

# Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Service 2024



## Prayer and Fasting

Matthew 6:15-18

*Wednesday February 28, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.*

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church*

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn:** “Our Father, God in Heaven Above”

ELW 746

(Alt. tune: ELW #597)

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

**C Amen.**

P God the Father has his ear turned toward you.

**C Lord, teach us to pray.**

P God the Son pleads for you before the kingdom throne.

**C Lord, teach us to pray.**

P God the Holy Spirit gives you the words when you don’t know what to say.

**C Lord, teach us to pray.**

P God is always attentive, always listening, always ready, willing and able to help in time of need. He loves to be your guide and your shield.

**C Lord, teach us to pray.**

**Hymn:** “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

verses 1-2 ELW 754

## Confession and Absolution

P Our Lord teaches us to pray and even gives us the words to say. And yet our prayers are often shallow, showy or non-existent.

**C Most merciful God, forgive us for the many times we fail to pray. Though you have given us the words to say, we neglect to use them. When we do pray, we often do so for show, for selfish reasons or with a complete lack of trust. Our faulty prayer life is a reflection of weak faith and sinful lives. We are harried and worried because we fail to take our concerns to you in prayer. Forgive us, renew us and restore us so that as your dear children we pray well, pray often and pray without ceasing.**

P Our God in his mercy sent his Son, Jesus Christ, who prayed perfectly for you. In his darkest hour he even prayed for you

from the cross. Because of his perfect love and mercy demonstrated by his death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven and your life is renewed. As a result, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn:** “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

ELW 811

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 2:1-9

**Psalm 145:8-19**

P <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

P <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**C <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of  
your power,**

P <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**C <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his  
deeds.**

P <sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who  
are bowed down.

**C <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in  
due season.**

P <sup>16</sup> You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living  
thing.

**C <sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

P <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C <sup>19</sup> **He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 16-24

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:5-18

**Hymn:** “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright” vs 1-2 ELW 745  
(Alt. tune: ELW #772)

**Message**

**Hymn:** “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW 742

**Apostles’ Creed** ELW p 105

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Each petition ends with a line of the Lord’s Prayer:*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn:** “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW 765

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