

Sunday Worship
Services

Chanhassen
8:20, 9:45, 11:10am
and 5:00pm

Minnetonka
9:45 and 11:10am

LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...

AND BE AWAKENED,
BE PREPARED AND
BE A BLESSING.

FOR STORIES OF GOD AT WORK
IN AND THROUGH
THE PEOPLE OF WESTWOOD—

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BE-ATTITUDES MESSAGE SERIES

The nuts and bolts to living an abundant life aren't always what they seem. Down can be up. Less can be more. Be encouraged by what Jesus had to say in His most talked-about sermon.

June 12..... Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

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HOW SATISFIED

.....
YOU ARE WHEN YOU DEMONSTRATE
TENDER MERCY!

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FOR TENDER MERCY WILL BE
DEMONSTRATED TO YOU.

..... MATTHEW 5:7 (THE PASSION TRANSLATION)

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HELLO!

Is this your first time here? So glad you came! There are a couple handy things to know...

Our services last about 65 minutes, first music and worship then the message. After the service, stay for coffee and conversation. Be sure to stop by our Welcome Desk for a packet of information, a warm welcome, and a chance to get any questions answered. We'd love to meet you.

If you have kids, we invite them to be part of our great Kids' and Student Ministries. The friendly faces at our Kids Welcome Desk will help you. We offer special reserved seating if you wish to bring your infant to the worship service. This seating allows you to exit easily should your child become vocal.



BAPTISM

Baptism is the joyous celebration of a personal decision to follow Jesus. Baptism makes the internal external, by publicly declaring the personal life transformation that comes through faith. On Sunday, June 26, we will hold our Baptism celebration at the Excelsior Commons. Classes and interviews are being offered at both campuses prior to Baptism for children, students and adults. Please visit our website for more information.



COMMUNION TODAY

Today we will experience Communion. We invite everyone who is a follower of Jesus to participate. You do not need to be a member of Westwood.

In the morning services, the bread and cup are passed to you as you are seated. Hold each element until everyone has been served—then we eat and drink together. Gluten-free communion bread is available at usher stations.

In the evening service at our Chanhassen campus, we invite you to come forward to the stations at the front of the aisles. The first server will be holding a tray of bread. Choose a piece and move to the second server holding the cup. Dip your bread into the cup, eat and drink before returning to your seat, using the walkways behind the side tiers. Gluten-free communion bread is available at the front of the left side aisle.



BE-ATTITUDES | Blessed Are the Merciful

Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Mercy: Compassion expressed to meet a human need.

The use of mercy in the Gospels has a dual focus:

Jesus' own contact with human need

- ✍ When you are in need Jesus has the _____ to help.
- ✍ Those who come to Jesus invariably have their _____ met.

Jesus' instruction about true religion/faith

- ✍ A great obstacle to mercy is the _____ of trivial things. Matthew 23:23
- ✍ God desires _____ not _____. Matthew 9:10-13

Gifts of mercy...

Come...

Jesus wants to enter into deep friendship with you.

Encounter...

The person of Jesus.

Serve...

Jesus washes feet.

Trust...

In your Father's delight.

BE- Attitudes #5
Blessed are the Merciful

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Small Group Discussion Questions

1. God loves to show mercy. The simple definition of mercy is compassion expressed to meet a human need. The merciful are those who see a need, feel *for* and *with* a sufferer and is moved to help meet the need. Share a personal example of an experience when you witnessed a powerful act of mercy.
2. The use of mercy in the Gospels has a dual focus:
 - a. The concept of mercy is seen in Jesus' own contact with human need. We find the word mercy used in the gospels by people in affliction, suffering or great need. Read Mark 10:46-52. Two lessons God wants us to learn through Jesus' example:
 - When you are in need Jesus has the ability to help. So why are we slow to bring out need to Jesus?
 - Those who come to Jesus invariably have their need met. How do you explain or try to understand times when you do bring a specific need to Jesus but he does not meet it the way you desire?
 - b. The concept of mercy is seen in Jesus' instruction about true religion/faith. This beatitude, this declaration of grace is partly a confrontation with the religious leaders of his day. Read Matthew 23:23. What are the religious leaders preoccupied with and what are they neglecting? Why is Jesus so concerned about this? How does this concern still show itself in today's Christ followers? Also read Matthew 9:10-13. What does God desire? What is the opposite of mercy in this passage? What does Jesus see in sinners and what do the Pharisees see when Jesus eats with sinners? What is the implication in terms of how we live our Christian life?
3. Hebrews 4:16 says, *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.* What is the difference between grace and mercy? Pastor Joel offered Richard Lenski's perspective: *The noun eleos always deals with what we see of pain, misery, distress, these results of sin; and grace always deals with the sin and guilt itself. The one extends relief, the other pardon; the one cures, heals, helps, the other cleanses and reinstates.* Practically, what does mercy look like and what does grace look like as applied in your own life?
4. Pastor Joel shared four gifts of mercy we experience summarized in four words: Come. Encounter. Serve. Trust. Choose one and explain how it is a gift of mercy?

Summarize: How does a heart become merciful? Or: where does mercy come from. What is a merciful person like?