

*Lent is coming; hang on to the glory that soon will
be covered in shame and washed with blood!*



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

HYMN

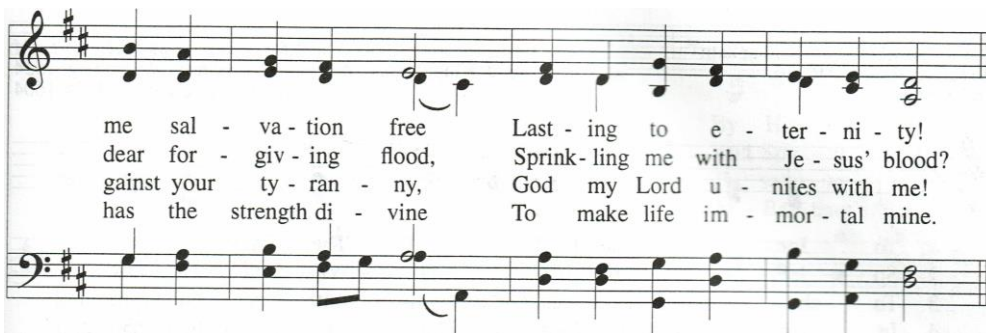
God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1. God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized in - to
2. Sins, dis - turb my soul no long - er; I am bap - tized in - to
3. Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized in - to
4. Death, you can - not end my glad - ness; I am bap - tized in - to

Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, Gave my
Christ. I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
Christ. Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness To in -

full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
her - it Par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and

man - y? I have one worth more than an - y That brought
seize me Since my Bap - tism did re - lease me In a
trav - elled, All your might has come un - rav - elled, And, a -
ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism



me sal - va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 dear for - giv - ing flood, Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 gainst your ty - ran - ny, God my Lord u - nites with me!
 has the strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

5. **There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.
C: Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - 10:30 Service

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought *Thomas* to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head & heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water as he says:

Thomas Alan Becker, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Thomas may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Thomas and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal. It stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12a

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. ⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. ¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours — otherwise not." ¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.



Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

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

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

HYMN #97

Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -



hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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.

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](#).*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.

C: Give us firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments.

M: By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that the blessed are the dead who die in faith.

C: For they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be "changed from glory into glory."

M: O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness.

C: Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgements, yes, even our whole persons to reflect the minds of Christ.

M: Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrow and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father.

C: Transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience.

C: Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Jesus' sake, in whose name we also join to pray:

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #712

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Announcements

Serving Us This Week (February 14th – 20th)

Cleaners: Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag

Serving Us Next Week (February 21st – 27th)

Cleaners: Becker, McGough, Gullixson, Ballard

This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday, Feb. 16 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs
Wednesday, Feb. 17 th	11:00 am	Basic Bible Christianity
	4:30 pm	Youth Catechism
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion
Thursday, Feb. 18 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	6:30 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Sunday, Feb. 21 st	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion

Baptism

We rejoice that in our 10:30 service Thomas Alan Becker will be receive God's promise of forgiveness and salvation through the waters of holy baptism. We pray that our loving Father would guard and strengthen his dear child all the days of Thomas' life.

Funeral

Earlier this week our dear brother in the faith – Richard (Dick) Moline – was called home to Jesus' side in heaven. Yesterday, we rejoiced in our loving Savior's promises of victory and eternal life for Dick at his Christian Funeral. Please keep Donna and the Moline family in your prayers as we long to see Dick again at the Savior's side.

Ash Wednesday Supper & Service

This Wednesday, February 17th, we begin our Lenten journey with our Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion at 7 PM. Also join us, as you are able and comfortable, for dinner before at 6 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entryway.

Meditations & Forward in Christ

The new copies of *Meditations* daily devotions are here. Also, both January and February's *Forward in Christ* Magazines are here. Grab yours from by the mailboxes today!

Quarterly Mission Opportunity

Just a reminder that our congregation is supporting *Truth in Love Ministry* this quarter with a special mission offering. If you'd like more info or to use their recourses check out the bulletin board in the entryway or go to www.tilm.org.

New opportunities to offer pandemic relief

WELS Christian Aid and Relief has set aside \$200,000 to help WELS congregations offer pandemic relief to their communities. Congregations can receive up to \$2,500 in matching grant money to provide aid to those who are struggling in their neighborhoods.

"Like no other time in most of our lives, people are hurting – both in our churches and in our communities. And we can help them," says Rev. Daniel Sims, director of WELS Christian Aid and Relief. "God has blessed us with an abundance of daily bread and with the good news of the Bread of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a tremendous opportunity to bring relief to those struggling during this challenging time."

WELS Christian Aid and Relief already has distributed pandemic relief funding this year when it teamed up with WELS Home Missions to offer more than \$160,000 in matching grant money to 24 mission congregations.

These home missions were creative with their ideas, offering plans to provide food and supplies to families in need and counseling and support groups for those struggling with their mental health. Many are partnering with other community organizations, working closely with local homeless shelters and schools in their area.

"We're glad this grant program came up – not only for the resources – but just to spur us on to come up with an idea to help our community," says Mr. Mark Hartman, lay member at Hope in the Heights, a home mission in Houston, Texas, that received one of the grants.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief will offer these new matching grants to congregations until June 1 or when designated funds run out.

"What an opportunity to shine the light of Christ's love into our communities," says Sims. "May God bless our efforts in his saving name."

Learn more about WELS Christian Aid and Relief and these grant opportunities at wels.net/relief.

