



The Beatitudes

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

- "Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
- "Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are you who weep now,
for you shall laugh.
- "Blessed are you when people hate you
and when they exclude you
and revile you
and spurn your name as evil,
on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day,
and leap for joy,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven;
for so their fathers did to the prophets.

Sunday, February 16, 2025

First Presbyterian Church
101 - 6th Ave. NW
Kasson, MN

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Brian Rohr - Music

February 16, 2025

Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

P: May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

P: May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

P: May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

L: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

P: May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

*Hymn No. 363 *"Rejoice the Lord is King"*

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us. The lure of a quick fix, easy money, or pleasure turned our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us. We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. Forgive us. Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things. Amen.

Silent Confession

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*Assurance of Grace

God enables us to leave behind our errors and moral failings so that we can be blessings to others. Let us rise up as forgiven people ready to serve. Amen.

We are Inspired by God

Hymn No. 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 1** "The Two Ways"

L: 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;

P: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: 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.

P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581 *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen*

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Pg 879-880 OT
Luke 6:17-26 Pg 78 NT

Sermon: "Blessings and Woes" Pastor Loren Olson

*Hymn No. 377 *"I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light"*

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We Respond to God

*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for Offering: Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 815 *"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"*

*Benediction

*Dismissal No. Hymn 542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

"God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again."

*Postlude

WELCOME VISITORS.

Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU, A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS. BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please keep our prayers for: Elaine Gransee, Ruth Allen, Donna Dohrmann, Joyce Olson, Dick Wolff and Dick Hewitt for strength and healing.

The tax return donation receipts for last year are available at the table in the back.

The KMHS KoMet Pantry for the next few weeks we will be collecting personal hygiene items for : shampoos, soap, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair products, etc. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Nicky Wilke with questions! Thank you!

Per Capita: Just a reminder, your per capita envelope is in your donation receipt letter from our treasurer, Jennifer Mittelstadt. (On the table in the back) Please remember that the per capita is due by March 16.