



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PEACE

ELW Pg. 152

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen**

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs. 1-3) ELW #836**

### INTROIT

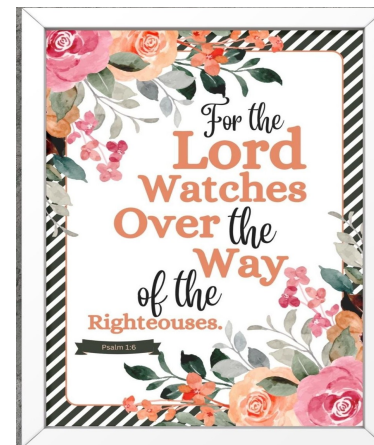
**Psalm 1:6**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** **Blest Are They**  
(vs. 1,4) **ELW #728**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray

O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



### THE WORD OF GOD

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

**The Life of Discipleship**

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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 righteous acts of the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> “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? <sup>7</sup> 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?” <sup>8</sup> 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?

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### Psalm 15

### God's People Shall Never Be Moved

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;**

<sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,

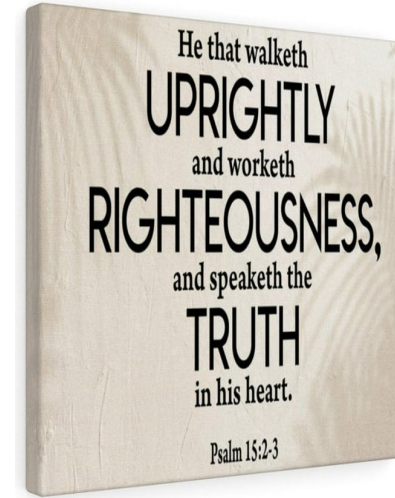
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;**

**who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

<sup>5</sup> who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.



### SECOND READING :1 Corinthians 1:18-31 The Word of the Cross is the Power of God

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> 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? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. "

<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Seek Ye First (vs. 1)**

**WORD OF GOD: Gospel Lesson**

The holy gospel according to St Matthew the 5th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

**True Blessedness**

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



**HYMN OF THE DAY Rise Up, O Saints of God (vs. 1,3,5) ELW #669**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting.**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ALL) ELW# 697**



**OFFERTORY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW #884**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**SANCTUS "Holy, Holy" ELW# 153**

**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.**

**EUCCHARIST PRAYER**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

**In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.**

**In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.**

**The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.**

**In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**“Lamb of God”**

**LBW #92**

**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**

**COMMUNION SONGS**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**ELW # 471**

**Give Me Jesus**

**ELW # 770**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**ELW # 597**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

**BLESSING**

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.

**Amen**

**SENDING SONG Go, My Children with My Blessing (vs.1-3) ELW #543**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace for God walks with you always!

**Thanks Be to God!**

**This Week's Events**

**Sunday, February 1**

8:30 AM Sunday School  
9:15 AM Worship Service

**Monday, February 2**

10:00 AM Bible Study  
*Fire on the Mountain - Not By Bread Alone*  
6:00 PM Whittling for Christ  
6:00 PM Executive Council

**Tuesday, February 3**

9:00 AM Music Planning Team  
6:00 PM Bible Study  
*"The Chosen" Season 1 Episode 2*

**Wednesday, February 4**

4:30 PM Confirmation  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 5**

10:00 AM Naomi Circle

**Sunday, February 8**

8:30 AM Sunday School  
9:15 AM Worship Service

**Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:**

Virginia Altman	Marjorie Hohlt
Ashley Armatys	Jim Kite
Florence Bentke	Howard Kruse
Tom Bentke	Donald Lange
Phyllis Bickham	Helen Schulze
Milton Bosse	Verna Mae Sefcik
Jerry Cochran	Delores Seeker
Janice Cordova	Connie Seward
Donna Deleon	Rosa Sloan
Ruth Finke	Laura Sulaica
John Haarmeyer	Vernon Wagner
Elsie Herrmann	Carol Westerfeld
	Florence Wolff

**Our Family and Friends**

Paula Baker	Dinah Jacobs
Beau Brauninger	Walter Himly
Connie Cadenhead	Bro Greg Koch
Gladys Campion	Sherree Pence
Tate Hermann	Patricia Thaler

Names remain for 60 Days unless otherwise notified. Please use the back of the attendance card if someone needs to be added or removed from the list. **Please complete a card each time you attend.**

Portals of Prayer devotionals are available for Jan. thru March in vestibule and Annex

Special Offering  
FEBRUARY  
Bread Partners

*Happy Baptism Birthday*  
*God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.*

Karen Spinn	2/1
Amber Westerfeld	2/2
Deanna Giese	2/6
Marjorie Hohlt	2/7
Canaan Wilkerson	2/7

Provided by Trey and Cathy Boeker

In Honor of  
Logan's Baptism

Altar Flowers

*Happy Anniversary*

<b>Ben &amp; Carolyn Kessel</b> □ □ 2/5 59 years	<b>John &amp; Sandra Tillman</b> □ □ 2/3 36 years
<b>Kimberly &amp; Bruce Wellbacher</b> □ 2/5 21 years	<b>Brandon &amp; Kaley Bednar</b> □ □ 2/4 9 years

**FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN**  
**Lesson 2 Not By Bread Alone**  
**Monday**  
**10AM** **February 2**

Whittling for Christ  
 Scripture and woodworking  
 6 PM on  
 Monday nights In Activity Center.

**6PM Bible Study**  
**"The Chosen"** **Tuesday**  
**February 3**

**Season 1, Episode 2-You Rest**

*My first Communion*



1st communion class  
 will be held  
 February 14  
 at 9:00am.

**First Communion Sunday**  
**is February 15.**

**Ladies Bloom**  
 WHERE YOU'RE  
 planted  
**Salad Supper**

February 22nd at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall.  
 A sign-up sheet will be put out in the Narthex.  
 Please come and bring your daughters,  
 granddaughters, and nieces if you would like to,  
 so we can all enjoy this special time together.

Local Women small group named after the biblical figure Naomi known for loyalty and support, offering Bible study, prayer, service, and community for spiritual growth.  
**This Week!**  
**February 5th**



**Rachel Circle**

Next Meeting on the  
 2nd Thursday  
 2:00PM  
 February 12<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting on the  
 2nd Tuesday  
 2:00PM  
 February 10<sup>th</sup>



**Quilters**  
 Meets every  
 3rd and 4th Tuesday  
 9:00am February 17



Next Meeting on the  
 2nd Tuesday  
 4:30PM  
 February 10<sup>th</sup>  
 3rd - 6th grades

**GOD SQUAD**

Next Meeting on the  
 3rd Sunday  
 2:00PM  
 February 15<sup>th</sup>  
 7th - 12th grades



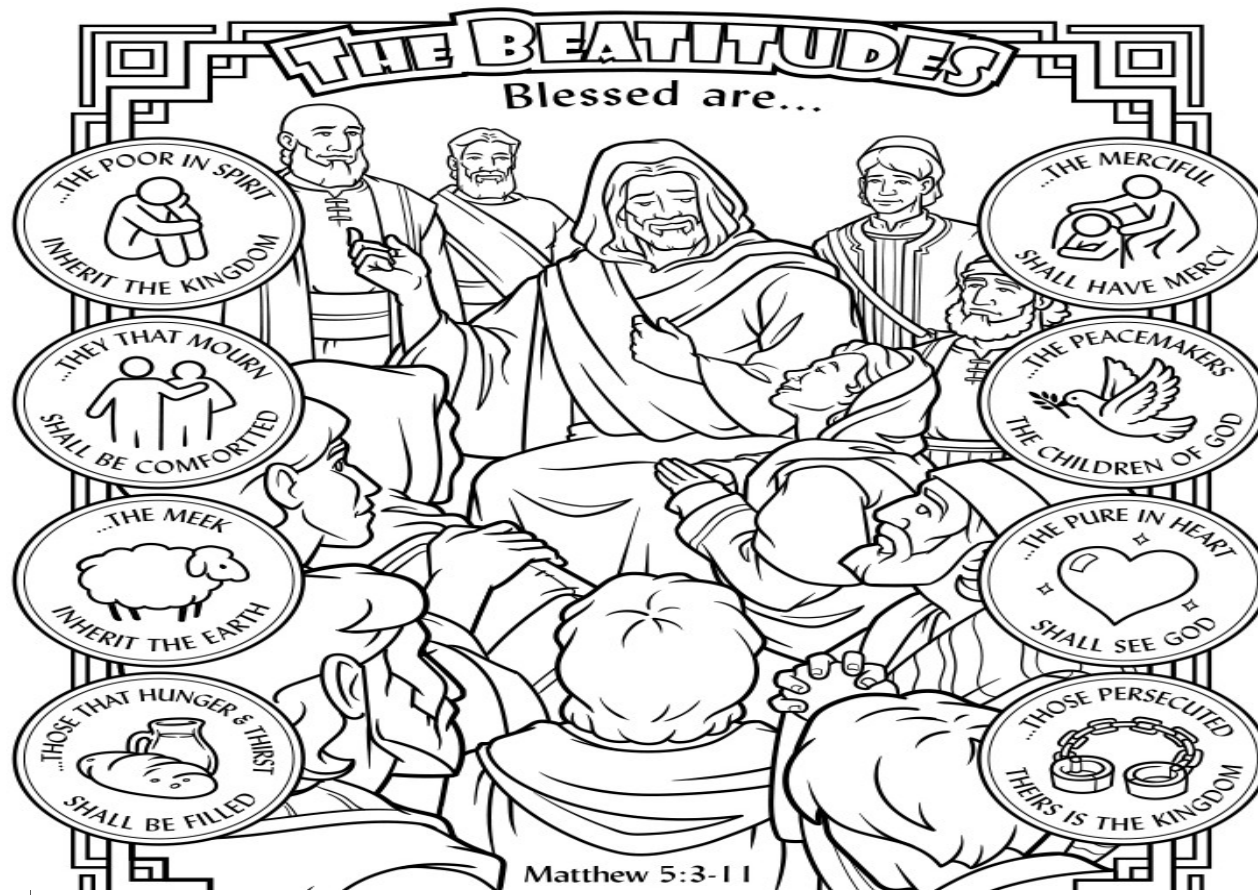
Meeting this month  
 on the 4th Saturday  
 February 28  
 7:30AM



Every Wednesday

Confirmation Class 4:30 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:30 PM



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 <p>10am Monday</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>  <p>6:00pm</p> <p>Music Planning 9:00 am</p>	<p>Confirmation 6:30 pm</p>  <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p>Naomi Circle 10am</p>  <p>9:00 am</p>

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