

*Salvation and suffering go hand in hand,  
for Jesus and for us!*



**SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Bozeman, MT**

**The Second Sunday in Lent – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

## HYMN #428

## Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?  
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me,  
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness,  
4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,



Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er  
Though their weight May be great, They will  
And I will Trust him still, When he  
In his voice I'll re - joice When grim



will he leave me. Who can rob - me  
not de - feat me. God, my lov - ing  
sends me sad - ness. God is good; his  
death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my



of the heav - en That God's Son For  
Sav - ior, sees them; He who knows All  
love at - tends me Day by day, Come  
Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -



me won When his life was giv - en?  
my woes Knows how best to end them.  
what may, Guides me and de - fends me.  
bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

## 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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,  
 2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His  
 a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the  
 but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur -

treas - ure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss— the  
 scoff - ers. It was my sin that held Him there un -  
 rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as wounds which mar the  
 til it was ac - com - plished; His dy - ing breath has  
 can - not give an an - swer; but this I know with

Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.  
 all my heart— His wounds have paid my ran - som.

# THE WORD

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 73

*Refrain*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

*Psalm tone* \*



I am always with you, O LORD;\*  
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,\*  
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?\*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,\*  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

**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*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
 sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



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 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
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<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

## 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:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**



M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us 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: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 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.

## Announcements

**Serving Us This Week** (February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Cleaners:** Gustafson, Lauersdorf, Thiede, Bender

**Serving Us Next Week** (March 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>)

**Cleaners:** Blackstad, Holte, Parks

### 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, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
Wednesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12:30 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
	4:30 pm	Youth Catechism
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Mid-week Lenten Worship
Thursday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	6:30 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Sunday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion

### Flowers sign-up sheet

If you'd like to provide flowers for the altar, there is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway. Check it out 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](http://www.tilm.org).

### Mid-Week Lenten Worship & Supper

This Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we continue our Lenten journey with Worship at 7 PM. Our theme is *Where in the World is God?* 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.

# UPDATE ON OUR DAKOTA-MONTANA MISSIONS!

*As of February 20, 2021*

## **How many mission congregations does our district have?**

How many mission congregations do we have in the U.S. portion of our district? Currently, two – Grace Lutheran, Minot, ND; Sure Foundation Lutheran, Brandon, SD. How many mission congregations might we have after the Board for Home Missions meets in April? Perhaps five! In March, your District Mission Board will be submitting New Start requests for Dickinson, ND, northeast Bismarck, ND, and Kalispell, MT. Stay tuned! Keep praying. We'll let you know how things turn out in the April edition of our next Mission-Brief video.

## **Thank You!**

Thank you to Pastor Tom Rawerts (Trinity Lutheran, Aberdeen, SD) for serving so well on our District Mission Board, in spite of his already-too-full schedule. In light of some health issues (he contracted the Coronavirus and was hospitalized for a number of days), he is stepping down. A replacement will be appointed soon.

## **Keep Up With the Haps in Missions**

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Your Dakota-Montana District Mission Board (for mission work south of the 49th parallel),

\*Rev. Gary Bode (Helena, MT)

\*Mr. Terry Krause (Clear Lake, SD)

\*Mr. Jerry Pepke (BHM lay rep, Great Falls, MT)

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\*Mr. Jim Weimer (Rapid City, SD)

## **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](#).*



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