

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 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:
We praise you, O God, for water.

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:
We praise you, O God, for water.

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:
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

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

1 *Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and mine
is shining the glory of God.*

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Heaven is Singing for Joy

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3 *Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine
will always bear witness to God. Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

PSALM 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

**¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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: Mark 1:14-20

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

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

Men only

2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"

3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?"

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?*

Women only

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me."

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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 church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially..., that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, 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.

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. 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

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.**

**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 the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

*1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds
thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built
securely and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy
shining, dying or living, to thee are
cleaving; naught can us sever:
Alleluia!*

In Thee is Gladness

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*2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst
distresses; he can change them with
a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n
rejoices in him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er
sadness, love him and praise him
and still shall raise him glad hymns
forever: Alleluia!*

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: Linda Frick

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Angela B. Harris by her son Bo Harris.



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 in the front pew. 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!

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS will be mailed this week. If you have not received your statement by January 31, please contact the office so we can verify address and resend.

NEW MEMBER DIRECTORIES are available at the exits. If you would like a digital copy, please contact the office and a .pdf file can be emailed!



THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL

TODAY, January 24

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday School—FH

Worship—Also Streaming Online

Tuesday, January 26

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Wednesday, January 27

10:00 am **Bible Study**—*studying Pastoral Epistles*

Thursday, January 28

12:00 noon AA Meeting—FH

Next Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—FH

Worship—Also Streaming Online

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

#KeepingUsConnected



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

WORSHIP AT NOON & 7PM
DRIVE-THRU ASHES PICKUP AT 1PM

**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



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 Russell Goode, Lori Colley's father

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 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!

the app store or 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 service available via audio.

Large Print bulletins available from an usher

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

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