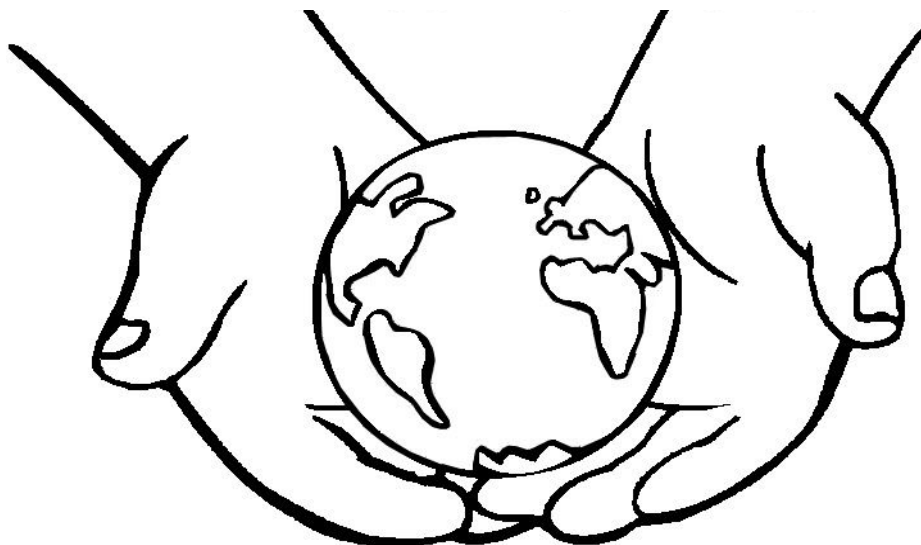


**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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## Beatitudes

### INTRODUCTION

*The Ten Commandments related a series of "Thou shalt not" phrases, evils one must avoid in daily life on earth. In contrast, our gospel reading today shows that the message of Jesus is one of humility, charity, and brotherly love. It teaches transformation of the inner person. Jesus presents the Beatitudes in a positive sense; that love becomes the motivation for a Christian life.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN:

**“Here I am Lord”**

**#574 ELW**

*(Please Stand on the Last Verse)*

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,

**your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-20**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM RESPONSE      Psalm 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**“Day by Day”**

**#790 ELW**

*Please stand if able*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Empower bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, evangelists, and all members of Christ’s body with your Spirit. Open our hearts to hear your word of life and respond in lives of service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth. For all creatures of the land, air, and water. Heal environments damaged by disaster or pollution. Make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted into our care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Liberate us from our captivity to fear and ways of violence. Free those who are unjustly imprisoned and those who are imprisoned for working for freedom. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Rescue those who suffer abuse or neglect. Bring an end to hunger and greed. Accompany those who are alone or vulnerable. Comfort those who grieve and all who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Bless those who proclaim your word and those who teach. Bless those whose talents are not recognized, and teach us to honor the gifts of all your people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us in the faith (*especially Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe*). Wipe away all tears and bring us with them into the joy of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Glorious Day”**

**“by: Casting Crows”**

## **OFFERING**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of all creation,

**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome! (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God,

**that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN:

**“Go My Children”**

**# 543 ELW**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.*

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Jim Christensen, Shelia Penoyer & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland

Ushers: Judy Wozney & Diane Sandberg

Hospitality: Wayne & Janice Olson; Al & Sue Samuelson

***Thank you for your service!***

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 20, 2019: 9:00 am 68

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda** **January 28 thru February 3, 2019**

Monday	1/28	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/29	12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	1/30	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
Thursday	1/31	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	2/1	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	2/3	9:00 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Praise Team practice

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**PRAYER & CARE LIST** Sandy Pullen's mother, Millie Kruger, passed away on Friday, January 25. Service will be in the spring.

**2019 BETHESDA CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER CALENDARS** are here! These will make great gifts! Only \$10 and available in the Fellowship Hall after service today and for weeks to come.

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. For the month of February you have the opportunity to win a fabulous prize by purchasing a "Heart" for \$1.00 that we will use to decorate the fellowship hall. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month after worship service. The prize for February is donated by WELCA (a basket of crafty items!). Buy tickets after Sunday service or find the can on the secretaries' desk during the week.

**PICTURE DIRECTORIES** are here! If you didn't have your picture taken, updated smaller directories are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a picture directory, but didn't have your picture taken, you can purchase a copy for \$10. See the secretaries in the office.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are here! Please pick up your envelopes in the Fellowship Hall.

**YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS** are available. They are on the table next to the Offering Envelopes in the Fellowship Hall.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIS** Judie Birk is looking for old cross country skis that she plans to paint/decorate for this year's bazaar. You can leave them at the church office.

**SAVE THE DATE** April 11, 2019. Heartland Conference NE MN Synod Ladies Spring Gathering at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo.

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD** – Feb. 6, 2019. We will be having a Service at 6:30pm on that Wednesday night. Fellowship afterwards.

**MALMO LIONS' SWEETHEART DANCE** Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. \$15/per person, call the church office for reservations before Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. See poster in Narthex for more information or on the table in the Fellowship hall after worship.

**ZION TO ZAMBIA** Zion Lutheran Church of Buffalo, MN is sponsoring another Zion to Zambia mission trip to the Villages of Hope Zambia, Africa in mid-January 2020! Previous trips in 2012, 2015 and 2017 focused on working with the children in the Village, education, agriculture, sewing and construction projects. The 2020 trip will follow the same format and allow Zion to continue their collaboration and support with the children and adults in the Village of Hope. The trip will be 15-16 days with a per person cost of about \$3500 (travel, room and board and extended side trip to possibly Cape Town, South Africa or another site). In order to get the best prices and allow for planning of the trip, the deadline to sign up for the trip is May 1, 2019. If you want more information, contact Julie Swaggert.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY** During the month of January children's T-shirts of all sizes and colors are being collected in the narthex. Each month a different item will be collected so that by June the VBS kids will have enough items to fill shoe boxes.

**BIBLE & BREW at the LAKE**: Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm through Saturday 1:00pm. Faith Conversations with Bishop Tom. Explore Theology and Lutheran identity using the actual process of Brewing Beer as a conversation starter! Bishop Tom, a home brewer leads us in spirited fellowship and personal faith discussions. Camp Onomia Retreat Center. See poster in Narthex for more information.