



THE SERMON ON THE  
**MOUNT**

MATTHEW 5-7

11:00 a.m. ~ February 26, 2017

**PRELUDE** “It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. Hayes/Gaspard

**WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” [LW 278]

**OPENING LITURGY**

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, we see our failure to trust your ways, obey your will, and our need for a greater poverty of spirit. As we lose our saltiness and hide your light under a bowl, have mercy on us, so that we might show mercy. Give us your purity to have pure hearts and bring us peace so that we might be peacemakers. Let us be glad and rejoice in you, our great God and Savior, Amen.**

P: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. God freely gives His grace to you through Jesus. Your sins are forgiven. Be salt and light for the world. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

“Heavenly Light”

arr. Wilhousky

*Voices of Peace*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 2:6-10 [NIV]**

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—<sup>10</sup>these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:21-48 [NIV]

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘*Raca*,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup>“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ <sup>34</sup>But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup>And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup>If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup>Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Beautiful Savior" [LW 507]

SERMON "OLD LAW VS. NEW LAW"

## OFFERING

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Benjamin Tucker

*DNP Handbells*

## PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

*Father in Heaven:*

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing** for John Adams-diagnosed with cancer; Debbie (Suzanne Whitsell's sister)-health issues; Kaya (7-year-old relative of the Blakes)-undergoing surgery Wednesday, March 1.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** for Caitlyn Lytle-celebrating her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

•**Wisdom** and **Courage** to our Elders and Shut-ins.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

## CONNECT

- **Ash Wednesday Worship | Wednesday, March 1 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary**
- **LINC Fiesta | Saturday, March 4 | Silent Auction & Program 6pm | RSVP Online**
- **HS Game Night | Friday, March 10 | 6-10pm | \$10 | RSVP Online**
- **Farewell Celebration – Cindy Hurd | Fellowship Hall | After 11 o'clock worship**

CLOSING HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" [LSB 809]

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Paean"

Andrew Wright