



# Atascocita Lutheran Church

We seek to make Christ known in our community through  
reflecting Christ in our lives.



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## Thursday Seeds

February 20, 2025

### Sermon on the Plain/Mount Reveal Jesus

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak and taught them saying, ... (Matthew 5:1-2)*

The Sermon on the Mount begins in Matthew chapter 5 with verse 3 and goes through Matthew chapter 7 verse 29. During worship last week and this week, we heard the Gospel of Luke's account of this great sermon. In Luke, it is called the Sermon on the Plain. It can be found in Luke 6:17-49. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read one or both of these wonderful and insightful epiphanies that Jesus has given to us.

Jesus taught his disciples, and through teaching them, he made himself known to them. Through Jesus' sermons, parables, miracles, and healings, his disciples received an epiphany of what the Scriptures proclaimed about the Messiah and how Jesus was that Messiah. Epiphany – it means to make known. What is made known to us during our season of Epiphany is who Christ is – the little baby whose birth we celebrated at Christmas is now grown. Now it is revealed to us what was meant when we proclaimed him God's son at his birth.

In this Epiphany season Jesus' own words from his Sermon on the Plain opens our eyes and ears in new ways. As we read and focus on His great sermon, we hear him say "Blessed are the poor," "love your enemies," "do not judge," among many other things. And, in many ways, these words will seem as radical to us as they seemed to those who first heard them on that level plain. We will wonder how it is possible to put them into action in the world around us.

But, Jesus was not just about speaking words, he lived out the Sermon on Plain. During his life, he demonstrated many ways in which putting his words into action is possible, and he expects those who follow him to do the same. Living the words of Jesus is what we call ministry. The themes of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain are to be the focus of all that we are about here at Atascocita Lutheran – reflecting Christ in our lives. This can be a difficult challenge, but it can also be very life-giving and fulfilling work.



Through His words, Jesus reveals himself as one who embraces social justice, and cares for those who the world would consider throwaways and outcasts. He is one who not only provides for opportunities to repair broken relationships, but restores them to wholeness. He is one who brings warring sides together and grants peace. He does not worry about exactly how and when he will get the "necessities" of life, but he trusts in God the Father to provide them at the appropriate times.

We, who are his followers, are then called to do the same – to take social justice seriously, to provide outreach to those in need, to trust that God will provide for our daily lives, and to work for peace in the world. We are called to reveal the Christ that is living inside of us to others so that they, too, may know and experience the good news of God.

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**Children's Sunday School  
held during worship**

Children's Sunday School is held DURING worship time.

9:30 am - Children begin worship with parents

9:45 am - Children move to Sunday School (room 106) after Children's sermon

10:20 am - Children return to parents in pews (before Holy Communion)



Each Sunday after worship join us at 10:45 am. for a look ahead to the next week's scripture lessons. The forum is in the large classroom on the right side of the hallway when you are leaving worship.

Pastor Brian will help guide the group through the up coming lessons to learn what they may have to say to us in worship the next Sunday and for the week ahead.

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Pastor leads a Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in his office.

All are welcome!! Our focus is on the book of Jeremiah.



**Noisy Offering**

The Sunay school children chose ELCA Good Gifts as the recipient for January & February offering. Thank you for your generous support!



**Choir Practices**

Hand bell Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Adult Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Anyone interested in joining either fun group, please talk to Dan Wright, or phone him at 713-503-7323.



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As we strive to follow the examples set before us by our Lord Jesus, we can experience an epiphany and begin to see God in new and life-changing ways. We are drawn into a deeper relationship with our God and experience once again the joy that filled our hearts at Christmas.

Once again, I encourage you to take a few minutes to read one or both of these insightful epiphanies provided by Jesus and see if this leads to your personal epiphany.

God's peace,  
Pastor Brian

**Diners' Group meets Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm**

Join us at **Olive Garden\*** in Humble (across from Sam's) 9632 FM 1960 Bypass W for food, fun and fellowship. Please send your reservation to Judy Johnson at jajohn4471@comcast.net so she can let the restaurant know how many to plan for. All are welcome!



\* Please note the change of venue due to Marsala's not being open for business yet.

**Basket Weavers meet Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 am**

Join our basket weavers group as we gather from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone interested in the craft of basket weaving is invited to attend. Contact Joy C. for more information.



**Cub Scout update from Bingo Night**

In addition to hosting a fun Bingo night for the community, Cub Scout Pack 1154 also held a food drive for a local food pantry. The Cub Pack collected a total of 985 lbs of food! You might have seen all the food in the Adult Sunday room. As of this writing, all the food donations have been delivered to the food pantry.



**HAAM Food Bags**

We are collecting the following items for HAAM:

Canned beans (any kind), canned fruit (low sugar), canned meat (tuna or chicken), canned vegetables (low sodium), 1 LB bag dry beans, soups (canned or dry), macaroni and cheese, pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal.

Please place items for HAAM in the HAAM box located in the fellowship hall by the coffee bar. Many thanks!



**2025 Church Directory**

The Church Directory is available for pick up. They are located on a table in the fellowship hall. One per family so please look for your name. Thank you!



# We remember in Prayer

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."— Philipians 4:6*



Jose Alfaro  
Carol Appleby  
Vincent Barajas  
Miguel Carlos  
Bri Carrington  
Jim Ely  
Vivian Garcia  
Carolyn Gardella  
Justin Gardella  
Vernon Harris  
Jean Johnson  
Judy Johnson  
Patrick Konikoff

Marilyn Konikoff  
Ken Meyer  
Sue Murtaugh  
Donna Nice  
Tim Palombo  
Billy & Barbara Phillips  
Bret & Vanesa Roe  
Cy Rogers  
Joy Sisler  
Sam Sledge  
Sharon Sledge  
Tanya Stuart  
Diane Walker

Gabriel Walton  
Don Wilcox  
John Wilkerson  
Verlyn Williams  
Lori Austin Wilson  
Mark Wilson  
Pauline Wiseman  
People affected by  
wildfires in California

**Please keep those who are in active duty with  
the U.S. Military in your prayers, especially  
Caleb Gomez & Brady Mikesell.**

*If you or someone you requested prayer for has  
recovered or can be removed from the list, please let us know.*



2/1 - Tyler West  
 2/3 - Dan Wright  
 2/5 - Hunter Benavidez  
 2/7 - Steve Galloway  
 2/8 - Leo Bonser  
 2/11 - Easton Venegas  
 2/14 - Kailee Neumann  
 2/15 - Michael Poxon  
 2/27 - Steve Howard

2/20 - Vernon & Brandy Harris  
 2/27 - Greg & Susan Hinson  
 2/27 - Steve & Cheryl Howard

**February Worship Team**

	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Sid Nice</b>	<b>Nancy Garcia</b>	<b>Sharon Sledge</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Tres Garcia</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Laurie &amp; Tom McDonald</b>	<b>Ellen Poxon</b>	<b>Robin Crizer</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Tres Garcia</b>
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Robin Crizer &amp; Judy Johnson</b>	<b>Judy Cargill</b>	<b>Randy Gray</b>	<b>Joy Berthold</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Joy Berthold</b>	<b>Martha Deckinger</b>	<b>Judy Cargill</b>	

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# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 am City On The Hill
2 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	3	4	5 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	6 6 pm Cub Scouts	7 5:30 pm Cub Scout BINGO	8 9:00 am City On The Hill
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