

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 18, 2026**

*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

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*All Creation Sings Setting 12*

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*Please Stand if you are able*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

**ELW 314**

### 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Listen 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.

<sup>2</sup> He 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.

<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup> But 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."

<sup>5</sup> And 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—

<sup>6</sup> he 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."

<sup>7</sup> Thus 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.**

## **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.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Please Stand if you are able*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

### GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup> I 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.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When 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?”<sup>39</sup> He 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He 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.**

*Please Sit*

**MESSAGE**

Frank W. Anderson

*Please Stand if you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

**ELW 696**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness *especially....* Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**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 **secure online giving** through Tithe.ly. Please see the back page for more. Offering plates located at each entrance/exit. If you need an envelope or assistance, please ask an usher.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Many and Great*

Choir

*Please Stand if you are able*

### OFFERING HYMN

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

**ELW 302, vs. 4**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with

the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please Sit*

## LAMB 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.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

***Jesus Come! For We Invite You  
O Living Bread in Heaven***

**ELW 312  
ELW 542**

*Please Stand if you are able*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

***We Are Marching in the Light***

**ELW 886**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Harry Metz, Brian Kunar  
Lector: Rita Anderson  
Sacristans: Sabrina Whitecotton, Karla Maloney

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Hazle, Marie's Mother, by Grady & Marie Derrick.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** & charitable planning will be January 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:50 am at Tonella's (Food Lion Plaza—Hwy 6 & 76). Dutch treat. *All* welcome.

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

#### **TODAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

#### **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Next Sun, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

#### **Epiphany 2**

10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

#### **Office Closed-MLK Day**

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

**6:00 p.m. LMM Meeting—Fellowship Hall**

**10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Red Letter Jesus—Fellowship Hall**

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

10:00 a.m. AA Meeting (*Morning Group*) ChEd

**9-10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal--Choir Room**

#### **Epiphany 3**

10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

**10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion**

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### LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS: FRIENDS--#HOME, ^REHAB, \*SENIOR LIVING

\*Ken & Dot Black

\*Don & Gwen Buff

\*Rose Colley

#Barbara DeVore

#Virgie Dreher

\*Barbara Fowler

#Terry Matlosz

^Mitzi McTeer

\*Alma Paulson

Grady & #Melinda Sharpe

**\*Tommae Sligh**

Donny Day

Jackie Dunning

Lisa Gillespie

Douglas Gourley

Joy Gunter

Bo Harris

David Heinrich

Vicky Huggins

Alice King

Jill Lee

Patrick Lindler

Angie Matlosz

Gary McManus

Judith Nevergoll

Harry O'Quinn

Jane Potts

Marlene Stirewalt

Ed Thomas

Bruce Wheelchel

Dean Whitecotton

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



Tyler Alexander, USMC: Sherri Spangler's grandson

Samantha Davis, USA; Gene & Diana Riley's niece

Zachary Davis, USN-*deployed*; Carolyn Cook's grandson

Grant Frick, SCNG; Linda Frick's grandson

Hunter Purvis USA-*deployed*; Jerry & Cheryl Baxter's son-in-law

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



**If you are a guest, welcome!** Ushers have *Connections Card* to drop in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave, be sure to introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to learn about membership or have any questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

**Tithe.ly online giving** via the ONLINE GIVING tab at [www.stmichael1814.com](http://www.stmichael1814.com) and available in the app store, [www.tithe.ly/give](http://www.tithe.ly/give). One-time or recurring gifts can be scheduled. The process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately.

**Restrooms located** in both Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

**Children are always welcome** in our worship service, but a nursery is located in the Administrative Building, if needed. We stream via Facebook Live.

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins and **Children's** books & activities available from an usher.



*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/Ash Wednesday + + + February 17-18<sup>th</sup>  
Lenten Wednesdays – SMLC/Dutch Fork Cluster begins February 25<sup>th</sup>*

## *The People of Saint Michael, Ministers*

*The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor*

*Karen Shevenell, Cantor*

*Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator*

WiFi: StMichaels\_Guest    PW: Sundays!!