

ATTITUDE CHECK



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

MARCH 12, 2025
1:00pm/7:00pm

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
1800 WEST MAPLE
BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009

THE BEATITUDES
March 12, 2025
Theme: Attitude Check

As We Gather

The Sermon on the Mount is the longest message recorded in the gospels. Jesus' message brings to us a great deal of insight into our role in the Kingdom of Heaven, and He starts it all with the "Beatitudes." I must admit at one time, the Beatitudes sounded to me, "Today, life is hard. But one day soon, I will bless you!" yet I have discovered that these sayings are powerful when viewed through a new lens. It's a prescription on how we are to live. This Lent, we will study the Beatitudes as a way to live our lives as "be" attitudes.

Prelude

1:00pm

Steve SeGraves

7:00pm

Rick Helderop

Opening Hymn 145

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
Tho' we see Thee wounded, bleeding, see Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro't us life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us calms the sinner's stormy breast.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning to Thy cross of agony
'Till in glory, parted never from the Blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message - 7:00pm

Lenten Litany

P: God, in this season of Lent we reflect upon our emptiness, and Your fullness

C: Our souls thirst for You.

P: We come to You, Wellspring of Life

C: Our flesh longs for you.

P: You graciously offer us a fountain of water, springing up to eternal life

C: In a dry and weary land, where there is no water.

P: Jesus, You are the Living Water, the holy spring

C: You satisfy our deepest needs.

P: Whoever drinks of the water You give

C: Need never thirst again.

P: We acknowledge the miracle, mystery, and kindness of Your provision

C: We are thirsty, and you gave us a drink.

P: Fulfill now Your promise to us:

C: That those who thirst for righteousness will be filled.

P: May our hunger, thirst, and need always lead us to You

C: Let all who are thirsty come to Jesus and drink of living water.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The

woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Hymn

Blest Are They - Haas

Verse 1:

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
They shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Hymn of the Day

It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well, it is well with my soul, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul!

2. My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

3. And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Sermon

Matthew 5:4

Beatitude 2:

Blessed are Those Who Mourn, for They Will be Comforted

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Offering - 7:00pm

(1:00pm offering will be received at the door.)

*At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance
here with us today. Instructions are on the back page.*

Voluntary

1:00pm

Via Dololorsa - arr. DeCesare

Mike Lapinski, *Saxophone*

7:00pm

The Lion and the Lamb - Brown/Johnson/Mooring

Janae Gallo, *Clarinet*

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.*

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 153

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, tis He, tis He!
Tis the long expected Prophet, Davids Son, yet Davids Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: Tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends thro fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
Tis the Word, the Lords Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Postlude

1:00pm

Steve SeGraves

7:00pm

Rick Helderop

Thanks and appreciation to:

Mike Lapinski and Janae Gallo for providing special music at today's services.

Pianist

1:00pm - Steve SeGraves

Organist

7:00pm - Rick Helderop

Audio/Video Operators

7:00pm - Greg Merryman and David Hardoin

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring,
Robin Swift, Erin Springer, Carole Cirton, Polly Millichamp,
Richelle Pedersen, Liz Pedersen, Tracey Fish

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Mike Grattan, *Captain*; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,
Eric Rolf, Ron LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly

Our Lenten Meals Prepared By

Lunch: Ginny Schalm, Cheryl Schiller, Sharon Zimmer, Janice Kanka
Dinner: Michele Margosian

Please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.

There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

THE BEATITUDES - MATTHEW 5:3-12

March 19th - Matthew 5:5
The Meek

March 26th - Matthew 5:6
The Hungry and Thirsty

April 2nd - Matthew 5:7
The Merciful

April 9th - Matthew 5:8
Clean of Heart

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary

*Each worship service is preceded by a meal:
Lunch 12:00pm; Dinner 6:00pm
(Confirmands 5:30pm)*

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary
Holy Communion at Both Services

Good Friday, April 18th
1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Easter Eve, April 19th
5:00pm - Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Services, April 20th
*7:30am with Holy Communion;
9:00am and 10:30am*
Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday
10:30am Service
Bring your Easter Basket!!

***ALL 7:00PM LENTEN SERVICES AND THE
10:30AM EASTER SERVICE WILL BE
LIVESTREAMED***