

THE BEATITUDES

March 26, 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 Clarinet Trio

7:00pm Dan Dillingham

Opening Hymn 143

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken,
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession -
What dark transgression?
- They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.
- Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

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

C: We quiet our souls

P: That we may see more clearly the one our hearts long for.

C: We ask, seek, and knock

P: That our prayers may be answered

C: And our longing fulfilled,

P: For the Spirit of God to move,

C: For the fullness of Your kingdom to come,

P: For Christ's return,

C: For the world to be made new.

P: We acknowledge our great need for you, and our great hunger.

C: Give us food from Your hand, oh God.

P: We confess that we often seek to fill a void inside us with frivolous things..

C: Forgive us, and bless us with manna from heaven.

P: We set aside the expectation that our hunger might be satisfied by anything but Your Spirit.

C: Nourish our souls, oh God.

P: We rely upon Your promise of provision.

C: They that hunger for righteousness will be filled.

P: Where we are empty,

C: Fill us up, oh God.

P: Jesus said, "I am the bread of Life. Those who come to me will not hunger."

C: We come to You, Jesus.

P: We do not live by bread alone,

C: But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David."

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

As the Deer - Martin Nystrom

- As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my hearts desire, and I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire, and I long to worship Thee.
- You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire, and I long to worship Thee.
- I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Sermon

Matthew 5:6

Beatitude 4:

Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

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 Selection of Sacred Songs

Andrea Anderson, Kerry Mills, and Mike Lapinski, *Clarinet Trio*

7:00pm 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - arr. Galbraith

David Hardoin, *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

Children of the Heavenly Father

- Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them.
- Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Postlude

1:00pm Clarinet Trio

7:00pm Dan Dillingham

Thanks and appreciation to:

Andrea Anderson, Kerry Mills, Mike Lapinski, and David Hardoin
for providing special music at today's services.

Pianist/Organist
Dan Dillingham

Audio/Video Operators
7:00pm - Greg Merryman and Bruce Helmke

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 - Ken Baetz, *Captain*; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark,
Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke, Tom Boyce

Our Lenten Meals Prepared By
Lunch: Sharon Tylanda and Crew
Dinner: Michele Margosian and the Board of Elders

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

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
(Confirmants 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***

Rev. Randall J. Schlak, Senior Pastor
Rev. James Greenwalt, Assistant Pastor

ATTITUDE CHECK



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER

MARCH 26, 2025
1:00pm/7:00pm

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