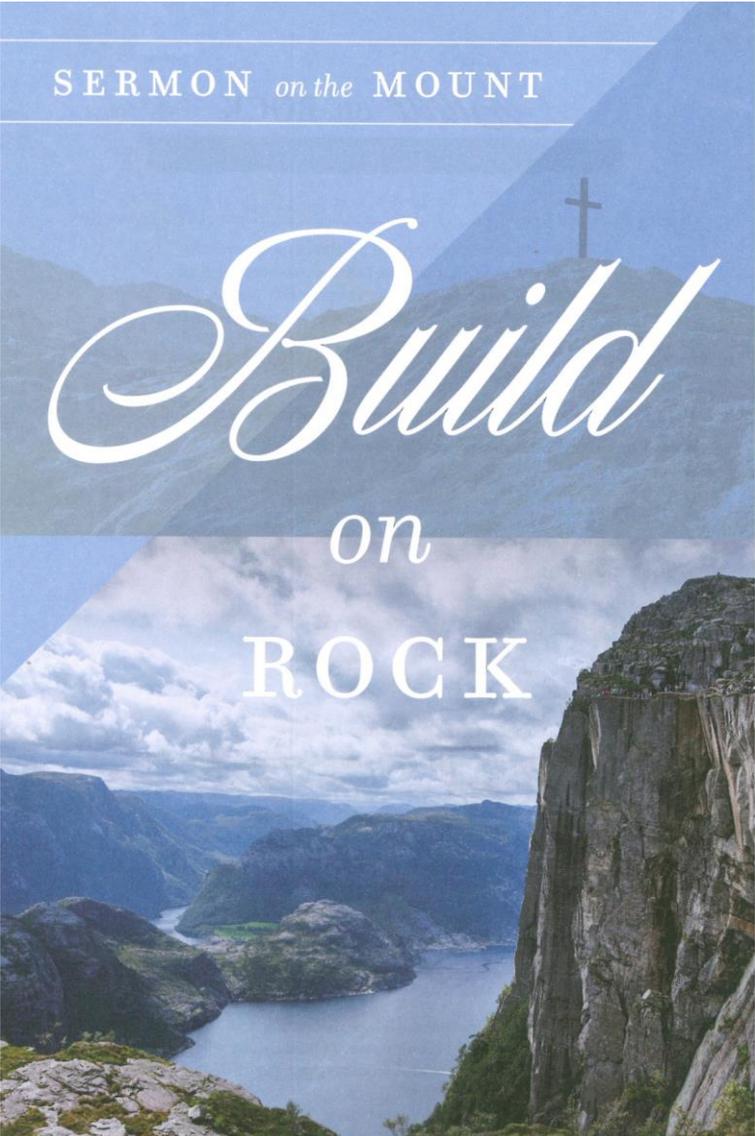


SERMON *on the* MOUNT

A scenic landscape of a fjord with a cross on a mountain peak. The image is split into two horizontal sections. The top section shows a blue sky and a mountain peak with a cross on top. The bottom section shows a fjord with a river and a cliffside. The text 'Build on ROCK' is overlaid on the image.

Build
on
ROCK

Midweek Lent 6
April 1, 2020
7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
Brillion, WI

Welcome

Introduction

P In our service tonight, we recognize that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we're surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in His teachings that the only solid foundation is Himself, the Rock of our salvation. On Him alone we build.

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440 v. 5

5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

Invocation and Opening Sentences

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.

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB v. 6

6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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 forgives 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.**

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422

1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–3

¹“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. ²Look 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. ³For 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:10–15

¹⁰According 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. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³each 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. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:24–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶And 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. ²⁷And 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Mini Message

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- 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

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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

P The God of all grace, who is your rock solid foundation for this life and for eternity, grant you His perfect peace. Rejoice and be glad!

C Amen.

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.

- 3 Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own His loving care.

- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

- 6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,

To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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