

# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday After Epiphany*

**January 22, 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

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**ELW 661**

### 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. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**PSALM 40:1-11 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

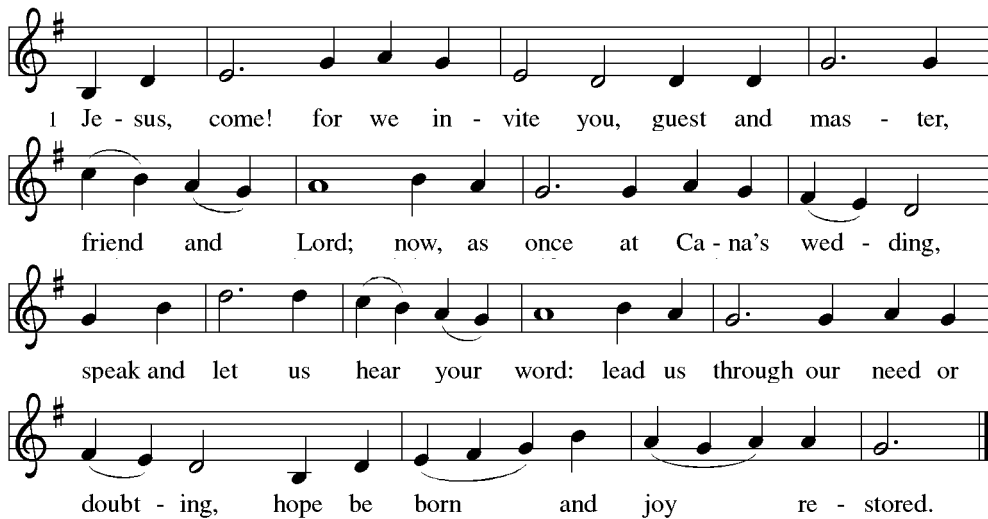
<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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: Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James

son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Especially we pray for . . . . Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. 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](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

*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  
Here I Am, Lord*

**ELW 466  
ELW 574**

*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.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

**ELW 715**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Carolyn Cook

Sacristans: Sabrina Whitecotton & Carolyn Cook

Ushers: Harry Metz, Bill Colley

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

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

TODAY, Jan 22

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

**10:30 a.m.**

***Worship with Holy Communion***

Tuesday, Jan 24

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

Wednesday, Jan 25

10:00 a.m. Bible Study—The Parables of Jesus

Thursday, Jan 26

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

Next Sunday, Jan 29

*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

**10:30 a.m.**

***Worship with Holy Communion***

## ***SPECIAL NOTICE! CONGREGATION MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>!***

***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**

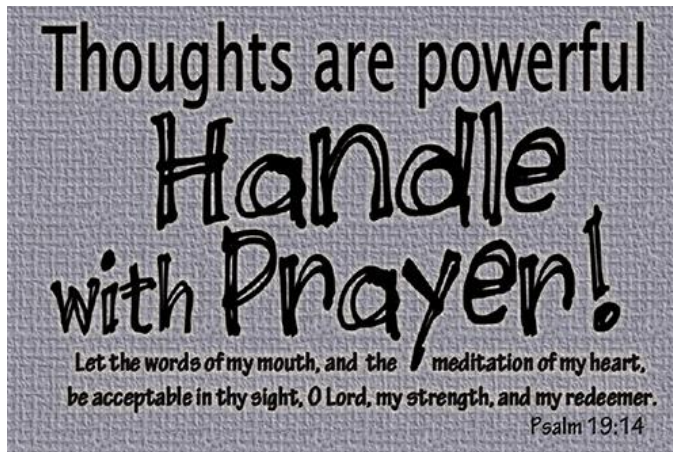
Bill Adams	*Pastor Henry Brandt	Jackie Dunning	Linda Miller
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Keith Berkeley	Joe Cooper	Douglas Gourley	Harry O'Quinn
Keith B. Berkeley	Donny Day	Jim Johnston	Jane Potts
Leslie Berkeley	*Helen Derrick	Jill Lee	*Billie Schnabel
*Dot Black	Barbara Devore	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 Laura Riley*

**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



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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 99church 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 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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