



St. Michael

Lutheran Church

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS



Saturday (Contemporary Worship)

5:00p

Sunday (Traditional Worship)

8:00a & 10:45a

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes

9:30a

The Bridge

11:00a

The Beatitudes

This is **the Year of Matthew** at St. Michael. During the Advent and Christmas seasons we looked closely at Matthew 1:1–25 with the theme, *Who is Jesus?* Now, during the Epiphany Season (January and February), we shine the light on our Savior’s Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1–12. Before that, however, we celebrate the light of Epiphany this weekend. Here is the lineup of sermons for the next two months:

January 5/6:	It’s All Over! (Matthew 2:1–23)
January 12/13:	Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:3)
January 19/20:	Blessed Are Those Who Mourn (Matthew 5:4)
January 26/27:	Blessed Are the Meek (Matthew 5:5)
February 2/3:	Blessed Are Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
February 9/10:	Blessed Are the Merciful (Matthew 5:7)
February 16/17:	Blessed Are the Pure in Heart (Matthew 5:8)
February 23/24:	Blessed Are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)
March 2/3:	Blessed Are The Persecuted Because of Righteousness (Matthew 5:10–12)

On December 2, my Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study began ***an in-depth, thirty-week study of Matthew’s Gospel***. In January and February we will look at some of the most famous and revolutionary words Jesus ever spoke—his Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Matthew 5–7. Matthew invites us to sit and learn at the feet of Jesus. Let’s do just that!

Pastor Lessing

EPIPHANY
January 6, 2019

Theme of the Day: It's all over! That's how many of us feel after Christmas. Is there any hope? *Yes, there is.* Hope is God's gift to us in Matthew 2!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!

C: **And the glory of the Lord rises upon us!**

P: Darkness is banished!

C: **The bright star leads us!**

P: We worship the Messiah!

C: **Jesus, our newborn King!**

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to his people on earth!**

P: Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!

ALL: **And the glory of the Lord rises upon us!**

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
(stanzas 1–4)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us recall everything we are and have done, even as we recall everything God is and has done for us in Jesus Christ. Together we confess:

All: **Father of all grace, you sent Christ among us to be the Light of the world and reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin hides the brightness of his light. We have wasted your gifts. We have ignored the cries of the unborn, the fatherless and the homeless. In your mercy, cleanse us and empower us to shine with our Savior's light.**

*Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.*

P: Hear the good news! Christ was born for you. Christ died for you. Christ is risen for you! And Christ will come again for you! His gifts of complete forgiveness and everlasting mercy are yours! Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!

ALL: And the glory of the Lord rises upon us!

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
(stanza 5)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of light, who by the leading of a star revealed your Son to the magi; stir in our hearts that we, who know you now by faith, may come to see your light face to face in the eternal joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:45a

Led by Lindsey Wolfe

Children are excused following the Children's Message for supervised Children's Church in the **Conference Room**. They will return during the offering.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT GOD'S GIFT OF HOPE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1–6

HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1–23

CREED (sung to the tune of *Praise to the Lord*)

SERMON

Please see the insert for the sermon notes.

HYMN

The People That in Darkness Sat

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OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

PRAYERS

P: With joy and confidence let us pray in the name of Jesus. Father, just as the magi came from the east to worship the Savior, give us hearts of adoration and praise. Lord of light,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father, just as the infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh, accept the offerings of our financial treasures. Lord of light,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father, just as the star led the magi to Jesus, so empower us to shine like stars, holding out the word of life to those living in the dark. Lord of light,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father, just as the Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer [*Especiallly* ...] Lord of light,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father, just as your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth, in your love protect our neighbors, our families and all who work in this community. Lord of light,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father, rejoicing with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, Mary and Joseph and all the faithful departed, we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. Lord of light,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, "Our Father ..."

The 10:45a service concludes on page 6 with the Benediction.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8:00a

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another (Matthew 26:26–28). Our Lord invites to his table those who have been baptized, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:28–30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

PREFACE/PROPER PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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God Loves Me Dearly

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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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BENEDICTION

P: The cross—

C: **We will take it!**

P: The Word—

C: **We will hear it!**

P: The joy—

C: **We will share it!**

P: The love—

C: **We will give it!**

P: The Light—

C: **We will prize it!**

P: Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!

ALL: And the glory of the Lord rises upon us!

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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SILENT PRAYER

Jesus, in the power of your Holy Spirit, I will arise and shine, for my Light has come!
Amen.

St. Michael SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30a-10:30a



**BEGIN THE NEW YEAR IN GOD'S WORD
WE HAVE CLASSES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**Preschool
3-4 yr.
Room 24**

**Kinder-
garten
Room 12**

**First
Grade
Room 9**

**Second
Grade
Room 11**

**Third
Grade
Room 15**

**Fourth
Grade
Room 22**

**Fifth
Grade
Room 20**

**Sixth
Grade
Room 16**

**Seventh
Grade
Room 18**

**Eighth
Grade
Conf.
Room**

**High
School
Youth
Room**



New Parents and 2s Class!

We have a brand new class for parents and two year olds! The class will meet in the preschool room with the three and four year olds, then split off for activities specifically designed for parents and their two year-old children.

**New Adult
Classes
Starting in
January!**

THE BEATITUDES

Led by Pastor Lessing in the Family Life Center

In January and February we will look at some of the most famous and revolutionary words Jesus ever spoke—his Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Matthew 5-7.

FAMILIES IN GENESIS: IT'S COMPLICATED

Led by Pastor Shawn in Luther Hall

Join us for this Bible study on family, parenting, and complicated relationships.