

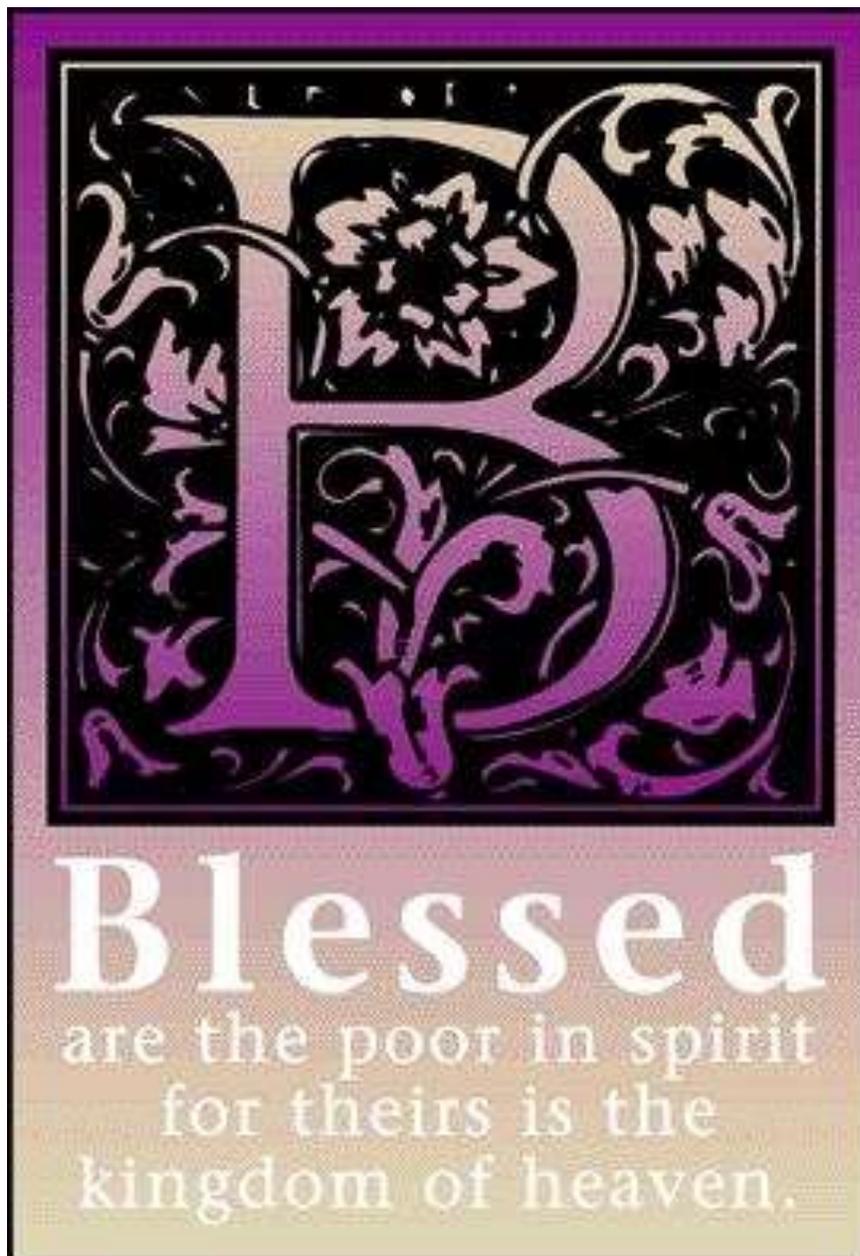
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LUTHERAN CHURCH**
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

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11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sermon on the Mount

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Blessed Are You



M A T T H E W 5 : 3

Verses 1-4



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
 Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.

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P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P Blessed are those who mourn,

C **for they shall be comforted.**

P Blessed are the meek,

C **for they shall inherit the earth.**

P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

C **for they shall be satisfied.**

P Blessed are the merciful,

C **for they shall receive mercy.**

P Blessed are the pure in heart,

C **for they shall see God.**

P Blessed are the peacemakers,

C **for they shall be called sons of God.**

P Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

C **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

P Blessed are you

C **when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**



5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the e - ter - nal bright-ness see And share Your joy at last.

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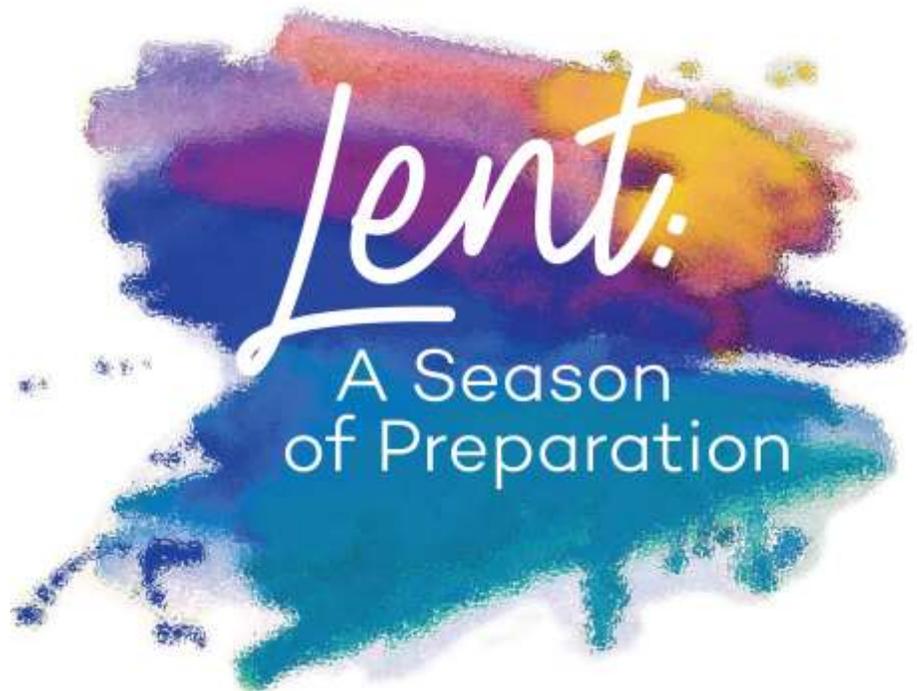
Confession and Absolution

P We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But our God is faithful and just. When we confess our sins, he covers us in his righteousness and gives us new hope.

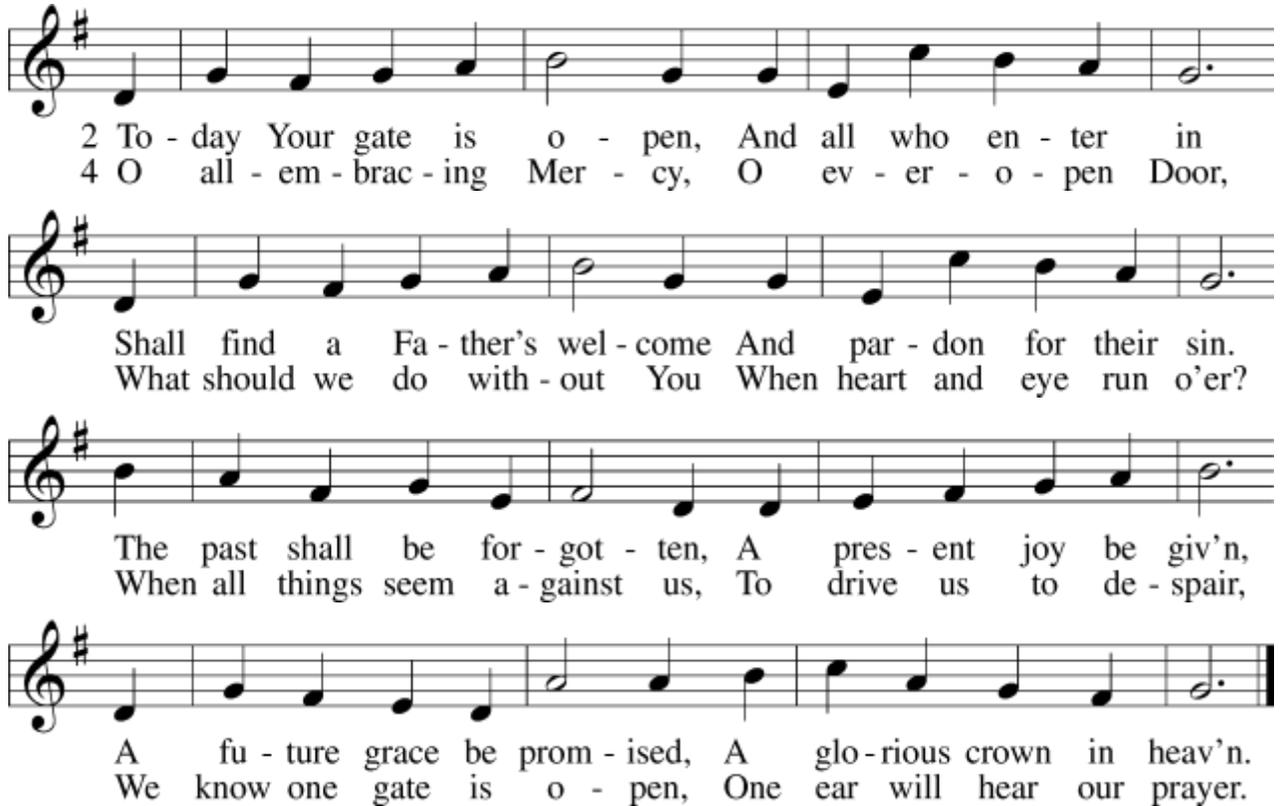
C **Most merciful God, dust is our destiny. We are impure. We are at war against you and our fellow human beings in what we say, in what we think, and in what we do. We have even left undone the good things you have commanded us to do. We do not deserve the kingdom of heaven. Out of the depths of your perfect grace, please forgive us for the sins we have committed against you and against one another. Wash us clean and turn our rags into white robes so that we will rise from the dust of ashes to the glory of your grace.**

P Our merciful heavenly Father sent his Son Jesus, who is righteous, merciful and pure in heart. He is the one who has, by his cross, made peace between evil sinners and a righteous God. Jesus Christ rose from the dust of death to life again so that we are made to live before God in righteousness and purity. It is by his grace that I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Verses 2, 4



2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?

The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,

A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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The Old Testament: Joel 2:12-19

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up

into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-11

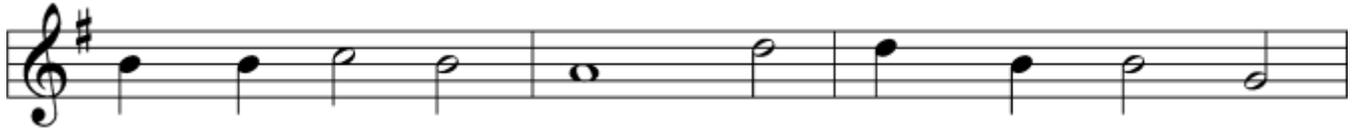
Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”



Verses 1, 3-4, 6-7



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
 6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
 7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
 now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.
 saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon

"Blessed Are You"

Pastor Chris Matthis
 TEXT: Matthew 5:1-11

Offering Offerings will be collected at the back, in the Narthex.

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord, because of your mercy,

C **Blessed are we.**

Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation" Verses 1-2, 4)

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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