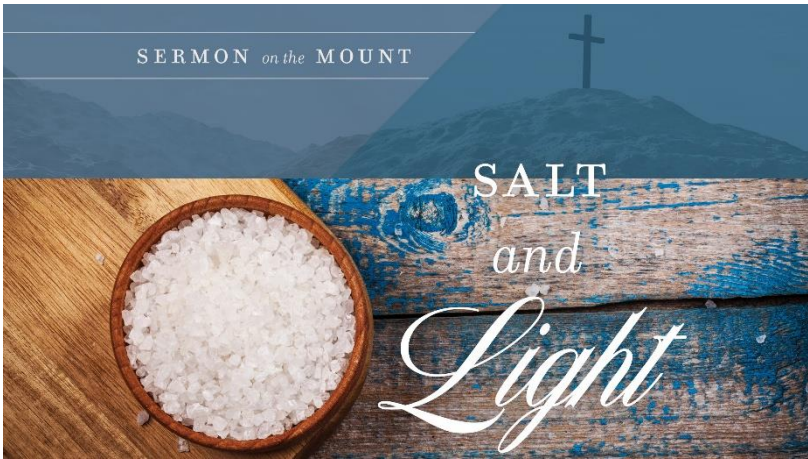


Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Service 2024



"You are the salt of the earth."

"You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:13-14

Wednesday February 21, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” verses 1-3 ELW 793

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

C Amen.

P You are the salt of the earth.

C Our Christianity flavors, enhances and preserves your creation.

P You are the light of the world.

C Our light sent and sustained by Christ cannot be hidden.

P You are the lamp that lights the house.

C Our reflection of the light of Jesus drives away darkness.

P Do good works that others may see

C and give glory to the Father.

P You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

C May we never lose our flavor or dim the light.

Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” verse 4 ELW 793

Confession and Absolution

P We are created by God to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Too often we are neither. Forgive us, O Lord.

C Most merciful God, when we fail to salt the earth with your love, forgive us. When we fail to shine the light of your peace, forgive us. When we place the light of Christ under a basket, forgive us. When we hide Jesus, deny him, or cover up our Christianity, forgive us. We are sinful from birth and sin against you in thought, word and deed. Our neighbors are too often shielded from your light because we are sinners. Forgive us of all of our sins and grant us your mercy.

P Jesus is the true salt of the earth and the light of the world from all eternity. For you he hung on the cross on earth's darkest day and rose again from the dead to shine the light of eternity.
Therefore, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn: "God, Whose Almighty Word" verses 1-3 ELW 673

First Reading: Micah 6:6-8

Psalm: 119:105-108, 127-130

P ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C ¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

P ¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

C ¹⁰⁸Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

P ¹²⁷Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.

C ¹²⁸Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.

P ¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

C ¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Hymn: "O God of Mercy, God of Light" verses 1-2 ELW 714

Message

Hymn: “O God of Mercy, God of Light” verses 3-6 ELW 714

Apostles’ Creed

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**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:

P In your mercy,

C make us to be salt and light.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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