

Blessed  
ARE THE  
poor in spirit,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE  
Kingdom of Heaven  
MATTHEW 5:3



**St. Paul's**  
Missouri Synod Lutheran

***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

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says:  
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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 saving acts of  
the Lord.”  
<sup>6</sup>“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?  
<sup>7</sup>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?”  
<sup>8</sup>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?  
  
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

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

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

<sup>20</sup>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?

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs  
and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ  
crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly  
to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both  
Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and  
the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of  
God is wiser than men, and the weakness of  
God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, 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.**

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

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons 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 others 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 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

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## 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	18 Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm	19	20	21
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