



## *Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast*

*March 9, 2025*

*“The Pure in Heart, Matthew 5:8”*

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” (NRSVUE, NIV)*

*“God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.” (NLT)*

*“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right.  
Then you can see God in the outside world.” (MSG)*

**In a world filled with distractions, self-interest, and superficial values, cultivating a pure heart is both challenging and necessary.** And...cultivating a pure heart is not transactional! To be pure in heart means living with sincerity, aligning our actions with God’s will, and seeking truth over convenience. This purity shapes how we engage with others and how we live out our faith.

Isaiah 33:15-17

*Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly,  
who despise the gain of oppression,  
who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it,  
who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed  
and shut their eyes from looking on evil,  
they will live on the heights;  
their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks;  
their food will be supplied, their water assured.  
Your eyes will see the king in his beauty;  
they will behold a land that stretches far away.*

**What does this look like in daily life?** It means choosing honesty in our work and relationships, even when dishonesty might be easier. It means rejecting gossip and speaking with kindness instead. It means serving others without expecting recognition, giving generously without seeking praise, and approaching others with love rather than judgment.

**It also means striving for justice and integrity in a world that often rewards corruption.** A pure heart does not turn away from the suffering of others. It leads us to advocate for the poor, care for the vulnerable, and stand against injustice—not for personal gain, but because it reflects God’s righteousness.

**Finally, being pure in heart means seeking God with undivided devotion.** This can be as simple as spending intentional time in prayer, studying Scripture with an open heart, or practicing gratitude in daily life. The promise Jesus gives is profound: when we pursue purity of heart, we will see God—not only in eternity but in the way He moves in our lives here and now.

- God’s Peace, Vance

**Prayer box:** let us pray for the souls of our departed friends and family members and those who mourn for them. Let us pray for comfort and healing for Connie, Patti, Holland, Steve, John H., Debbie, Lynn, and Maggie. Lord, hear our prayers!