

Blessed
ARE THE
poor in spirit,
FOR THEIRS IS THE
Kingdom of Heaven

MATTHEW 5:3



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 1, 2026

Welcome!**Service Setting Four** Hymnal -LSB 203**Bold face type - read by the congregation****Opening Hymn - 842****Son of God, Eternal Savior****Please stand**

*The sign of the cross may be made
by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation**Exhortation** LSB 203**Please Kneel/Stand/Sit****Confession of Sins** LSB 203**Absolution** LSB 203**Please stand****Introit** Psalm 1:1–5;
antiphon: v. 6

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

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the
counsel of the wicked,

**nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf
does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

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

Therefore the wicked will not stand
in the judgment,

**nor sinners in the congregation
of the righteous.**

**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.

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

Kyrie LSB 204**Gloria in Excelsis** LSB 204**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst
of so many dangers that in our frailty we
cannot stand upright. Grant strength and
protection to support us in all dangers and
carry us through all temptations; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1–8

1Hear what the Lord says:

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

2Hear, 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!

4For 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.

5O 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 saving 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?

7Will 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?”

8He 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?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
**and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
**bring an offering, and come into
his courts!**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

18The 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.”

20Where 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?

21For 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.

26For 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

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strong;²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

Verse Matthew 5:3

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

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed LSB 207

**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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

Please sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the

sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
thirst; They shall have their fill.
heart; They shall see God!
faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
king - dom; Shine for all to see.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,

ho-ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the

king - dom of God.

Sermon*Please stand***Prayer of the Church****Lord's Prayer** LSB 209

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.

*Please sit***Offering***Please stand***Offering Prayer****Closing Prayer**

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.**Benedicamus** LSB 212**Benediction****Closing Hymn - 851****Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us****Those Who Serve**

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Feb 1	Diane T	Bill Y & Jack P	Nate J
Feb 8	Donna W	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Feb 15	Karen M	Willy F & Keith M	Nate J
Feb 22	Nancy P	Don S & Bill Y	Nate J
Mar 1	Donna W	Willy F & Kevin D	Kayla S
Mar 8	Bill Y	Kevin D & Don S	Kayla S

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Prayer Concerns

Ashley Forba - Ongoing health issues

Mary Ellen Mills - Eye issues

Janet Finn - Continued rehab after knee replacement

Elaine Decker - Ongoing health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko - Healing and well-being - Marina Yarasavage's parents

Keith Mitchell's father - Kendall Health issues

**All those in the armed forces,
including Kyle Stackhouse**

All those suffering due to natural disasters

Church Events

Meet with Pastor Josh - Sign-up sheet in narthex

Youth Activities - Please contact
Liz Stackhouse 570-833-5971

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us for Wednesday evening Bible Study on **February 4 and 11** as we look briefly at the Church Year calendar and why using it is important.

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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bible Study 5 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Bible Study 5 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Birthdays

Feb 1 Regina Forba
 Elizabeth Elliot

Feb 2 Nancy Pease

Feb 9 Karen Mitchell

Feb 12 Deb Joyce
 Anya Tyler

Feb 13 Sarah Makey

Feb 14 Nancy Loch
 Love Tyler

Feb 15 Kevin Durland

Feb 17 Jack Waldenberger

Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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Offering – Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

There are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our encouragement, who will need our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give.

Dr Leo Buscaglia