



**January 18, 2024**

**Social Time**

**Thanks to those who brought Treats!**

**Music – Led by Lisa Scholterback**

- 712 - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service vs 1 & 3
- 656 - Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List**

**Opening Prayer**

**Discussion on the Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12**

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Closing Music - ELW 728 - Blest Are They**

**Bible Study Business**

**Birthdays**

**Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer**

## Beatitudes Blessing

When we feel most defeated by life,  
when health or money troubles have us down  
or we are poor in spirit,  
**blessed are we.**

When we see the sufferings of others  
and we try to help,  
even if we can't see the results,  
**blessed are we.**

When we find it in our hearts to show mercy  
and to make peace,  
even if we encounter the anger of others,  
**blessed are we.**

When we try to follow our faith  
wherever it leads us,  
and take risks for the sake of Christ,  
**blessed are we.**

When passion for the kingdom of God  
gets under our skin,  
and we can't be comfortable now  
because the kingdom has not fully come yet,  
**blessed are we.**

**May God, from whom all blessings flow,  
richly bless us all now and to all eternity.  
Amen**

