

ATTITUDE CHECK



BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

APRIL 2, 2025
1:00pm/7:00pm

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
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THE BEATITUDES
April 2, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name – I'm fixed upon it; name of God's redeeming love.
2. Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me, safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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: Hear, oh God, when we call to You

C: Have mercy on us and answer us.

P: In our vulnerability,

C: Have mercy on us, oh God.

P: In our forgetfulness,

C: Have mercy on us, oh God.

P: In our anxiety,

C: Have mercy on us, oh God.

P: In our wrongdoing,

C: Have mercy on us, oh God.

P: In our hardheartedness,

C: Have mercy on us, oh God.

P: In our blindness,

C: Have mercy on us, oh God.

P: In your mercy, you rescue us from our enemies.

C: In your mercy, you remove our transgressions from us.

P: In your mercy, you made a way for us to be reconciled to You.

C: In your mercy, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to heal our brokenness.

P: Grant that in this season of Lent, our hearts may be devoted to you,

C: That we may see Your mercies new each day.

P: Grant that we may be always ready to offer mercy to those in need of it,

C: For mercy triumphs over judgment. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:4-7

So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Hymn

Blest Are They - Haas

Verse 3:

Blest are they who show mercy,
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God!

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

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Sermon

Matthew 5:7

Beatitude 5:

Blessed Are the Merciful, for They Will be Shown Mercy

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

Wonderful, Merciful Savoir – Dawn Thomas and Eric Wyse
Nancy Lesinski and Kit Goslin, *Duet*

7:00pm

Piano Quartet in Eb Major (Andante Cantabile) – Shumann
Anastasia Brown, *Violin* – Ben Kletzli, *Cello* – Heidi Kletzli, *Viola*
Rick Helderop – *Piano*

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, David's Son, yet David's 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 it's nature rightly, Here it's 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:
Nancy Lesinski and Kit Goslin,
Anastasia Brown, Ben Kletzli, and Heidi Kletzli
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

Laurie Krentz, Katie Moigis, Julie Nummer,
Beth Lanthier, Sandy Pourcho, Cheryl Carr, Asia Maeder,
Crissy Bienkowski, Erin Mortenson, Tracey Fish

Ushers

1:00pm – Bob Stewart

7:00pm – Jim Grove, *Captain*; Jim Endress, Peter Pridmore,
Cindy Grove, David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Eric Stein

Our Lenten Meals Prepared By

Lunch: The Bienkowski Family
Dinner: Small Group Bible Study

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 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***