

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 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

Lord of Light

ELW 832

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, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

PSALM 112:1-9 (*Read Responsively*)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God

to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major (one sharp). The melody is simple, using quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

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 5:12-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

*Please Stand***HYMN OF THE DAY***Christ Be Our Light***ELW 715****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

A brief silence.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way especially.... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. 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. 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

Many Will Come

Choir

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.

On 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
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

**ELW 466
ELW 712**

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

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Linda Frick

Sacristans: Kristi Kunar & Myrna Goegeline

Ushers: The Ladies of Saint Michael

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

TODAY, Feb 5

Fifth 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

11:30 a.m.

Congregation Meeting—immediately following worship

Tuesday, Feb 7

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

5:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns at Craft & Draft Irmo

Wednesday, Feb 8

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

Thursday, Feb 9

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

Next Sunday, Feb 12

Sixth 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



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
*John Martin Areheart	Don Buff	Lisa Gillespie	Susan Norcutt
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 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

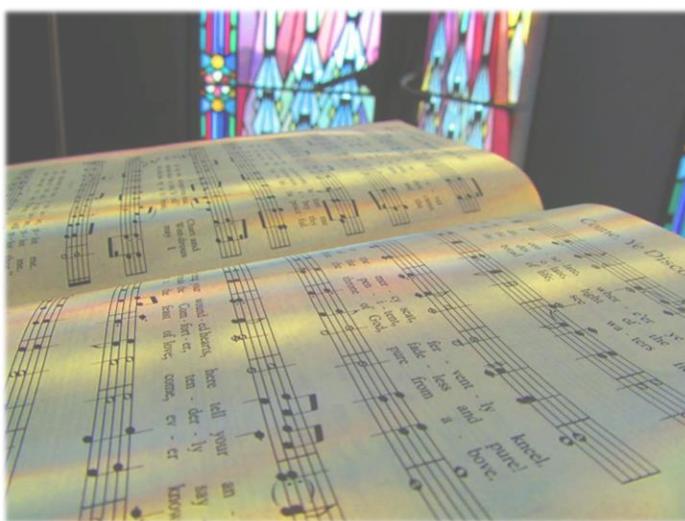
Collin Maloney, son of Mike & Karla Maloney, US Army OTS

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!

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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