



THE SERMON ON THE  
**MOUNT**

MATTHEW 5-7

7:00pm ~ March 29, 2017

## WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “When Peace, Like a River” [LSB 763, v. 1-2]

#### INVOCATION

P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

**C: The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: We are marked with God’s name, and we now live under the sign of the cross!  
Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-23 [NIV84]

<sup>13</sup>“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup>But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. <sup>15</sup>“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON SONG “Be Thou My Vision”

#### SERMON “NARROW IS THE GATE”

#### OFFERING

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. John Carter

*Organ*

## **PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN** “When Peace, Like a River” [*LSB 763, v. 3-4*]

## **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** “Postlude in E-flat Major”

César Franck

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*  
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