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SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Bozeman, MT

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 20th, 2023

DIVINE SERVICE II

HYMN #753

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us



INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

- M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need

to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.
- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.





FIRST READING

HYMN #710 (CW '21)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Beneath the Cross

prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸The Sovereign LORD declares – he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."



SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written, That we may believe That Jesus is the Christ, The Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

OFFERING

Our offerings are an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, & a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work.

You can place your offering in the plate in the entry or give electronically by going to our secure giving site.



SERMON

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- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

 O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might, Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(The Bible tells us that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus, together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26-28). The Bible also warns against misusing or improperly receiving the sacrament (1 Cor. 10:16-21, 11:17-27) and commands each of us to examine ourselves before receiving the sacrament (1 Cor.11:28-29). Therefore, out of love for all involved, we ask that only those who have received instruction and publicly confessed unity with us come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to know more please speak with Pastor Sonntag.)

 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he Who in God's name is coming To set his people free! He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured, Deliver us from bondage – Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 *Corinthians* 11:24,25

John 1:29

THANKSGIVING

- M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

- The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C: Amen.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleaners This Week (Aug. 20th - 26th) - Gustafson, Lauersdorf, Thiede, Thede

Cleaners Next Week (Aug. 27th - Sept. 2nd) - Blackstad, Holte, Parks

NEEDED: Volunteers to Teach Basic English

We are still in need of a few people who are willing and able to help teach English in the fall. The curriculum is simple and focuses on repetition. You don't need some special degree, but simply being a caring, native English speaker is enough. If interested or desiring more info please speak with Jonny Thede or sign-up on the bulletin board in the entryway.

Youth Confirmation

The new school year is fast approaching and so it is time to start planning for Catechism class to begin again. This year we are looking at having an in-person class each week (with the option of participating remotely if necessary). Pastor is also mulling the idea of inviting every student in 5th-8th grades to participate this year. (It will be optional, but encouraged, for 5th and 6th graders, but required for 7th & 8th graders). Tentative starting date is Wed. Aug. 30th after school.

Church Picnic / Block Party - September 10th

We are planning a Church Picnic / Community Block Party on Sunday, September 10th. It will also be the start of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. So that everyone can be present, the Voter's decided to have only one service at 10:30 AM on this Sunday with Sunday School and Bible Class beforehand. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

NEEDED: Sunday School Teachers

Are you good with kids? Do you love sharing your Savior with others? Do you enjoy seeing young ones grow in their faith? We'd love to have you help teach Sunday School this year. You can commit to part-time or every week. Speak with Pastor with questions or if interested.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Our luncheon will be Friday August 25th at The Local Bar and Grill in Belgrade, MT. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there. For more info contact Donna Moline @ 406-223-0782.

This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion
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Tuesday, Aug. 22 nd	1:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Thursday, Aug. 24th	4:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Saturday, Aug. 26 th	8:00 am	Basic Bible Christianity
Sunday, Aug. 27th	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	10:30 am	Divine Worship

CHALLENGE CARD #3 A LIFE OF HOSPITALITY: BE DIFFERENT

OUR CHALLENGE IS THIS: Tune out the calls of society. Pray for strength to be different and live the life God created just for you. A God-lived life. **A life of hospitality.**

Pray for God's strength and commit to at least one goal or as many as you desire. Let us encourage one another to live out our commitments.

I CHALLENGE MYSELF TO ...

- O Invite a neighbor, co-worker, or family member to worship
- O Sit next to a new member each Sunday
- O Invite someone out to lunch after church
- O Help a young family with their children during worship
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By God's grace, I commit to these goals,



Signed