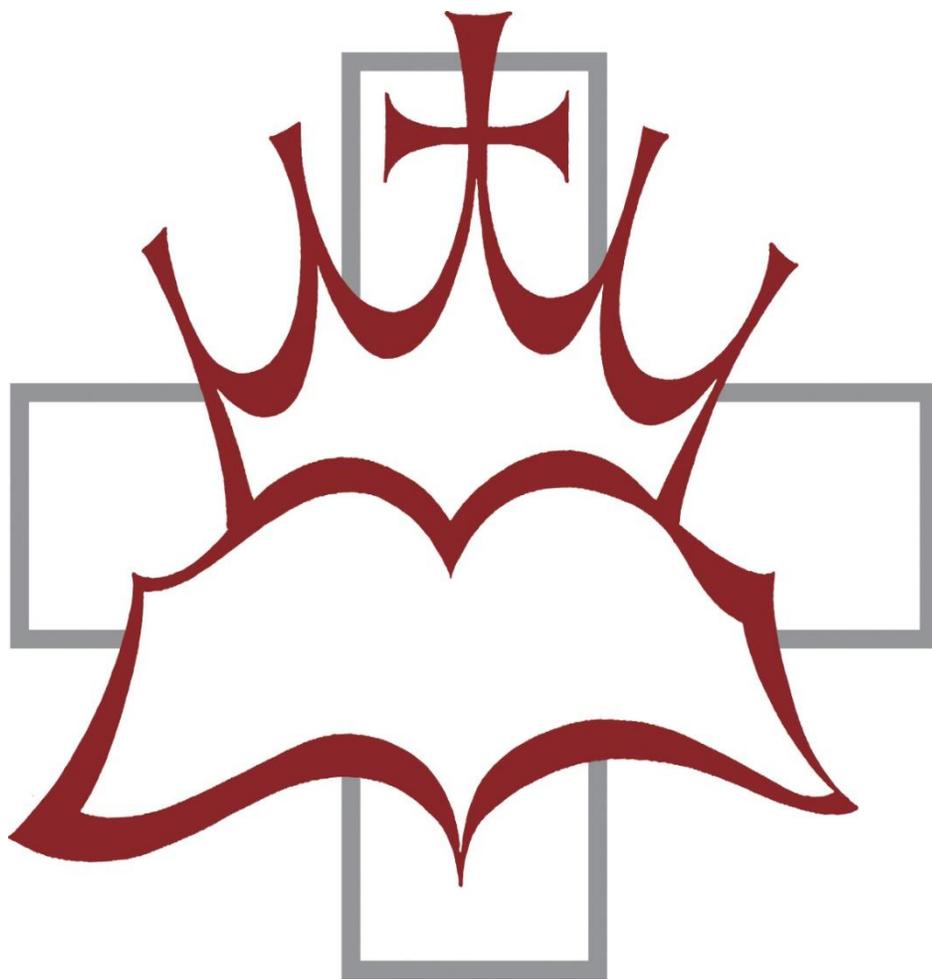


The Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 3, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages

12:30 pm - Junior Choir

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Hymn

To God be the Glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives...Chorus

Great things He hath taught us, Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, When Jesus we see.

Invocation & Opening Sentences

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

People **Amen.**

Pastor Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

People **Holy is He!**

Pastor The LORD is great in Zion;

People **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

People **Holy is He!**

Pastor Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

People **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor Loving God, You desire a relationship with all people that is grounded in Your love, nurtured by truthfulness, and experienced as freedom living under Your gracious reign.

People **We admit that we are turned away from Your love, we are at home in dishonesty, and we are enslaved by ways of sin and death. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, we ask that You go on forgiving us, transforming us, and healing us according to Your steadfast love, which endures forever.**

Pastor God is gracious and merciful and has come in the person of Jesus giving His life to demonstrate how much He loves you and all people. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (Junior Choir)

“*Ordinary Kid/Awesome God*”
by Rich Mullins, Mary Kay Bottens

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 9:28-36

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

tune come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

**Jesus, take us to the mountain,
 Where, with Peter, James, and John,
 We are dazzled by Your glory,
 Light as blinding as the sun.
 There prepare us for the night
 By the vision of that sight.**

**What do You want us to hear there,
 That Your dear disciples heard?
 Once again the Voice from heaven
 Says of the Incarnate Word:
 “Listen, listen, ev’ryone,
 This is My beloved Son!”**

**Take us to that other mountain
 Where we see You glorified,
 Where You shouted “It is finished!”
 Where for all the world You died.
 Hear the stunned centurion:
 “Truly this was God’s own Son!”**

**We who have beheld Your glory,
 Risen and ascended Lord,
 Cannot help but tell the story,
 All that we have seen and heard;
 Say with Peter, James, and John:
 “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

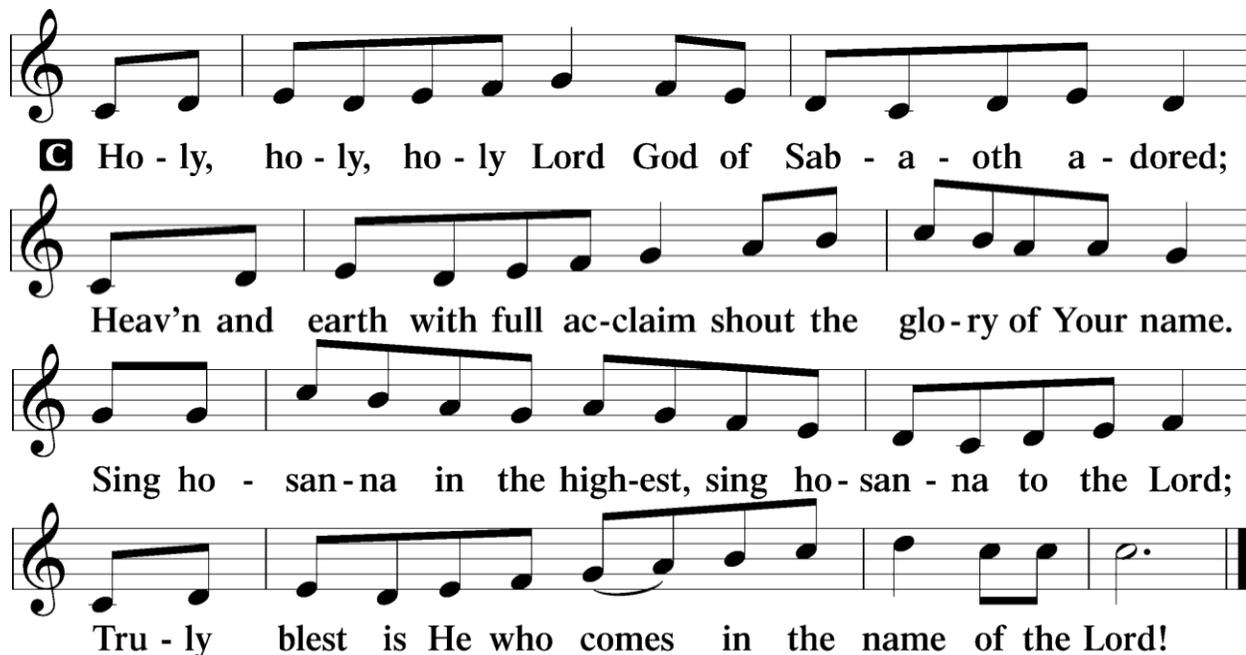
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Peace of the Lord

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LSB #700
Beautiful Saviour LSB #537

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LSB # 680

Officiant	Pastor Roland Syens
Preacher	Pastor Nolan Astley
Communion Assistants	Pastor Konny Hahn (8:30), Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber (11:00)
Organist	Jennifer Massicotte
Junior Choir	Ashley Black (<i>Director</i>), Gabrielle George (<i>accompanist</i>)
Special Music	Brady Fergin (<i>piano & recorder</i>), Mackenzie Szasz, (8:30 <i>piano</i>), Maya & Brady Black, Evangeline Branje, Madison Neustaedter (11:00 <i>piano</i>) Justus (11:00 <i>piano</i>) & Sam Schafer (11:00 <i>violin</i>)
Acolytes	Kate Sommer (8:30), Molly Rogers (11:00)
Sound System	Erik Reed (8:30), Ben Branje & Isaiah Bridgemohan (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we thank God for the blessings of our men's retreat and our presenter **Pastor Charles St. Onge from Montreal**. We remember his congregation, Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal and their mission work among French, English and Chinese speaking communities. We also ask God to bless **Pastor Cody Cooper** and his ministry in LaRonge, Saskatchewan and especially his work in youth suicide prevention. Among our congregational family we remember **Peter Genzinger and Linda Zimmerman-Rempel** who have had surgery this past week.

Our DPS, Lenora Wallden is on holidays this week and will return to the office Sunday, March 10.

Adult Bible Class This morning we have a guest speaker, Pastor Cody Cooper from La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship in La Ronge, Saskatchewan. He specializes in mental health and especially in the area of suicide among youth. He spoke on a panel in Toronto yesterday addressing these issues. Join us as Pastor Cody shares with us the mission in La Ronge and sharing the Gospel with First Nations people and others. Pastor Cody is married to Linden and they have four children: Tobias (10), Noelle (8), Naomi (6) and Eli (4).

Coming Events...

Ash Wednesday Communion Services begin at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Join us for the Sermon on the Mount special service for Ash Wednesday. In this service we remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Saviour. Ash Wednesday reminds us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

Pancake Supper will be held **Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 pm.** Please sign-up at the welcome centre.

Parents of Confirmands are reminded that for the next 6 weeks, confirmation classes will begin at **6:00 pm** and the classes will join the lent worship service at 7:00 p.m.

Gr. 6-12! March Break Day of Service, **Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm.** Spend time serving others in our community and congregation, as well as having fun and playing some games. RSVP to Lenora!

Sign Up for Easter Plants if you're willing to donate a hydrangea or lily to beautify our altar for Christ's Resurrection Day in April. Posters are on bulletin boards around the building. If you want to designate yours as a memorial or thankoffering you still need to sign up on the posted lists, but pick up a form at the Welcome Centre, fill it in, and drop it off in the box outside the church office. The deadline is **Sunday, March 24.**

Please Note...

Small Group Bible Study – Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Pastor Gary Weber is leading us verse by verse through Paul's letter to the Colossians. We started last Tuesday and will run until **April 30.**

Lenten Devotion Booklets are available at the Welcome Centre. Please help yourself to a copy and take one for a friend.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	75 & 190			
Nuer Attendance:	17		Total 282	('18 – 338)
Nuer Communion:	10		Total 10	
Sunday School:	Pupils: 31	Staff: 15	Total 46	('18 – 49)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 53	Staff: 1	Total 54	('18 – 61)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4	Staff: 1	Total 5	('18 – 4)
YABS:	Pupils: 6	Staff: 1	Total 7	('18 – 9)

Weekly Calendar

Monday March 4 to Sunday March 10, 2019

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday		
	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Lenten Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Pancake Supper, <i>Gym</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i>	8:00 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <i>Church Library</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry Training, <i>Panel Room</i>	3:00 p.m.
	Board of Evangelism, <i>Church Library</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Messiah Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Youth & Bible Study, <i>Gym</i>	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	The First Sunday in Lent	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
Slovak Service , <i>Church</i>	3:30 p.m.	

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

2019 LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Wednesday from March 6 to April 10 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

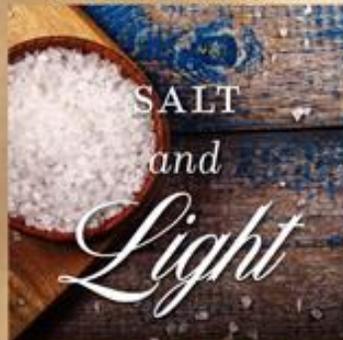
EXPERIENCE *the* SEASON *of* LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 6
(with Holy Communion)



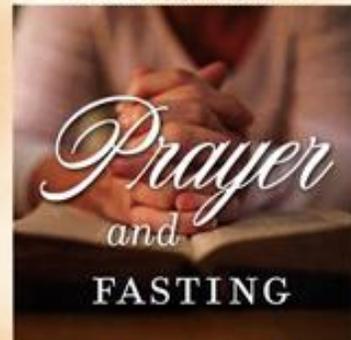
Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday, March 13
(with Jubilation Male Chorus)

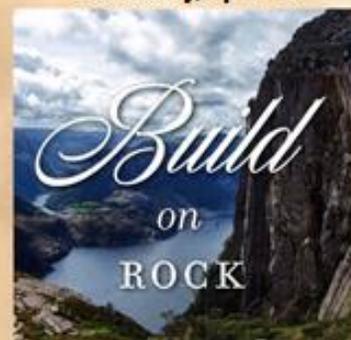


Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, March 20



Wednesday, April 10



*He went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him,
and he began to teach them.*

MATTHEW 5:1-2