



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Micah 6:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12 • Psalm 15

THE LORD'S DAY

January 29, 2023

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Piano/Chancel Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP &
STRIKING THE HOUR

"Amazing Grace"

The Carillon Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT

"Every Day With Jesus"
(Verse 1)

† HYMN

"Stand Up For Jesus"
(Verses 1,2,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM

"Gloria Patri"

† HYMN

"Power in the Blood"
(Verses 1,3,4)

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL

"Psalm 96"

Sung to the tune of: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
(Verses 1,3)

RESPONSIVE READING: Heidelberg Catechism

WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN

WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

"Hold the Fort"
(All Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"Approaching the Sermon on the Mount"
Matthew 5:1-12

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN

"Rock of Ages"
(Verses 1,2,)

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† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM

"The Family of God"

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DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.
We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,
learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!



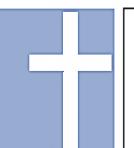
In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith



WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical guidelines for unalterable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

ATTENDANCE
LAST SUNDAY: 166



Are you interested in
Church Membership?



We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.



GIVING REPORT

Week Ending January 22, 2023

\$2,892	
Sunday General Giving	2,441
Online General Giving	396
Total General Gifts	2,837
Less 3% to Building	-85
Less 10% to Missions	-284
Net General	2,468
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	85
Gals (Online)	25
Memorial for Bill Thompson	25
Missions	289
Total Designated Giving	424
Net General	2,468
Designated Giving	424
Total Receipts	\$2,892

UNDERSTANDING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Sermon on the Mount has been called history's greatest sermon. Even people who are unfamiliar with Christianity are familiar with many of the teachings that come from Jesus's most famous sermon. They're familiar with His teachings to love one's enemies, not judge others, and even the Lord's Prayer— even if they've only learned these things through osmosis.

You can find the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 of Matthew's Gospel and although portions of it can be found in other places (Luke 6:17-49, 11:33, and 14:34-35), quite a bit of it is unique to Matthew.

The Sermon's context

When reading the Sermon on the Mount, it's natural to think about how Jesus's words apply to us. There's a lot in this message that cuts all of us to the quick. The Bible says that: God's words are "Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even dividing the soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." But, when we approach Scripture through a merely personal lens, we can miss out on some of the critical context and drama.

The teaching that makes up these two chapters would have been the disciples' (and the crowd's) first exposure to Jesus's teaching. Throughout this sermon, Jesus confronts the legalism that had come to define Pharisaical Judaism. Everyone listening would have been shocked at how Jesus contradicts much of the teaching they'd been raised hearing. Teachings that were mainly cultural, manufactured traditions that they would need to "unlearn" before they could receive the truth.

It's no wonder that the sermon ends this way: "When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law" (Matthew 7:28-29).

As we read through the Sermon on the Mount, it's helpful to think about how it would have sounded to people who were raised within a very legalistic religious tradition. It's helpful to consider how His words would have sounded to people who were expecting their Messiah to be both a religious leader and a conquering hero. And, it's even more vital to ask ourselves how much of our own "cultural Christianity" we need to "unlearn."

Most of us are familiar with and used to hearing Jesus's words, but His first listeners would have been challenged and scandalized in ways we can scarcely comprehend. As we approach this sermon series, let's pray that God breaks down the preconceived notions of our faith, amazes us with his teaching, and stirs us to a greater awe of his authoritative word.

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The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Cheryl Howard
in loving memory of
her husband Edward



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2023

GAL's Meeting..... Monday, February 6th at 12:30
Guy's Lunch..... Thursday, February 9th at 11:00 a.m.
Strawberry Festival / Organ Concert..... Saturday, February 18th
(Ticket required. Concert Starts at 3:00 p.m. and Food served at 3:30p.m.)

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday School..... Weekly at 9:00 a.m.
Lord's Day Worship..... Weekly at 10:00 a.m.



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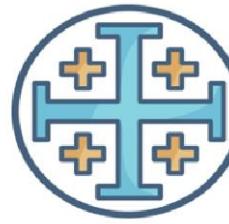
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Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

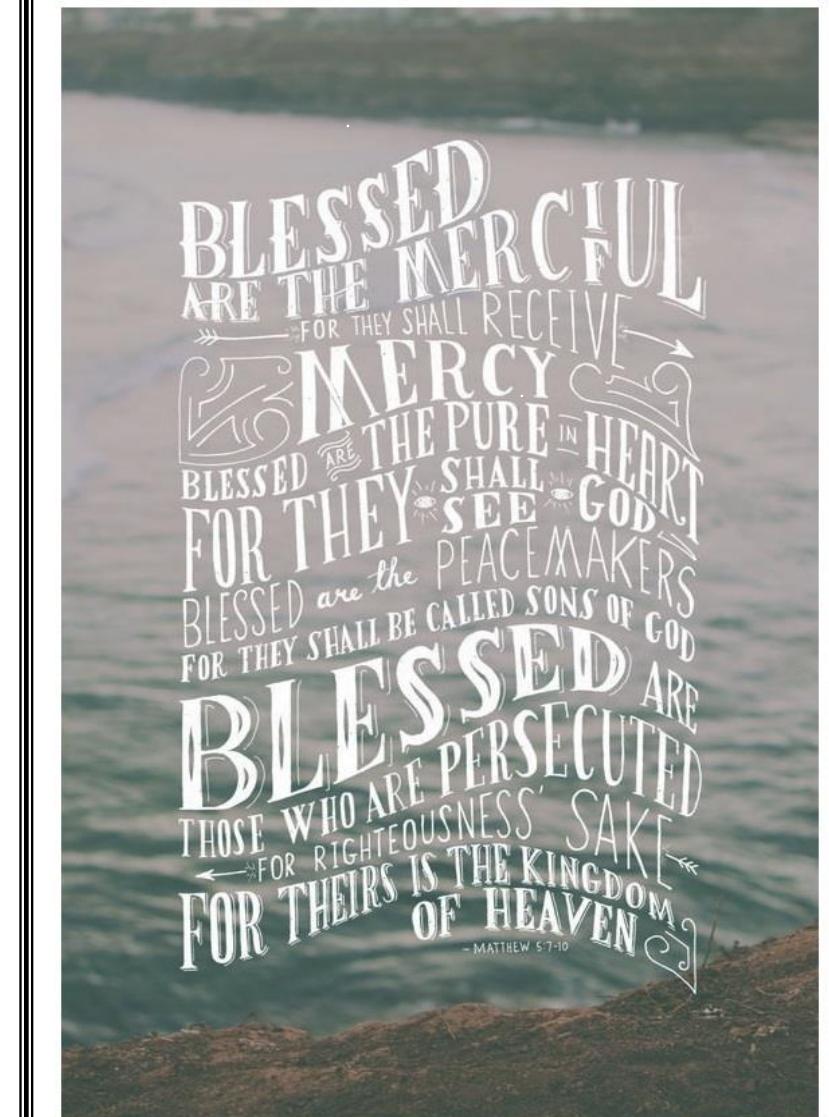
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FAIRVIEW

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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the *Day of the Lord* draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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