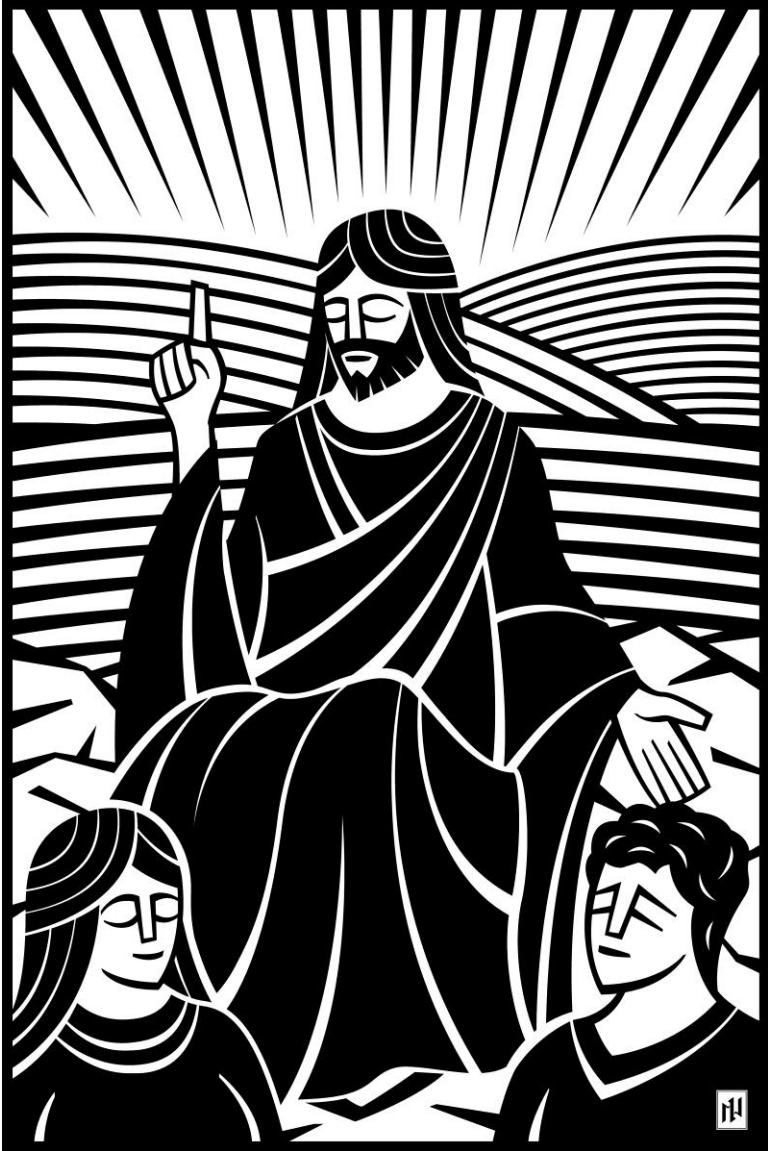


*Definitions Uncovered:  
Blessings are Cursed; Curses are Blessed*



**SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Bozeman, MT

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saves sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus.

## HYMN #768

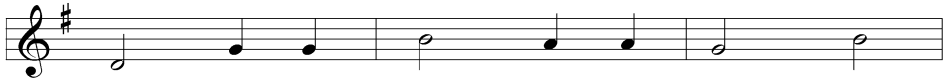
## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints  
2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -  
5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your  
not dis - mayed; For I am your  
for re - pose I will not, I  
way shall lie, My grace all - suf -  
ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What  
God and will still give you aid; I'll  
will not, de - sert to his foes. That  
fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The  
ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



more strength - can he say than to you  
soul, though all hell should en - deav -  
flames will not hurt you; I on -  
then, when gray hair shall their tem -



he has said Who un - to the  
you to stand, Up - held by my  
or to shake, I'll nev - er, no  
ly de - sign Your dress to con -  
ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!  
sume and your gold to re - fine.  
still on my shoul - ders be borne."

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

O God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE #446

*I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus*



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -  
 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At  
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In  
 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You  
 5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for  
 your feet I bow, For your grace and  
 the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who  
 a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and  
 can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.  
 ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 made me ho - ly By your blood.  
 hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
 self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting you forever  
 And for all.

**THE WORD**

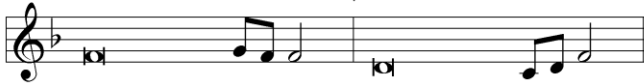
**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. <sup>7</sup>"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup>They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

*Refrain*

Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

Blessed is the man  
 who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
 or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
 which yields its fruit in season\*  
 and whose leaf does not wither.  
 Whatever he does prospers.

*Refrain*

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment\*,  
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous\*,  
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning\*,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## 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! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup>He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup>and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. <sup>20</sup>Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. <sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

## HYMN #765

## Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

**M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C:** Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

**M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C:** Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where



**there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

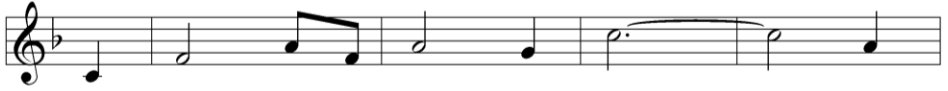
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I  
 His Word my hope se - cures. He  
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis  
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,  
 will my shield and now por - tion be  
 grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.  
 As long as life en - dures.  
 And grace will lead me home.  
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

## OFFERING

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

*You can place your offering in the plate in the entryway,  
 or through our secure online giving site.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Serving Us This Week** (February 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Cleaners:** Linn, Joecks, Jessen, Hutchinson

**Serving Us Next Week** (February 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Cleaners:** Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag

## This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Monday, Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Mornings with Mommy
Tuesday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	1:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Wednesday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
	6:30 pm	Youth Catechism Class
Thursday, Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	6:15 pm	Meal & Basic Bible Christianity
Saturday, Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Counseling
Sunday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Divine Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Divine Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	11:45 am	Potluck

### Potluck NEXT Sunday - February 20<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday, after the 10:30 Service, we will have a Potluck Meal. The fellowship committee will provide the meat, but you are invited to bring a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway.

### Mid-week Lenten Services - 6:30 PM

First of all, thank you to all of you who filled out a survey over the past two weeks - either online or a paper copy. We had great response - 24 replies. The numbers are in, and an overwhelming majority said they prefer a 6:30 worship time with Soup supper from 5:45-6:20 pm. Our first service will be **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

If you'd like to see the results, scan this code and it will take you to graphs complete with ALL the votes (both digital and paper).



### May Leora Holcomb

This past Friday, May Leora Holcomb was welcomed into God's family through the waters of baptism in a private service. She is the daughter of Cody & Meghan Holcomb. Please keep May in your prayers that Jesus would keep her close to him all her days!

## Special Mission Offering - Haiti

Our first quarter special mission offering for 2022 is **Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti**. This WELS affiliated mission brings clean water, food, shelter to countless kids, many who are orphans. Most importantly, in a country where Voodoo is supreme, they share the life-giving good news of Jesus every day in classroom & church. In one of the poorest countries in the world, the LORD is doing amazing things with gifts small and large. For more info, grab a sheet in the entryway next to the *Special Mission Offering* basket.

### UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Mid-Week Lent Services** - March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> + Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Easter for Kids** - Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday** - April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Good Friday** - April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Sunday** - April 17<sup>th</sup>

## UNCOVERED

### THEME OF THE DAY - DEFINITIONS UNCOVERED:

*Blessings are Cursed; Curses are Blessed*

When someone is new to something, there is a period of orientation. For example, when someone takes up a new game or sport, they need to first learn the rules. Likewise, when someone is a new disciple of Jesus, a period of orientation follows. It's necessary, because by nature we assume that Jesus' kingdom works the same way the world works. The truth that is uncovered this week is that the principles on which Jesus' kingdom runs are the exact opposite of the principles of the world. That which the world considers to be a blessing can often be a curse. And that which the world calls bad, God always uses for the good of those he loves.



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