

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



*"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."
(Matthew 5:1–2)*

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26/29, 2023
Serving Us Today:
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Large Print Bulletin

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout

the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
 There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
 By love are we thus bound.

- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
 Now love Him in return.

- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults
 As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
 In Christian holiness.

- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
 Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
 Be ours His holy peace.

- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

Stand

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite *LSB 220*

**C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise unto Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Antiphon (Common) LSB 221

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Readings From Holy Scripture

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 6:1–8*

(The Lord indicts Israel, reminds them of His care,
and asks for justice and kindness.)

Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² 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.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ "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?

⁷ 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?"

⁸ 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?

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Cherub Choir sings on Sunday

PSALMODY *Psalm 15* (antiphon: Ps. 16:1)

¹O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

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

³who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴**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;**

⁵who 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

(Paul contrasts God's folly in sending His Son with worldly wisdom.)

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ 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? ²¹ 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. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a

stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

(Jesus explains that God's blessings abound for people of faith no matter their circumstances.)

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Common) *LSB 221*

P Forever, O lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Children's Message

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
 That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
 Here on earth Your will be done.

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Sermon "Joyful Are..." Matthew 5:1-12

Stand

Canticle "Te Deum" *LSB 223*

**C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.
The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You.
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.**

**We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.
Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Offering

The Installation of Officers for 2023 (Sunday only)

Prayer

Kyrie *LSB 227*

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.

Collects

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray for all people who call out to God in their distress. For our brothers and sisters who are poor in spirit because of outside oppression or personal problems, that God would remind them of their heavenly citizenship, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

P: For those who are meek as they thirst for righteousness, that God would raise up local and national leaders to provide security and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

P: For those who reflect the mercy of God as they tend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those under their care, that God would give them wisdom and strength. We also pray for those who have any needs of body, soul, and mind (especially those we bring before You now...) let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

P: For those who single-mindedly focus on sharing God's peace with conflicted people around them, that God would keep them strong in faith to use every opportunity at their disposal, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

P: For the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would alleviate persecution they may be enduring and let the Church grow in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord.

P: For ourselves in every difficulty, that God would remind us of Christ's having done in our stead all that He calls us to do, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless them for Jesus' sake, O Lord. Amen.

Benedicamus *LSB 228*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 234*

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

C Amen.

703 How Can I Thank You, Lord

- 1 How can I thank You, Lord,
 For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently
 Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins
 And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God,
 Your anger ev'ry day.
- 2 It is Your work alone
 That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me
 You have Your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace
 That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart
 Into a heart newborn.
- 3 Lord, You have raised me up
 To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way
 That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away;
 For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul
 All evil I abhor.
- 4 Grant that Your Spirit's help
 To me be always given
Lest I should fall again
 And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that He give me strength
 In my infirmity;
May He renew my heart
 To serve You willingly.

Δ5 O Father, God of love,
 Now hear my supplication;
 O Savior, Son of God,
 Accept my adoration;
 O Holy Spirit, be
 My ever faithful guide
 That I may serve You here
 And there with You abide.

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Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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Attendance Last Week: 192
General giving last week: \$6981.00
Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

31 Tuesday	Informational Meeting @ Call	6:30 pm
1 Wednesday	Public Confirmation	3:45 pm
1 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
2 Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 pm
2 Thursday	Worship/HC	6:30 pm
5 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
5 Sunday	Bible Class	10:15 am
5 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am

HUMAN CARE will take a door collection NEXT WEEK to help provide funds for the work they do for people in need.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th. Meeting starts after church, at approx.. 10:30 am. Please plan to attend.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Would you like your stewardship to be automated? St. John enables you to give your church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may already be using EFT to have your mortgage, car payment and bills automatically paid using this method. Now your gift to God can be regular and "off the top," just like these other commitments.

There is no cost to you for this service. Just think – you won't have to write 52 checks a year! And you won't have to wonder where you put your church offering envelopes.

If you would like to participate, contact Amy Radliff by phone 920-361-1437 or by email at theradliffs@gmail.com for an enrollment form.

You can give weekly or monthly. Your giving is recorded at the church office and will reflect on your annual statement.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT UPCOMING CALL: "There will be an informational meeting regarding our upcoming call for the next Pastor of St. John on Tuesday, Jan 31 at 6:30 pm. Anyone with questions about the call process is welcome to attend."



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL invites you to attend our OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, February 16, 2023
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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SERMON OUTLINE
January 26/29, 2023
Theme: "Joyful Are..."
(Matthew 5:1-12)

I. Happy Moments in Life

- A. For many of us, _____ occasions are among the happiest days in our lives.
- B. Our view of happiness depends so much on our _____.
- C. Happiness, once obtained, is found to be _____.
- D. The Greek work _____ means "blessed."
- E. It is possible to be _____ and unhappy at the same time.

II. The Source of True Joy

- A. Joy is the assurance that _____ is with you.
- B. This joy comes to us beyond our _____.
- C. We rejoice as we mourn those who have _____ and are now with Christ.
- D. Worldly happiness depends on physical _____.
- E. Our happiness comes when God _____ us in our troubles.
- F. The Beatitudes are about God's _____.