

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

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| Sun-2 | 8:30 am | Early Service (Memorial Chapel) |
| | 9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 9:15 am | Opening for Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Late Service with Communion (Sanctuary) |
| | 11:30 am | Souper Bowl of Caring Competition on the Lawn NO ROOTS TONIGHT |
| | 8:00 pm | Faith Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| Mon-3 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 9:00 am | Dirty Collar Workers |
| | 10:00 am | Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Rebecca Circle |
| Tue-4 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 10:30 am | Clothing Closet Work Day |
| Wed-5 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 6:00 pm | Sprouts |
| | 6:30 pm | Handbell Choir |
| | 7:30 pm | Chapel Voices |
| Thur-6 | 8:30 am | Preschool |
| | 10:00 am | Prayer Ministry (Scout Hut) |

BOLD indicates not a regular weekly event.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 5:1-12

“THE BEATITUDES”

**Jesus declares blessed all who hear His word. You can
have all the world. Give me Jesus!**

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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GATHER

**Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.
BOLD indicates congregational responses.*

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, **Michael Ellington**, Kathy Finch, **Bettie Hicks**, **Alfred Lineberger**, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Elaine Carpenter, Andy Clapham, **Josh Dockery**, Amelia Edwards, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, **Suzanne Ledford**, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 1: FEBRUARY 2, 2020 to FEBRUARY 9, 2020

02/02 Morning Reading: Matthew 21:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 29, 30
02/03 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 31, 32, 33
02/04 Morning Reading: Matthew 22:23-46—Evening Reading: Exodus 34, 35
02/05 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:1-22—Evening Reading: Exodus 36, 37, 38
02/06 Morning Reading: Matthew 23:23-39—Evening Reading: Exodus 39, 40
02/07 Morning Reading: Matthew 24:1-28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 1, 2, 3
02/08 Morning Reading: Matthew 24:29-51—Evening Reading: Leviticus 4, 5
02/09 Morning Reading: Matthew 25:1-30—Evening Reading: Leviticus 6, 7

Song Of Praise

“Blest Are They”

ELW #728

Next Sunday, FEBRUARY 9, 2020:

~ One Service only for Congregational Meeting ~

Children's Message: “*Get Ready*” (Ezra and Malachi)

10:30 Service: Matthew 5:13-20 ~ “*Fulfillment*”

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



tire in doing what is right (2 Thessalonians 3:13). **Items Needed:** Lance crackers, granola bars, dried fruit/raisins, bottled water, wipes, mouthwash, toothbrush, deodorant, socks. Please put all items in the box located in the educational building. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Carpenter.

PARENTS: There are crayons, coloring sheets and activity pages for the children to use during the service if needed. All materials are located in the Narthex near the balcony stairs.

YOUTH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: After the middle and high school youth group meets from 5-6 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday nights, we are in need of youth parent volunteers to supervise open gym and dinner from 6-7 pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are willing to help.



THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"* ELW #310

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** *2 Corinthians 13:13*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

church busy doing hobbies that others would love to see. Or bring only yourself and just join us in the fellowship and a cup of coffee or a cup of tea.. A few years ago, this activity proved to be a chance to mingle and get to know old and new members alike. The initial start up for this fellowship has been scheduled for **February 11 from 10-12**. Drop in or stay the entire time. We will meet in the Youth Sunday School classroom. Plans will be made during this time as to making this a continuing monthly get together. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there. Don't miss this opportunity to share.

OWLS: Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at *Grits N Greens* at 5 pm on Thursday. **February 20th**. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, February 18th if you can attend.

GIRLS' NIGHT: Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Monday, **February 24th** at 6 p.m. at *Webb Custom Kitchen* in downtown Gastonia. Please let her know if you are available to come by Friday, February 21st. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!: Saturday, **March 7** and Saturday, **March 14** for our Annual Long Leaf Pine Needle Sales. Additional information coming soon. welcome. If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: In the months of May and June we will study the life of Esther through two novels. The first biblical fiction novel, *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt, tells an enhanced biblical tale of the life of Esther. The second historical fiction novel, *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin, recounts the story of Esther through a powerful retelling about the Holocaust. All women of the church are welcome. The schedule is below. We will meet at 6 pm at the church pavilion. There will be an iced coffee bar and sweet treats. *If you are interested in participating, please let Amy know by April 9th.*

- ♦ Thursday, April 23rd: Introduction to the book of Esther with Pastor Michael
- ♦ Thursday, May 21st: Discussion of *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt
- ♦ Thursday, June 18th: Discussion of *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin

CARE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED: When you see someone asking for money at a busy intersection it is a tough spot. As followers of Jesus, we are called to help and give (Luke 6:30-31). However just giving money can actually hurt someone rather than help them, especially if there is a drug or alcohol addiction present. A care bag may be an option depending on your discernment at the time. This gift offers food, hygiene items, and a flier with ministry contacts that can help in more permanent ways. Never

PARISH NEWS

FRIENDSHIP ROSTER: Please sign the friendship roster in the black folder at the end of each pew for a record of attendance and to share information with the church office.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2020 are available for pickup in the Narthex.

2020 YEARBOOK: It's time to prepare the 2020 Yearbook. All committee chairs, please submit your respective reports to the church office *as soon as possible*. Also, if anyone has a change of address, home phone or cell phone number, please contact the church office so that we can update the church database accordingly.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The Sprouts and Roots Youth Groups will be participating in a "competition on the lawn" **TODAY** following the 10:30 church service. The groups are competing to raise \$1000 for Souper Bowl of Caring to help a charity in our community. The group with the most funds raised in their bowl will receive a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Party. Please help them support those in need!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: The Women of the Church are **collecting treats** to send to our college students for Valentine's Day. A box will be available outside the church office to put your donations in. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Following a temple talk in early December and further review during the December 8 council meeting, the Church Council would like to move forward to gain congregational approval for an electronic sign. *A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, **February 9***. Representatives of the Electronic Sign Committee and the church council will be available for questions or concerns on Thursday, February 6, at 7:00pm in the conference room.

BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER: The Rebecca Circle is no longer collecting items for the Cathy Cloninger Battered Women's Shelter. I need to reassess the household items that they truly need. They do not have a lot of storage, so I want to get a specific list of items from them and stick strictly to that list. Thank you for your generous donations. We will continue this effort at a later date. -Trish Ratchford and the Rebecca Circle

CRAFTERS' MORNING OUT: Extending an invitation to the women of the church to join us in a morning of fun and fellowship. Bring any hobby you might be working on; share your work with others. We are well aware that we have talented members of the

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE God’s Messenger
The Jesus Storybook Bible (pass prayer cards to the ushers)

THE FIRST LESSON MICAH 6:1-8
With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

¹Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” ELW #534

*THE DISMISSAL— LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE

Children: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God.

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Josh and Amy Brown in honor of Corbin’s 8th birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

- Ministers.....People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....Kim Rundzieher
Interim Director of Youth and Family MinistryAmy Carpenter
Organist.....Lisa Burch
Music Director Roger Myers
Music Director Jeanette Myers
Nursery Worker Charlie Jones
Assistant Minister Norman Overcash
Lector.....Joy Henderson
Acolyte Harry Swindler
Crucifer Kaitlyn Anthony
Ushers.....Don Boyette, David Lewis, Dan Lineberger & Rick Peak
Communion Presenters.....Fred & Suzie Ward
Communion Assistants.....Debra Hoffman & Lucinda Thornburg
Council MembersRick Peak & Wendy Robinson
Finance Assistant Scott Swindler
Altar Guild Debra & Henry Hoffman
Helping Hands..... Katherine Sanders

SENDING

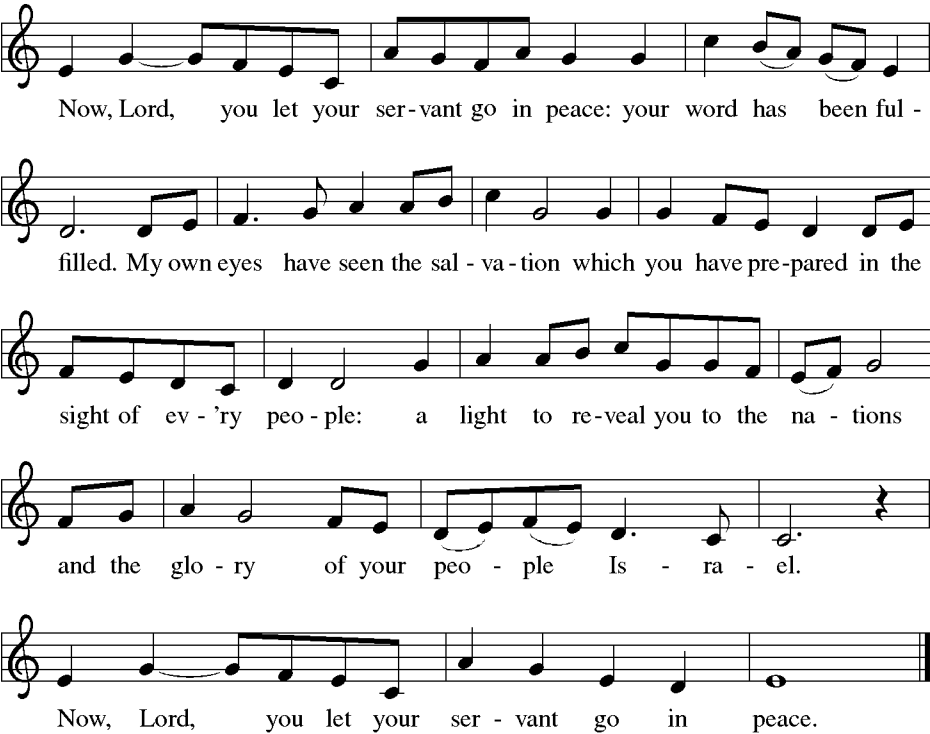
*THE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you in body and soul to everlasting life. Let us depart in peace.

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine You give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May Your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

Carol Jennings



Congregational refrain:

Lord, who may dwell in Your tab - er - na-cle? Who may a -

bide up - on Your ho - ly hill?

1. Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;
they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

Refrain:

2. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Refrain:

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THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord Jesus to all baptized. If you have yet to receive baptism, you are welcome to come for a blessing. For those of you who choose, grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free Communion bread is available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#314, 307, 313

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

***PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11*

P: 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Alleluia"* *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL **MATTHEW 5:1-12**

Response after announcement:
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

- ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“The Beatitudes”

Too Blessed to Be Stressed

On My Account

***The Law** is an aspect of God’s Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power:* Do I live on account of Jesus? Do I recognize His blessings or am I confused by the vanities of this world?

***The Gospel** is an aspect of God’s Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power:* Living on account of Jesus is where the true blessedness and the Kingdom of Heaven is to be found now and forever.

On Discipleship - Learning of and from Jesus: Put the Beatitudes in your heart. Become aware of your blessings. What is your take away for following Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”* ELW #295

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

AM: God of liberation, you set your people free to serve others. Embolden your church, that we seek justice for the oppressed, share generously your lovingkindness, and live humbly together. Unite us as one people under the foolishness of the cross. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Prayers continue and conclude with this petition:

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE** *Matthew 5:22-24, Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

ANTHEM **CHANCEL CHOIR**
“They Are Blessed” Anton Bruckner

***DOXOLOGY** ELW #884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(pray together)*

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.