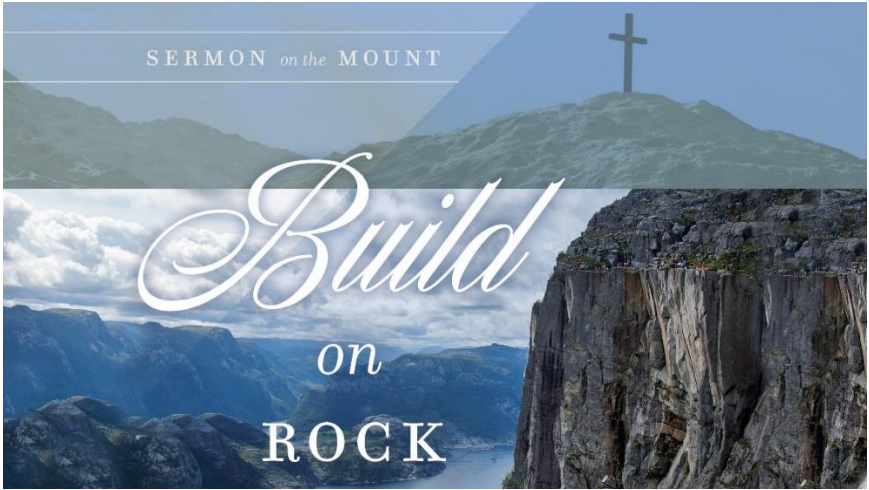


Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Service 2024



*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."*

Matthew 7:24

Wednesday March 20, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”

ELW #763

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

C Amen.

P Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them

C will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock.”

P The rain fell.

C The floods came.

P The winds blew and beat on that house.

C But it did not fall.

P It had been built on the rock.

C A firm foundation.

P Unshakeable and immovable.

C Solid and strong.

P Lord, build us up on the rock of your Word.

C For your Word stands forever and is a firm foundation, unshakeable, immovable, solid and strong.

Confession and Absolution

P When we trust in ourselves, our foundation is faulty and our spiritual ground is shaky. But when we confess our sins, God restores our foundation and builds us up to his glory.

C Most merciful God, we are too much like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. We are sinful in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. We are sinful from birth.

As a result, when the storms of life blow up, we are easily hurt and destroyed by them. We fail to build our spiritual lives on the firm foundation of your Word. Forgive us and renew us so that we are built up for our spiritual good and for your glory.

P In his great grace, God our Father picks up the pieces of our lives and fully forgives us because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. He establishes us on the foundation of his love and makes us firm in faith. Therefore, I declare 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: “How Firm a Foundation” verses 1-3 ELW #796

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-3

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

L ¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C from him comes my salvation.

L ²He alone is my rock and my salvation,

C my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

L ⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence,

C for my hope is from him.

L ⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation,

C my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L ⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

C my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

L ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;

C pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Hymn: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” ELW #769

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Gospel: Matthew 7:24-27

Message

Hymn: “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” ELW #597

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:

P When storms tear us down,

C build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.

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: “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” ELW #565