

# ATTITUDE CHECK



## BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

MARCH 19, 2025

1:00pm/7:00pm

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER  
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BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009

**THE BEATITUDES**  
*March 19, 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 171**

Upon the Cross Extended

1. Upon the cross extended, see, world, thy Lord suspended.  
Thy Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given to shame and blows and bitter death.
2. Come hither now and ponder, 'twill will fill thy soul with wonder,  
Blood streams from every pore. Through grief whose depth none knoweth,  
From His great heart there floweth sigh after sigh of anguish o'er.
3. 'Tis I who should be smitten, my doom should here be written:  
Bound hand and foot in hell. The fetters and the scourging,  
The floods around Thee surging, 'tis I who have deserved them well.

**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, we revel in your expansive grace;*

**C: We bask in your boundless love;**

*P: We delight in the excess of your blessings to us. As Christ turned water to wine in Cana,*

**C: So You are spreading out a bountiful feast for Your people.**

*P: We acknowledge that your kingdom is always expanding,*

**C: Always welcoming,**

*P: Always inviting,*

**C: Always growing,**

*P: Always blessing,*

**C: Always filling.**

*P: We acknowledge that in Your presence there is always*

**C: A joyful song,**

*P: A chorus of worship,*

**C: A fountain of life.**

*P: Unconditional love,*

**C: Wholehearted acceptance.**

*P: Our lives are filled up, ripe with Your blessing.*

**C: May we live our lives in fullness of joy.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Numbers 12:1-15

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the Lord heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you." So the three of them went out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words: "When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous - it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed.

Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away." So Moses cried out to the Lord, "Please, God, heal her!" The Lord replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

## Hymn

Blest Are They - Haas

### *Verse 2:*

Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
They shall have their fill.

### *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 151

Christ, the Life of All the Living

1. Christ the Life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe,  
Thro' Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
3. Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

## **Sermon**

Matthew 5:5

### Beatitude 3:

Blessed Are the Meek, for They Will Inherit the Earth

Rev. James H. Greenwalt

## **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

Air on the G String - Bach

Andrea Kreit, *Violin*

7:00pm

The Holy City - Fred E. Weatherly

James Rose, Jr., *Soloist*

## **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 158

Glory Be to Jesus

1. Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;  
Blest be his compassion, infinitely kind!
3. Blest through endless ages be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments did the world redeem!

## Postlude

1:00pm

Steve SeGraves

7:00pm

Rick Helderop



*Thanks and appreciation to:  
Andrea Kreit and James Rose, Jr. for providing  
special music at today's services.*

*Pianist*

1:00pm - Steve SeGraves

*Organist*

7:00pm - Rick Helderop

*Audio/Video Operators*

7:00pm - Dave Hamada and David Hardoin

*Altar Guild*

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

*Ushers*

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Keith Lewis, *Captain*; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ,  
Arnie Glesmann, Brian Vautaw, Robert Artelt, Rudy Becker

*Our Lenten Meals Prepared By*

Lunch: Robin Swift, Karen Pridmore, and Crew  
Dinner: Kitty Sweitzer and Women's Ministry Team

**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 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\***