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Matthew 5:1

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.

This service will use the liturgy WOV setting 5 (blue hymnal).

Please stand (if able) for sections marked with an asterisk () in this bulletin.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

Uphold us by your Spirit

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your holy name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C:Amen**

*** Gathering Hymn**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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*** Greeting**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** Kyrie**

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P: Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison: Christ have mercy. **C: Christ have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

Gloria

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**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glo-
ry to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-
ry.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our pray-
er.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glo-
ry to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

C: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what 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 now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam 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 mortal, 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?

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart,

³there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴**In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

⁶**He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*** Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

Hymn of the Day “Let Streams of Living Justice”

ELW#710

*** Nicene Creed**

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Choir Anthem “Rejoice in Mission”

Prayers of Intercession

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: God, in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene’, Sue Kraft, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, LaVonne and Logan, Carol Borchardt and Ruby & Denny Schulz.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

**C: 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**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“We Are Called”

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* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is near. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tena Rackow

*Attendance January 15th
In-person-31 Online – No video available*

Good Shepherd is offering CPR Classes
on January 30th and February 6th
at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.



*Sign-up sheet on clipboard outside of Fellowship Hall
Cost is \$20.00 per person*

In an emergency, being able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can help save a life. CPR is an emergency procedure that consists of chest compressions and often assisted ventilation to maintain the circulation of oxygenated blood if an individual's heart or breathing stops. **Immediately starting CPR and carrying it out until trained medical staff arrives can substantially increase an individual's chances of survival and improve their overall out come.**