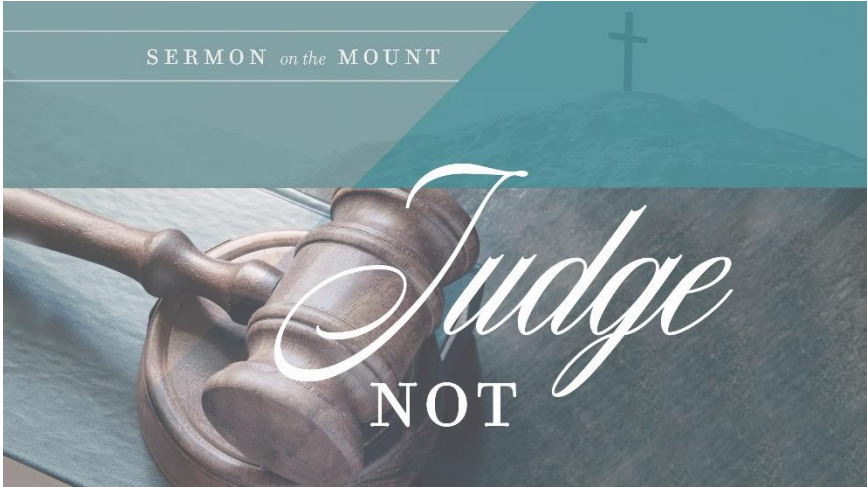


# Sermon on the Mount

## Lenten Service 2024



*Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.  
Matthew 7:1*

*Wednesday March 13, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.*

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church*

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn:** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW #338

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

**C Amen.**

P Judge not, that you be not judged.

**C Speak the truth in love.**

P Take the log out of your own eye, then take the speck out of your friend’s eye.

**C Speak the truth in love.**

P With the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.

**C Speak the truth in love.**

P Look at others through the lens of forgiveness.

**C Speak the truth in love.**

## Confession and Absolution

P Because of our sinful and holier-than-thou judgment of others, we ourselves deserve to be judged by our Heavenly Father.

**C Most merciful God, our eyes are wide open to the sins and shortcomings of others. We see the smallest details of the faults of our neighbors but fail to see the large-scale sin in our own life. On the other hand, our eyes are too often closed to your commands. We see only our self-righteousness and think we have no need for any kind of help or forgiveness. Though we deserve your present and eternal punishment, we plead for your mercy and beg for your grace.**

P In his mercy and grace God’s eyes are blinded to our sin by the death of Jesus on the cross. Though we deserve his complete and total judgment, our punishment was placed on his Son. Though we are unjust in our judgment of others, God’s

judgment is righteous and perfect. In his mercy he forgives totally and completely. It is my joy to declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn:** “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”    verses 1-3    ELW 754

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-4

**Psalm 75:2-7**

L        <sup>2</sup>At the set time that I appoint

C        **I will judge with equity.**

L        <sup>3</sup>When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants,

C        **it is I who keep its pillars steady.**

L        <sup>4</sup>I say to the boastful, "Do not boast,"

C        **and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn;**

L        <sup>5</sup>do not lift up your horn on high,

C        **or speak with insolent neck."**

L        <sup>6</sup>For not from the east or from the west

C        **and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;**

L        <sup>7</sup>but it is God who executes judgment,

C        **putting down one and lifting up another.**

**Hymn:** “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”    vs 1-3    ELW #722

**Second Reading:** Romans 2:1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 7:1-5

**Message**

**Hymn:** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

ELW #337

**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:*

**C Hear our prayer.**

### **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**