

**ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

March 17, 2021  
11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Sermon on the Mount**

**A Series of Services for the Season of Lent**

**Build on Rock**



## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

### “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (Verses 1-3)

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.

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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.

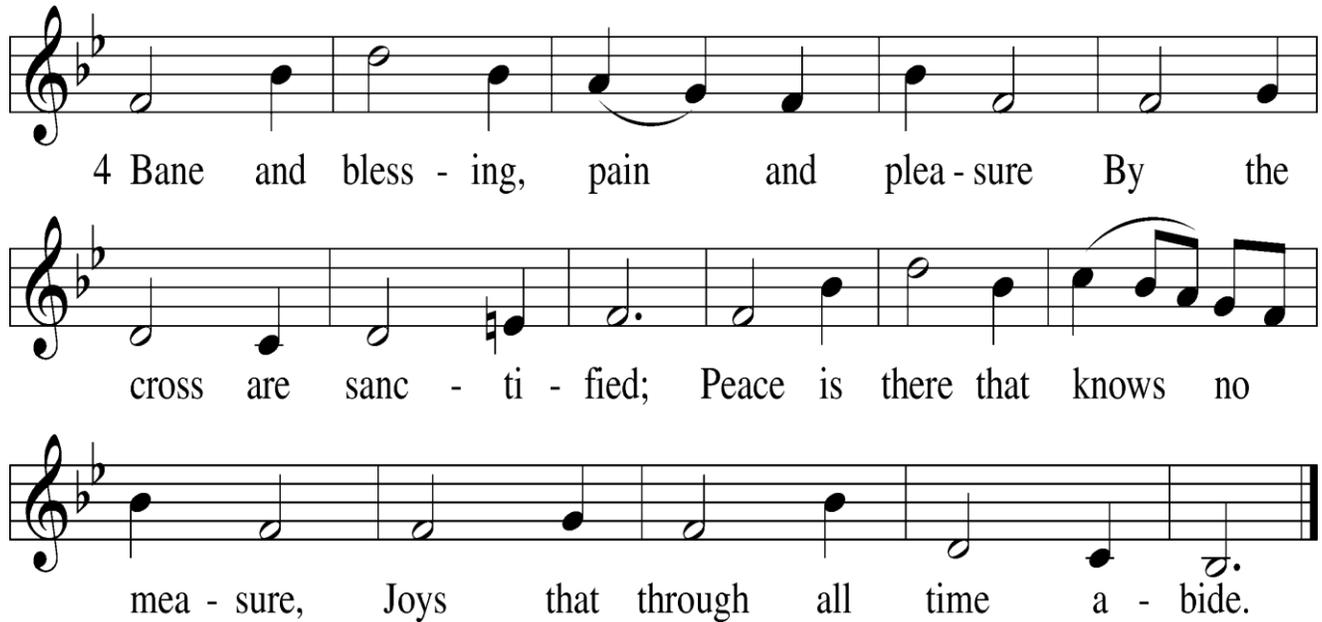
C **A firm foundation.**

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.**



4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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## 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 and are filled with evil. 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 for gives 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.**

# FORGIVEN



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-3

**P** Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

### Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

**P** According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

## Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

**P** Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

### Sermon Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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### Sermon

“Build on Rock”

Pastor John Larson  
TEXT: Matthew 7:24-27

### Offering

*Offerings will be collected at the back, in the Narthex.*

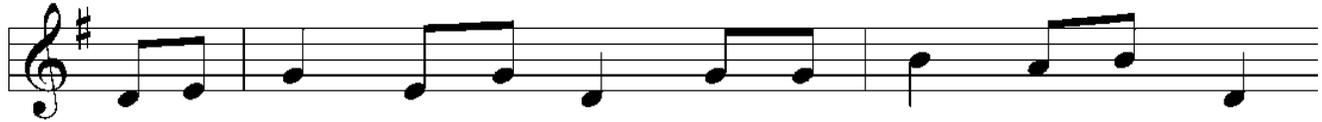
## Prayers

- P Lord Jesus, when the storms of life tear us down, build us back up in you. When our sin tears down another person, forgive us so that we are built back up in you. When it seems impossible to put back together the pieces of our lives, build us back up in you. When storms tear us down,
- C build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.**
- P Lord Jesus, your church is the place where you give gifts that build up rather than tear down. Draw us to you week in and week out so we are strong to face any adversity that may come our way. When storms tear us down,
- C build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.**
- P Lord Jesus, we live in a sinful world and sometimes governments tear down rather than build up. Please provide leaders in our world and in our nation that provide help and protection for the poor, the needy and the oppressed. Use the structure of governments everywhere to provide resources that lay a firm foundation for peaceful life in this world. When storms tear us down,
- C build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.**
- P Lord Jesus, sometimes our bodies are torn down by the impact of sickness and disease. It is at those times that we need you to strengthen us and bring back the foundation of good health for our bodies. According to your will, bring health and healing to all those we know who have been torn down by illness. When storms tear us down,
- C build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.**
- P Lord Jesus, the ultimate destroyer is death. But you have provided a way to life everlasting. When our bodies die, you give us new and eternal life. Thank you for the life and witness of the faithful Christians who have gone before us. Make their lives a witness and testimony to your amazing love. When storms tear us down,
- C build us back up on the foundation of your firm Word.**
- P Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that you use your Word to reconstruct us and build us up for our good and for your glory.
- C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Benediction



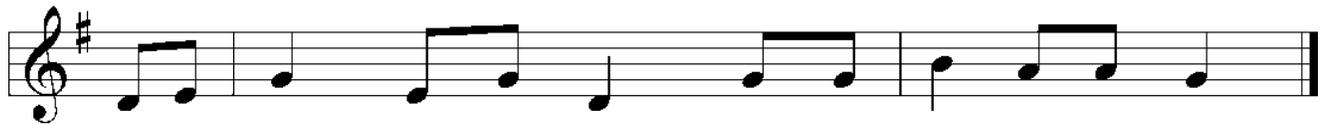
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.

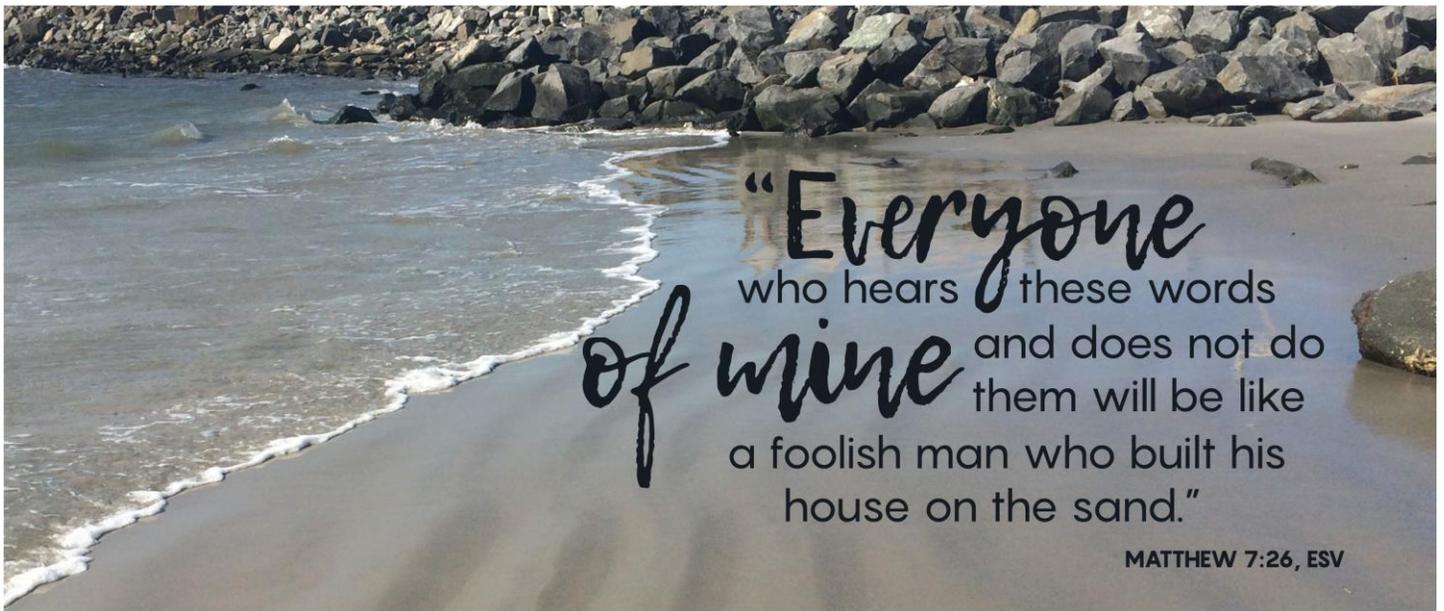


What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

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MATTHEW 7:26, ESV



EVERY-  
ONE WHO HEARS THESE

WORDS...

...& PUTS THEM INTO  
PRACTICE IS LIKE

a WISE MAN  
WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE

ON THE ROCK.

MATTHEW 7:24

**Serving in Worship**

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Pastor John Larson  
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