



THE
BEATITUDES

*Blessed are....
...the Poor in Spirit*

A seven-part sermon series based in Matthew 5

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AS WE GATHER

Today we begin a new sermon series on Christ's Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. First up? "Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**"

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.



Refrain
 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 Blessed Jesus, empower me to receive salvation in your shed blood, your five wounds and your loving heart.

C **Though my sins rise to heaven—**

P Your merits soar above them.

C **Though unrighteousness weighs me down—**

P Your righteousness exalts me to your throne.

C **Though all things in me call for my rejection**

P All things in you plead for my acceptance.

ALL: Jesus, I am guilty, but in your blood and righteousness pardoned. I am lost, but in your power saved. I am wandering, but by your grace found. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness. Keep me always clinging to your cross.

P Jesus says in today's Old Testament lesson, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor." (Isaiah 61:1–2) 2023 is still the year of the LORD's favor! In Christ you are forgiven and you are free!

ALL: Ours is the kingdom of God!

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you oppose the proud but give grace to the humble. Create in us humble and contrite hearts so we trust these words of the Master, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." We pray in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

BLEST ARE THEY

LSB 982

vs. 5

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

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

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1–3

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

MEN'S CHOIR

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE —*sung tune LSB 173*

- C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9–13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*APOSTLES' CREED

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

MATTHEW 5:3

HYMN OF THE DAY JESUS HAS COME AND BRINGS PLEASURE ETERNAL LSB 533

OFFERING

Please complete a worship attendance card and place in the plate as it passes. Those who support this church and its ministry by giving electronically are invited to place the "I Give Online" cards located in each pew in the offering plate as a way of participating in this act of worship.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Merciful Father, enable us to accept that we are spiritually bankrupt without Jesus.

C **Forgive us and free us from self-sufficiency.**

P We rejoice that you have not left us in spiritual poverty.

C **But have made us rich in Christ.**

P Create in us true humility, genuine repentance, bold brokenness, and ruthless dependence on Jesus.

C **So that your kingdom comes through us to earth as it is in heaven.**

P May we grow to embody that "the way up is the way down."

C **Foster in us the constant and authentic cry, "God have mercy on me a sinner."**

+ Additional Prayers +

P We pray this humbly in the name of Jesus Christ who, though rich in glory, became poor for us so that in him we might become rich in mercy and grace. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 (AARONIC)**

- P** 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.
C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT LSB 411

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Serving our Lord

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

COMING UP AT TLO - January 8, 2023 — January 16, 2023		
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	7:00pm	CRUX Youth Ministry
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible study
	4:00pm	Midweek Confirmation
	7:00pm	Men's choir rehearsal
Thur	6:00pm	Privileged to Pray
	6:30pm	Board of Christian Education
Fri	9:00am	Women of the Word (WoW) Bible study
Sat	3:00-8:00pm	Peniel Evangelical Church activities
THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS AND LIFE SUNDAY (CELEBRATED)		
Sun	8:00*am	Worship
	9:15am	Education Hour for all ages
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church worship
	6:00pm	Hoops
Mon	No school; church office open	
	10:00am	Adult Bible study
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950
*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org		



Winter Weather Closing

When winter weather forces closure of TLO Church, notice will be communicated in these ways:

- A notice will be posted on the home page of TLO's website, www.trinityloneoak.org.
- A recorded message at TLO's church number, 651-454-7235, will announce closure.
- An email will be sent. To check if you're on our email distribution list, contact Jean.
- Personal phone calls will be made to folks with limited computer access. Contact Jean in the church office, 651-454-7235, to be placed on the list to receive a phone call regarding winter weather closure.

Wonderfully Made

A Lutherans for Life Event

Free Event!

The Divine Value of Being Human

A Biblical conversation about abortion and end of life issues with Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, LCMS MN South District President



Saturday, January 21 | 9:30 am
Trinity Lutheran Church
601 E 2nd St, Waconia

The Event will be held in the Fireside Room.
Please enter at Door J on the east side of the building.



Minnesota South District Life Chapel Service January 22, 2023

The Minnesota South District and Concordia University St Paul will host a Life Chapel Service on Sunday, Jan. 22, at Graebner Memorial Chapel, 1259 Carroll Ave., St. Paul. Chapel doors will open at 12:00 noon. 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.

After the Life Chapel Service, worshipers are encouraged to travel to the steps outside the Minnesota State Capitol for the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) March For Life which begins at 2 pm south of the Capitol building. Marches for Life are joyful and hopeful. Come and worship and be an advocate for life! For further information on the MCCL March For Life, contact Pastor James Kroonblawd, MNS District Life Coordinator.

WEEKLY DEPOSITS: January 1, 2023

General Fund Income:			
	Current and Mission Weekly Offering	\$	8,005.25
(Our offering budget is \$8,175 per week)			
	Building Reserve Fund	\$	1,123.00
(Our offering budget is \$665 for per week)			
	1883 School Annual Fund	\$	165.00
	Tuition	\$	5,121.88
	Sunday school	\$	N/A
	Camp Omega	\$	50.00
	Church and school fees	\$	462.35
	Subtotal General Fund Income	\$	14,927.48
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)			
	YTF2	\$	290.00
	Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$	4,025.00
	Young Investor Stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$	N/A
	Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$	4,315.00



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

TLO is seeking volunteers to host coffee on Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour. Contact the church office if you'd like to help out every once-in-a-while.



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 or 651-235-8259)



Remember in Prayer

Pam Burdick, dealing with artery blockage

Rich and Dixie Cliff

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

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.



Privileged to Pray | Thursday, January 12, 6:00pm | Petersons

Come pray for our church and school, the concerns of our 'world', and the concerns of our hearts. Bring a Bible, a pen, and a heart open to God's leading. Questions? Speak with Jon or Jean.



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.



Birthdays this week

Jan. 8 Greg Zinnel

Jan. 9 Steve Barnes, Xander Estrada

Jan. 10 Donine Leatherby

Jan. 11 Audrey Martin, Irlene Schuster

Anniversaries this week

Jan. 8 Tim and Julie Morris



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 our pastor, 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.



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, and bring a friend! Thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this event in part.

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