

First Things First

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The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany
17 February, A.D. 2019
Jer 17.5-8; 1 Cor 15.12-20; Lk 6.17-26

Putting God first is not as easy as it seems.
What are some things you put ahead of God?

For specific, earthly things, talk to experts.

Proverbs 13:20, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."

With the bigger, spiritual things, turn to the Lord. Look to His Word and pray.

James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

What does Beatitude mean?

To many people, the Beatitudes can be confusing. The things we consider bad are blessings, and the things we consider good are curses. And yet, throughout Scripture, we find examples of good things coming from God.

Psalms 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want."

James 1:17, "Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above."

So what are the Beatitudes and the Woes really telling us?

The Gospel lesson from 1 Corinthians teaches us the importance of the Gospel message.

What is the foundation of everything? What is the Truth?

Romans 6:4, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

What did Jesus do for you?

John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

So what do we do?

1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us."

Jesus understands you.

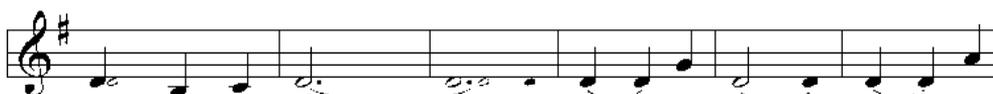
Hebrews 4:15-16, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

When you put your trust in Christ, you receive God's forgiveness, and strength, to lead a holy life.

Hymn of Invocation: 982 Blest Are They



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.



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.

2nd Distribution Hymn: 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

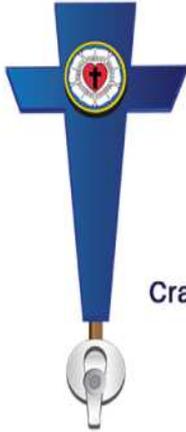


noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; *And*



Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end. _____

Refrain



Reformation Tap Society

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Held at BrewFinity Brewery

N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D
Oconomowoc

What can be better than having a drink with friends, eating delicious food, and talking about things that are truly important?

February 17, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Secret Agent Man (What The Average Christian
Needs to Know about the Pastor's Work)**

Presenter: Rev. Erik Skovgaard, Elm Grove, WI



Kitchen will be open to
order food off the menu

TAKE CARE OF
YOUR BODY.
IT'S THE ONLY
PLACE YOU HAVE
TO LIVE IN. **Wellness**

*Am I what I eat or what I Absorb?
3 Different sessions!*

Wednesday, February 20th

Wednesday, February 27th

6:00-7:15 pm Room 219

St. Paul's Lutheran School

***There is a link between the lack of nutrition and disease.
The absence of illness does not mean you are well.
"Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit".***

1 Corinthians 6:19

Are you concerned about wellness, maintaining your health and preventing disease? Do you want to learn how to keep your immune system strong during flu season? Do you suffer from a chronic condition like asthma, allergies, fibromyalgia, arthritis...? Come and learn simple things you can do to help maintain your health and also regain your health! Come and learn to be proactive rather than reactive with your health.

(Help support Fund-A-Family)

**Barb Boldt, Wellness Coach,
Certified Health & Product Specialist**

**For more information, please contact:
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& Talent Show

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Fine Arts Open House
Tuesday, February 19th
5:30 pm–7:30 pm

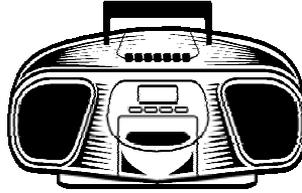
5:30–6:15 pm

- Tour the building, including the ECC
- Meet and greet the teachers
- View the artwork by our students
- Stop by the Hot Chocolate and Coffee Bar
- Grab a Walking Taco

6:20 pm

Talent Show begins

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Mar. 31	July 28	Sept. 15	Dec. 1
Apr. 7	Aug. 4	Sept. 22	Dec. 8
Apr. 14	Aug. 11	Oct. 20	Dec. 15
Apr. 21 (6am)	Aug. 18	Nov. 17	Dec. 22
Apr. 28		Nov. 24	

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