



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5-7

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

- *WELCOME* **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** are ready to be picked up in the Back of the Church.
- **Looking for VOLUNTEERS:** we need people who are willing to be at the West door to assist people into the building and across the ice and snow on Sunday mornings starting at 8:30am. Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board by elevator if you are able to help.
- **Women's Bible study** will meet February 1st and 15th from 9:30am to 10:45 am. Everyone Welcome
- In honor of **Sanctity of Life** in January, we are gathering items for Rachel's Hope, a pregnancy Center in Austin. Items that are needed can be purchased at Dollar Tree include: baby wipes, baby wash, baby lotion, baby shampoo; baby clothing is also needed. No diapers are needed at this time; they received a grant for these. All congregation members may place donations in the boxes by the elevator.
- The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**. This free group workshop is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. You will learn strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face, as well as how to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, make tough decisions, and reduce feelings of guilt, anger, and depression. Powerful Tools for Caregivers will meet at the Waseca Area Caregivers Services, 113 2nd Street NE, Waseca, for **SIX consecutive Tuesdays starting February 28, 2023** from 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Please pre-register by February 21 as seats are limited. Call or email Marlene at 507-450-1518, mlevine@ccsommn.org
- **30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD:** This year the Muslim World Prayer Guide focuses on 30 of the largest and most unreached for the Gospel cities on the globe. We are asking you to join with more than 100 international prayer movements in praying that there will be a spiritual awakening in each of these cities, that the name of Jesus would be proclaimed. The prayer guide ends on the Night of Power. This is the one night each year when followers of Islam look to Allah for a vision of their life in the coming year. We are praying that the Holy Spirit will empower followers of Jesus to share with family and friends the healing vision of our Lord. If you would like to join this international prayer effort to bring Muslims to Christ, please contact Paul Krienke (507-339-6167) or the church office by January 30th, 2023 to order your booklet. This year, printed booklets are available at a minimum order of 20- \$3.50 per booklet. Digital version will be sent for smaller orders @ \$2.50.
- **January 29th:** Following the Quarterly Voter's meeting, the Cotta Guild will be hosting a luncheon: Hot beef sandwiches, Macaroni Salad and dessert. We hope to see you all there

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Chosen
January 29, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Why do the Beatitudes resonate with us? Yes, we who follow Christ are poor in spirit, we hunger for righteousness, and we know some persecution; but so do others, those who follow other gods. The difference is that, at the deepest level, God has promised blessings while we experience all those human emotions and take what action we think best. Those blessings come to us by grace, simply because God has chosen us, without any merit or worthiness in us. We are not worthy, just as God's Old Testament people did not merit His attention, but we and they received it nonetheless. God has chosen to make us worthy by sending His Son in our place. In today's Readings, He explains what pleases Him. Only Christ lived the perfect life, but the Gospel certainly moves us to respond to God's choosing us, as best we can, in love and service.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: "10,000 Reasons"

Reusable Song Sheet

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Corinthians 1:18, 30*

Pastor: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

People: **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Pastor: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

People: **whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us go to the throne of God's grace, confessing our sins and asking His mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,**

innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: We cannot repay God for our offenses, but He has given us His only Son to pay for every sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

☩ WORD ☩

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 15

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the churches of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for those who in faith, piety, and the fear of God offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, pity, and defend us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright.

People: **Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 6:1–8* (The Lord indicts Israel.)

Lector: Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against His people, and He will contend with Israel.

“O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! For 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.

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

People: **“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? Will 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?”**

Lector: He has told you, O man, 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?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: **Extol Him, all peoples!**

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

EPISTLE: *1 Corinthians 1:18–31* (Paul contrasts God's folly with worldly wisdom.)

through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than

Lector: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

People: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Lector: Where 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? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom,

People: it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

Lector: For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

People: but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

Lector: but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

People: whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 5:3*

Pastor: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1–12* (Jesus explains that God's blessings abound for people of faith no matter their circumstances.)

Pastor: Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they shall be comforted.

Pastor: "Blessed are the meek,

People: for they shall inherit the earth.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they shall be satisfied.

Pastor: "Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they shall receive mercy.

Pastor: "Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they shall see God.

Pastor: "Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they shall be called sons of God.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

[LSB 809]

SERMON

CATECHISM (The Fourth Petition)

Pastor: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

People: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Pastor: What is meant by daily bread?

People: **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, a good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for all people....., let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.**

Pastor:To You alone, O Father, be all the glory, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who not only lived a life of perfect obedience, but did it in our stead so that we might be free from all that would separate us from the eternal joy You have graciously promised. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

[LSB 507 verse 1]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our

flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ....

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

[LSB 550 vs 1]

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Wondrous Love Is This" [LSB 543]

"How Wide the Love of Christ" [LSB 535]

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" [LSB 700]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of sins forgiven in this Sacrament.

People: Grant us to know Your accompanying presence as we leave, so that, strong in faith, our thoughts, words, and deeds will reflect Your great love and mercy;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

[LSB 725]

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 29th - February 5th, 2023

Sunday (29th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Quarterly Voter's Meeting followed by luncheon hosted by Cotta Guild

Monday (30th):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (31st):

1:00 pm Quilters

3:30 – 4:30 pm Adult Confirmation

Wednesday (1st):

9:30– 10:15 am Women's Bible Study

3:30 – 4:30 pm Confirmation 6th – 8th grade

7:00 pm **Trustee's and Evangelism meeting**

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (2nd):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

5:30pm Board of Education

Friday(3rd):

Saturday (4th):

Sunday (5th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: January 29th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK: February 5th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Ton Bethke

ELDER/DEACON: **Kraig Deling/ Joe Schumacher**

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

READER: Cindy Gilmore

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Sunday January 22nd: 107 Bible Study: 27 Sunday School: 9

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$ 2544.00

Improvement Fund: \$50.00

Radio Broadcast: \$180.00

Other:

Decorating Fund: