

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Lessons and Carols for Christmas

January 2, 2022

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please Stand

GATHERING CAROL *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW 275

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,*
- yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

WELCOME

The angel said to [the shepherds], “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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

PSALM 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

“For unto you is born a SAVIOR, who is Christ, the Lord”

LESSON: Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful-Refrain
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ELW 283

LESSON: Matthew 1:18-21

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child

from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

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

CAROL

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

*1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung,
it came, a flow'r so bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.*

*2 Isaiah had foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.
and into endless day.*

*3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens ev'ry load.*

*4 O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
who dost our weakness know:
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven*

“For unto you is born a Savior, who is *CHRIST*, the Lord”

LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his

glory.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

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O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ELW 283

LESSON: John 1:19-23, 29-34

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁹The next day he 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."

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

CAROL:

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

*1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,*

*snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.*
*2 Heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;*

*heav'n and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ.*

*poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.*

3 *What can I give him,*

“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the *LORD*”

LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful-Refrain
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

ELW 283

LESSON: Luke 1:26-35

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what

sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

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

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

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| <p>1 <i>O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.</i></p> <p>2 <i>For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!</i></p> | <p>3 <i>How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.</i></p> <p>4 <i>O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!</i></p> |
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need especially... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who modeled lives of loving service. Lead us in your grace until, with all your saints, we enter the fullness of your glory. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in 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

Please Stand

PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life
cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.
It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy name,	who trespass against us;
thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread;	and the power, and the glory,
and forgive us our trespasses,	forever and ever. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

SENDING CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!*

*1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,*

*behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Refrain*

*3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Leaders: Harold “Hoss” Jefferies and Paul Nevergoll
Lectors: Paul Nevergoll, Linda Frick and Rita Anderson
Ushers: Paul Nevergoll, Dean Whitecotton, Gerry Goegeline, Bo Harris

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandson Whitman Hutson’s first birthday, December 31st, by Mike & Joyce Burgess.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2022 are available in the narthex. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact the office. A few numbers above 100 have been reassigned to *lower* numbers to make better use of our resources. Remaining boxes will be sent via the postal service after January 31st.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

<u>TODAY, January 2</u>	<i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Lessons & Carols —also streaming
<u>Monday, January 3</u>	OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Tuesday, January 4</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH 5-7 p.m. <i>Beer & Carols</i> —Craft and Draft
<u>Wednesday, January 5</u>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study—studying II Kings
<u>Thursday, January 6</u>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, (<i>Back to Basics Group</i>) FH
<u>Next Sunday, Jan 2</u>	<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion —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!

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



Roy Adams

John Martin Areheart

Leslie Berkley

Dot Black

Joyce Bowers

Don Buff

Jamie Coleman

Carolyn Cook

Donny Day

*Helen Derrick

*Virgie Dreher

Jackie Dunning

*Betty Flinsch

June Fulmer

Lisa Gillespie

Gayle Goodrich

Douglas Gourley

Bobbie Hartley

David Hermanson

Jeanette Jacobs

Jim Johnston

Susie Kerstad

Jill Lee

Mickey Lindler

Caroline McCauley

Linda Miller

Susan Norcutt

Jane Potts

*Billie Schnabel

*Olene Sons

Richard Starnes

Ed Thomas

Bruce William

**FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE
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 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 and Libby Woodruff, US Ar



Congratulations to Jennifer & Randy Burton

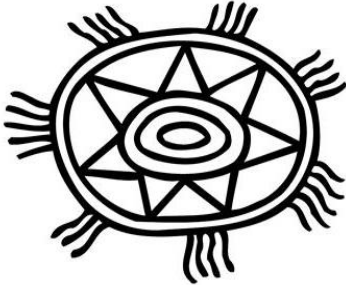
Married at Saint Michael on Sunday, December 26th

Jennifer is the daughter of Ken & Dot Black.

Best wishes to the extended families!

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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If you are a guest, welcome! Please drop a connections card in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to sign our guest register and 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 is now available in the app store or www.tithe.ly/give. Set up a secure profile in just a few moments, search "St. Michael Lutheran" and click on our church. One-time or recurring gifts can be set up conveniently, eliminating the hassle of 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. Optional designations for memorial or special gifts are available. An instantaneous 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, childcare is provided in the Church nursery located in the Administrative Building.

Large Print bulletins available from an usher

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