan Norcutt
*Billie Schnabel
*Olene Sons
Richard Starnes
Ed Thomas
Dean Whitecotton
Bruce William
Crystal Wood

FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE
The family and friends of David Wilson

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
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
George McArthur, son of Judith Tolhurst, USMC In Japan
Griffin Meleod, son of Amanda Meleod, SC National Guard
Brian Pipkin, son-in-law of Louie & Imogene Conder, SC Natl. Guard
William Woodruff, son of Jeff And Libby Woodruff, US Army



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If you are a guest, welcome! Please ask an usher for a blue Connections Card and drop 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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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 service available via audio.

Large Print bulletins available from an usher

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

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