

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

March 24, 2021  
11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Sermon on the Mount**

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

**Judge Not**



## Prelude

### Opening Hymn and Response "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (Verses 1-3)

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,



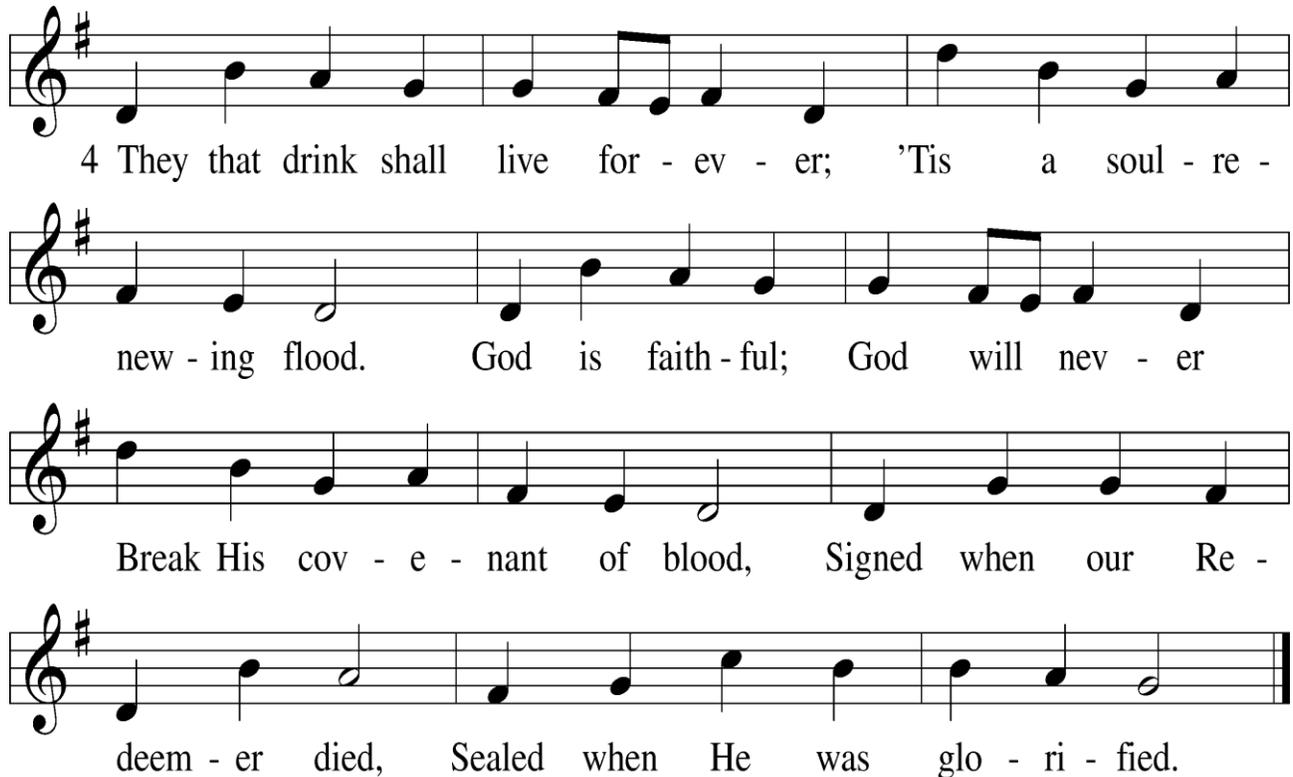
Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.

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- 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.  
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.**



4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## 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 judgement 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.**

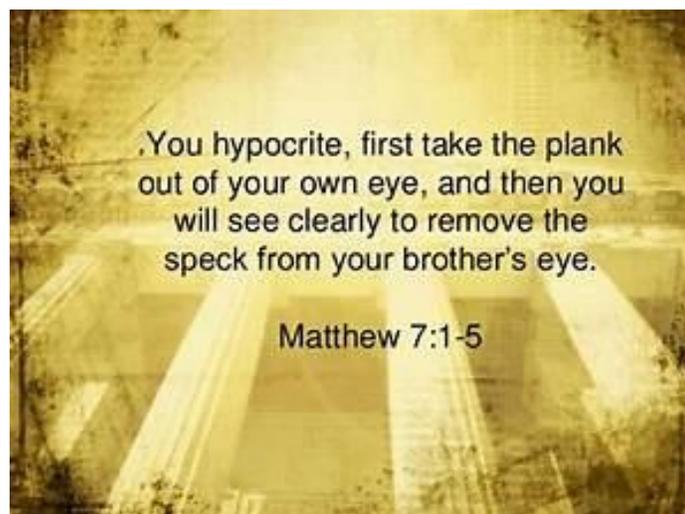
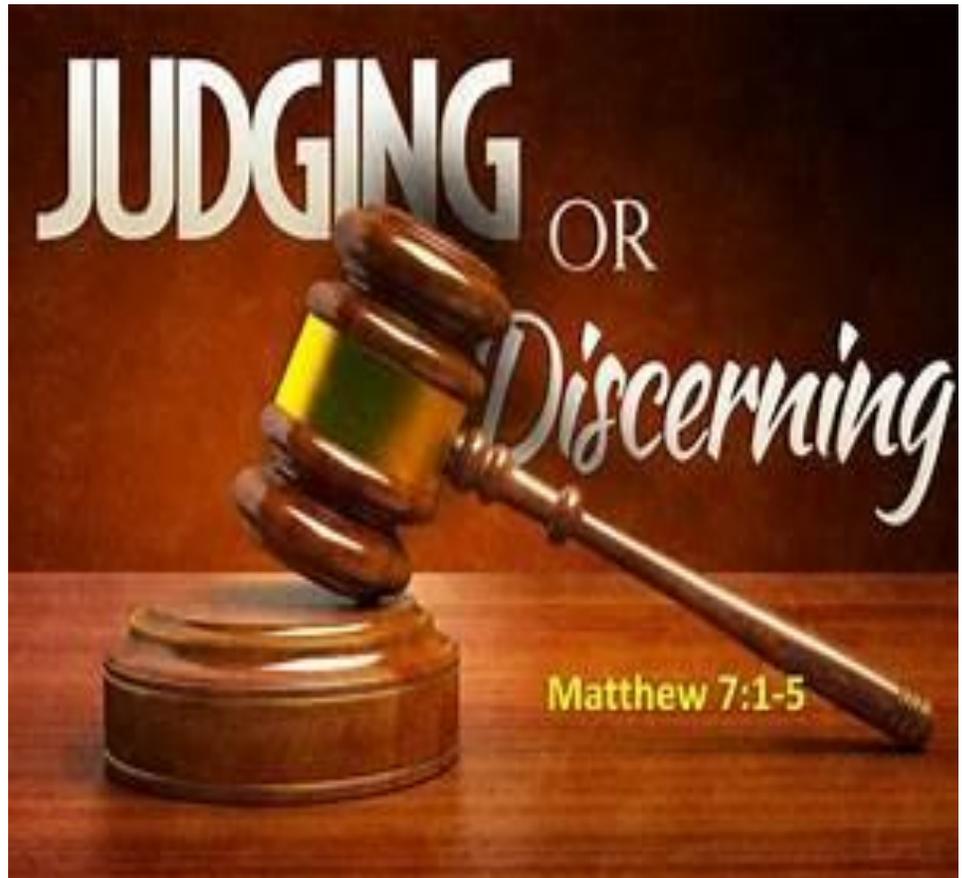




seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

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

**P** Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.





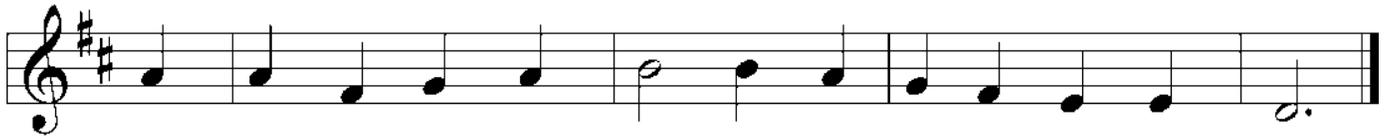
1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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**Sermon** "Judge Not"

Pastor Chris Matthis  
 TEXT: Matthew 7:1-5

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

### Prayers

**P** All-knowing God, you see our sins, faults and failures. We are sinful in thought, word and deed, by what we do and by what we leave undone. We deserve nothing but your punishment and judgment. Yet because of our Savior, Jesus, you have declared us "not guilty." Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All-knowing God, you are the Lord of your church and it grieves you when we judge others without recognizing the sin in our own lives. Help us to take the plank out of our own eye before we remove the speck from the eye of someone else. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All-knowing God, far too often the nations of this world judge unjustly. We ask that you would fill the leaders of the nations and the leaders of our communities with so much of your love that all people would be able live without fear of improper judgment, and the nations would know peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All-knowing God, you know every hurt we suffer in body, mind or spirit. Use your wisdom and guidance to bring health and healing to all who are ill or suffering from disease. Bring comfort to those who suffer from worry, depression or any kind of mental illness, that they would once again be given comfort and rest. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All-knowing God, you knew us before the foundation of the world and chose us to be your own. We thank you for the lives and influence of those who have gone before us in the faith. Help us to imitate them in the way of love and forgiveness so that others will see you through us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

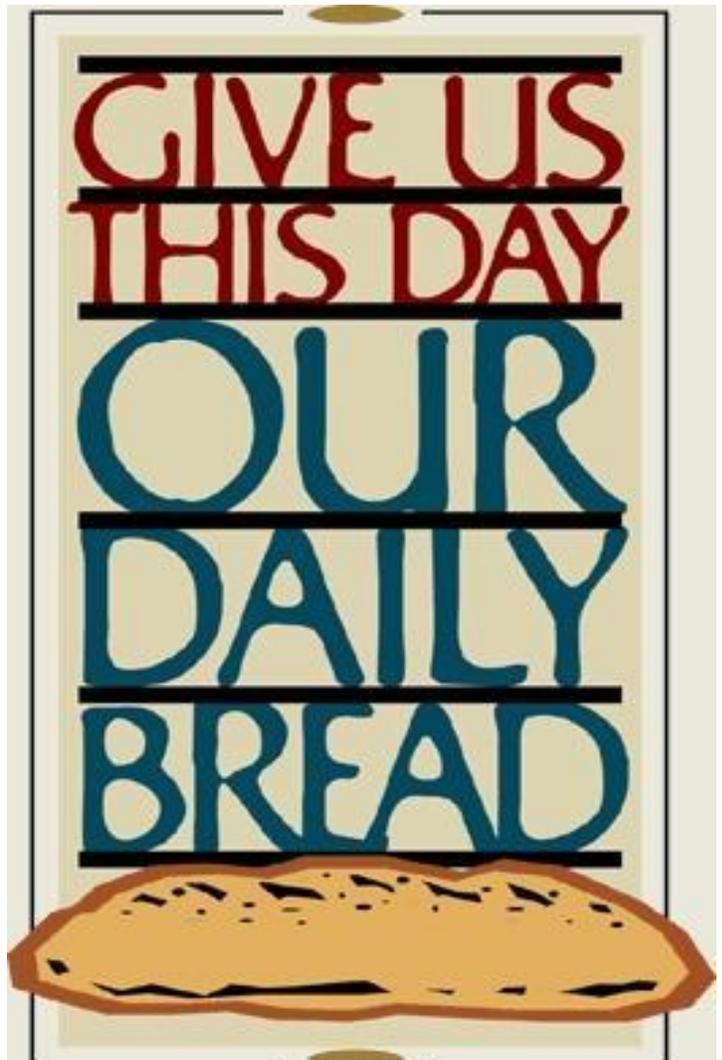
**P** Into your hands, O God, we place our very lives, knowing that you judge us only based on the merit of the blood of Jesus our Savior.

**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



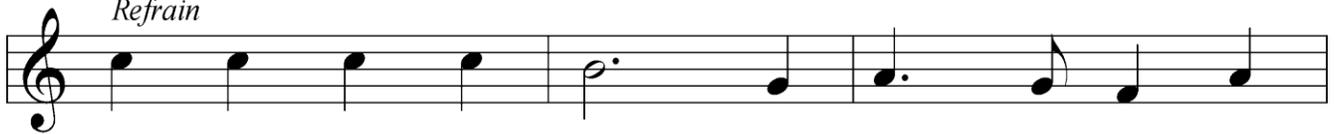


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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