

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 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

Great Is the Lord, Morning Has Broken

Arr. M. Hamm

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

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

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. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

PSALM 29 (Read Responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

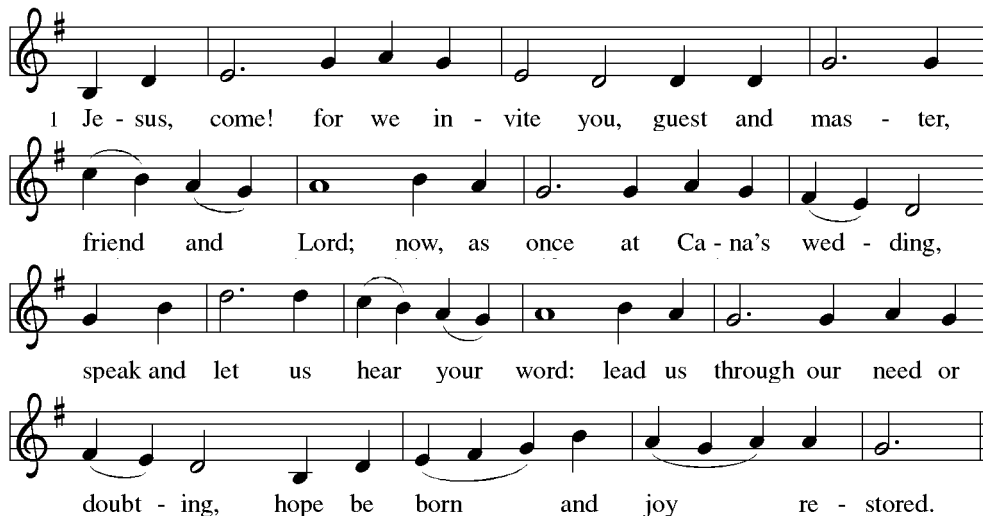
³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him

after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Jesse Canniff-Kuhn

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis especially.... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, especially Terry, trusting that we will be united with him and all the saints in Christ's resurrection 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

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Love Me

arr. Fred Bock

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. **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
Spirit of Gentleness*

**ELW 466
ELW 396**

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain
 out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Paul Nevergoll
 Sacristans: Judith Nevergoll & Rita Anderson
 Ushers: Harry Metz, Bill Colley

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God.

WE WELCOME Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn back to Saint Michael. He was called to serve Gamecock Lutheran in January 2021. He prioritizes community formation and cultivating Christ-centered togetherness in his ministry here, and strives to lead our community in discerning where God is at work among us and joining God in that mission. He loves to go on walks with his wife & their dog, to run around in the yard with their kids, and to drink coffee & hang out with anyone anytime.

WE WELCOME guest musician Gloria Sargent to Saint Michael as well! An Air Force child, Gloria has lived all over the world, including Germany. She has a music major background that shifted to accounting before she graduated in Texas. Gloria and her husband have two grown children and a granddaughter, Scarlett. She works in accounting remotely for a Chicago law firm. We are so appreciative of the gifts you share with us today.

OFFERING ENVELOPES available in the narthex! Please pick your packet up today.

FLOWER CALENDAR for 2023 is in the flower book now! Please sign up for special dates as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

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

TODAY, Jan 8

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Baptism of Jesus

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall; NO Choir Rehearsal

Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, Jan 10

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

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

Wednesday, Jan 11

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

Thursday, Jan 12

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

Next Sunday, Jan 15

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday School—Fellowship Hall; Choir Rehearsal—Choir Rm

Worship with Holy Communion



LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND* AND/OR ILL

Bill Adams

*John Martin Areheart

Keith Berkeley

Keith B. Berkeley

Leslie Berkeley

*Dot Black

Ken Black

Joyce Bowers

*Pastor Henry Brandt

Don Buff

Joe Cooper

Donny Day

*Helen Derrick

Barbara Devore

*Virgie Dreher

Allison Dugger

Jackie Dunning

Lisa Gillespie

Douglas Gourley

Jim Johnston

Jill Lee

Mickey Lindler

Terry Matlosz

Gayle Michelsen

Linda Miller

Susan Norcutt

Harry O'Quinn

Jane Potts

*Billie Schnabel

Tommae Sligh

Richard Starnes

Ed Thomas

FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF TERRY HARRIS, BROTHER OF BO HARRIS

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



SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 membership or have other questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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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