

Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Service 2024



*Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life.
Matthew 6:25*

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Do not be anxious about what you will eat or drink or wear.

C Life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

P Look at the birds of the air. They don’t sow or reap or gather.

C And yet our heavenly Father feeds them.

P Consider the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin.

C Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like them.

P But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

C Yes! Yes, he will!

P Do not be anxious. Seek first the kingdom of God.

C And all these things will be added unto us.

Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

Confession and Absolution

P Jesus reminds us not to be anxious or worry. When we seek first his kingdom, everything will be added unto us. And yet we are anxious and we worry.

C Most merciful God, we know that worry is sin. We know that when we are anxious, it is because we fail to put our full trust in you. Instead of seeking your kingdom, we seek to create our own kingdom filled with sin and selfishness. We think we know what’s best for us and fail to see that you always have our best interest in mind. Please forgive us for our lack of faith and trust. When we worry, help us turn to

you for full provision and protection. Please forgive us for worshiping ourselves instead of trusting in you.

P God is gracious and his kingdom is filled with love and forgiveness. Because Jesus put his full trust in his heavenly Father and carried the weight of the world on the cross, your worry is overcome by God's great gifts. The greatest gift of all is the complete forgiveness of sins which I now proclaim to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

vs 1-2 ELW #796

First Reading: Isaiah 41:8-13

Psalms: Proverbs 3:5-8

L Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

C and do not rely on your own insight.

L ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,

C and he will make straight your paths.

L ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;

C fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

L ⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh

C and a refreshment for your body.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:5-7

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

Message

Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW #767

Apostles' Creed

ELW p 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends with the following response:

C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Offering

Offertory Response

**“We Give Thee But Thine Own”
verses 1 and 2 ELW #686**

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.**

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: “Now the Day Is Over”

ELW #570