



THE  
BEATITUDES

*Blessed are....  
...those who mourn*

A seven-part sermon series based in Matthew 5

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THEME OF THE DAY

What do you do when life stinks? Jesus invites us to be honest. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

BLESSED ARE THEY

LSB 982 vs. 1-4

(Not in pew hymnal)



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.  
 thirst; They shall have their fill.  
 heart; They shall see God!  
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



king - dom of God.

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## \*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

P Blessed are the poor in spirit—

*Women:* **For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P Blessed are those who mourn—

*Men:* **For they will be comforted.**

P Blessed are the meek—

**ALL: For they will inherit the earth.**

P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—

*Women:* **For they will be filled.**

P Blessed are the merciful—

*Men:* **For they will be shown mercy.**

P Blessed are the pure in heart—

*Women:* **For they will see God.**

P Blessed are the peacemakers—

*Men:* **For they will be called children of God.**

P Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness—

**ALL: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven!**

## \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Gracious and merciful Father, I confess to you my apathy, coldness and indifference.

C **I often feel trapped in patterns that hurt others and break your heart.**

P Lacking motivation and drive, I fail to study your Word, pray for others and claim your kingdom.

C **I am content to wander aimlessly.**

P Live hopelessly.

C **Work selfishly.**

P Relate nonchalantly.

C **And follow you half-heartedly.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on me!**

P Though your love for Jesus waxes and wanes, his for you is constant and consuming. So much so that he suffered, bled and died in your place, taking upon himself the full judgment and wrath of God.

Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Ours is the kingdom of God!**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Blest are you who suffer hate,  
All because of Me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
Shine for all to see.

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## BLEST ARE THEY

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

LSB 982 vs. 5

## \*KYRIE

LSB 186

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## \*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, you offer comfort and consolation to those who mourn. Empower us to face the pain in our lives as we trust these words of the Master, "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." We pray in Jesus' name.  
C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 40:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
<sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,  
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as we share abundantly in Christ's  
sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. <sup>6</sup>If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort  
and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently  
endure the same sufferings that we suffer. <sup>7</sup>Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in  
our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

<sup>8</sup>For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were  
so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup>Indeed, we felt that we had  
received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the  
dead.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

### \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:25–32*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout,  
waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him  
by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the  
Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the  
custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,



P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**\*SANCTUS**

*LSB 178*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 178*

**\*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**\*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**—*See projection screen or inside back cover of pew hymnal*

**\*PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 180*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

**\*AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 180*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION** Distribution is at the rail, with both common cup and individual cup; de-alcoholized wine in center of tray. Gluten free wafers available by signifying to pastor/elder. Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion.

<b>HYMN</b>	<b>LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD</b>	<b>LSB 625</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY</b>	<b>LSB 774</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>PRAISE TO YOU AND ADORATION</b>	<b>LSB 692</b>

**\*THANK THE LORD**

*LSB 181*

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

## \*BENEDICTION

**HYMN TO DEPART SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE LSB 917**

## AMNION VIDEO

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### Serving our Lord

		Sunday, January 15, 2023	Sunday, January 22, 2023
Musician		Merlin Simon	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Connie Kohn and Nancy Nord	Connie Kohn and Nancy Nord
Elder(s)	8am	Sam Erdman	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Reader	8am	Peter Olsen	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Jon Peterson	Kurt Vallin
Usher Team	8am	Gary Sheets	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Open	Jon Peterson
Greeter(s)	8am	Carolyn Wesling	Karen Turnmire
	10:30am	Lynn Kroonblawd	Open
Acolyte	8am	Jacob Seeman	Open
	10:30am	Sebastian Ness	Dana Vallin, Grace Hanenberger
Projection	8am	Matt Seeman	Open
	10:30am	Jean Peterson	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas



### **Marriage Retreat with Pastor and Lynn Kroonblawd February 17-18 | Camp Omega Lodge**

Join Pastor and Lynn to work through Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley's new book published by Focus on the Family, *Reconnected: Moving from Roommates to Soulmates in Your Marriage!* This retreat will help you reawaken the fun, refresh your love, and reconnect to the one who told you, "I do." Cost is \$250 (new! lowest rate!) and includes one night stay at the Camp Omega Lodge, plus meals. Further information and registration is on our website, in the narthex and in the church office. Don't miss this great opportunity!



**COMING UP AT TLO - January 15, 2023 — January 22, 2023****THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS AND LIFE SUNDAY (CELEBRATED)**

Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	No school; church office closed (note the change)	
	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Outreach
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation
	7:00pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Thur	11:00am	Board of Stewardship
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship with Preschool through Grade 8 singing
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	12:00noon	Life Chapel Service at Concordia University, St. Paul
	2:00pm	March for Life at the Minnesota State Capitol
	6:00pm	Hoops
*worship online at <a href="http://www.trinityloneoak.org">www.trinityloneoak.org</a>		

**Ushers needed**

TLO has open positions for ushers. The position requirements are: members, willing to serve at least once per month, and have a servant's heart. Maybe your whole family would like to serve as an usher team! If you are interested, please see the Elder on duty after worship or contact the church office. Usher training is scheduled between services on January 29, 2023. Thank you! Jim Nicklas, Elders Chair.

**WEEKLY DEPOSITS: January 8, 2023**

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	12,847.75
(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	940.00
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)			
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	25.75
	Verizon Tower Rental	\$	1,844.81
	Church and school fees	\$	3,901.10
	<b>Subtotal General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,559.41</b>
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	405.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	25.00
	Young Investor Stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	N/A
	<b>Subtotal Special Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>430.00</b>



**Sunday School Greeters Needed** January through May

Thank you to those who served from Sept.-Dec. as Greeters for TLO's Sunday School! We do need Greeters for the rest of the school year, so please consider this opportunity to be a friendly face as families bring their children to Sunday School. A Greeter is needed each Sunday from **9:00-9:30am** at the Sunday School table set up near the entrance area of the school. Sign up with the church office. Questions? Please contact Lynn Kroonblawd ([kroonblawd86@q.com](mailto:kroonblawd86@q.com) or 651-235-8259)



**Bible Seminar at TLO**  
**January 28, 2023 | 9am - 3pm**

Pastor Lessing leads our annual Bible seminar. This year's title is "Genesis: The most important book." Lunch is included. Register with the church office or at [trinityloneoak.org](http://trinityloneoak.org), and bring a friend! Thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this event in part.



**Valentine Boxes**

Stop by the Valentine display in the narthex to learn how you can support our 2022 high school grads. Final collection date is Sunday, February 5.



## Remember in Prayer

Pam Burdick, dealing with artery blockage

Rich and Dixie Cliff

Cory, friend of Nancy, receiving a new kidney; prayers that he also receives Jesus as Savior

Ginny & Steve, Hannah's coworker, as Ginny is diagnosed w/ stage 4 non hodgkin's lymphoma

Ed Jones, father of David Jones and Julie Casby, in need of prayer

Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns

Brian Motz in need of our prayers

Ian Olander, TLO Grade 3 student, keep updated at [caringbridge.org/visit/iano](http://caringbridge.org/visit/iano)

John Prusak, Keith's father, struggling with Parkinson's and dementia

Joanie Shockley recovering from eye surgery January 5

Laverne and Beverly Ziebell, thanksgiving to God for His mighty hand in their lives. Beverly has transitioned home; prayers that she can get the care she needs at home.



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### GodConnects course

**Saturdays, February 4, 11, 25 | 9:00am-12noon**

*GodConnects* is a video series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner. This series is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. Who has God put in *your* life that needs to hear His message? Invite them to attend, or contact the church office and we'll reach out to them.

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### Birthdays this week

Jan 15 Jane Holm

Jan 16 Rachel Orr

Jan 17 Nancy Nord, Darrell Rahn, Esther Shockley (100!)

Jan 18 Adam Naas, Rob Orr

Jan 21 Joe Maloney, Jesse Swenson

### Anniversaries this week

Jan 16 Dave and Linda Ahrens



## Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to one of our pastors, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children’s bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.

**Today we celebrate Holy Communion.** Please speak with one of our pastors or an elder before communing if this is your first time receiving the Lord’s Supper at TLO. The light-colored wine in the center of the individual communion tray is de-alcoholized wine, where the alcohol is reduced to .05%.

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## Life Chapel Service

**Sunday, January 22, 2023 | 12noon | Concordia St. Paul**

The Minnesota South District and Concordia University St Paul will host a Life Chapel. Come worship the Author of Life and pray that people everywhere will uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and turn their hearts toward the children.



## March for Life

**Sunday, January 22, 2023 | 2:00pm | MN Capitol Steps**

After the Life Chapel Service, worshipers are encouraged to travel to the steps outside the Minnesota State Capitol building. Marches for Life are joyful and hopeful. Come and worship and be an advocate for life!

## Lutherans For Life presents Life Week

**January 15-18, 2023**

Each themed day of Life Week 2023 will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events, and interviews. Hop on LutheransForLife.org from Sunday, January 15, through Wednesday, January 18, each evening for a Gospel-motivated presentation from the following speakers: January 15 – Rev. Michael Salemink – Blessed as a Gift, January 16 – Rev. Steven and Stephanie Cholak – Blessed in Longing, January 17 – Delores Desemone – Blessed Together, January 18 – Deaconess Chrissie Gillet – Blessed with Healing

