

*Jesus Obeyed His Father's Will Perfectly
to Destroy Death's Power Over Us*



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bozeman, MT

The Second Sunday after Christmas – January 3rd, 2021

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 #53

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night



1 To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared
2 "At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, As Mi -
3 Oh, then re - joice that through his Son God is
4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true
5 Not one he will or can for - sake; His cov -



a host of an - gels bright; "Be - hold the ten - der
cuh did of old make known. It is the Christ, your
with sin - ners now at one; Made like your - selves of
God now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan
'nant he will nev - er break. Let ev - 'ry scheme the



babe," they said, "In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
Lord and King, Who will to all sal - va - tion bring."
flesh and blood, Your broth - er is th' e - ter - nal God.
storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.
tempt - er try, You may his ut - most pow'rs de - fy.

6 You shall and must at last prevail.
God's own you are; you cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.

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.

HYMN #64

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the
 2 To this vale of tears he comes, Here to
 3 We are rich, for he was poor; Is not
 4 O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us



God of heav - en, Who, to bid our
 serve in sad - ness, That with him in
 this a won - der? There - fore praise God
 and be near us. Grant us now a



hearts re - joice, His own Son has giv - en.
 heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
 ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
 glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, 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

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home... ²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148

We will **Read** Psalm 148 responsively.

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

C: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

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

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

M: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

M: Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who

heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

HYMN #34

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1	Now	sing	we,	now	re -	joice,	Now	raise	to	heav'n	our
2	Come	from	on	high	to	me;	I	can -	not	rise	to
3	Now	through	his	Son	doth	shine	The	Fa -	ther's	grace	di -
4	Oh,	where	shall	joy	be	found?	Where	but	on	heav'n	ly



voice;	He	from	whom	joy	stream -	eth	Poor
thee.	Cheer	my	wea -	ried	spir -	it,	O
vine.	Death	o'er	us	had	reign -	ed	Through
ground?	Where	the	an -	gels	sing -	ing	With



in	a	man -	ger	lies;	Not	so	bright -	ly
pure	and	ho -	ly	Child;	Through	thy	grace	and
sin	and	van -	i -	ty;	He	for	us	ob -
all	his	saints	u -	nite,	Sweet -	est	prais -	es



beam -	eth	The	sun	in	yon -	der	skies.
mer -	it,	Blest	Je -	sus,	Lord	most	mild,
tain -	ed	E -	ter -	nal	joy	on	high.
bring -	ing	In	heav'n -	ly	joy	and	light.



Thou	my	Sav -	ior	art!	Thou	my	Sav -	ior	art!
Draw	me	un -	to	thee!	Draw	me	un -	to	thee!
May	we	praise	him	there!	May	we	praise	him	there!
Oh,	that	we	were	there!	Oh,	that	we	were	there!

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: 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: Amen.

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 #366*O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild*

1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For sin - ners
 2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With God we
 3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the



you be - came a child. You came from heav - en
 now are rec - on - ciled. You have for all the
 world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we have be -



to ful - fill Your Fa - ther's just and ho - ly
 ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger
 longs to you; Oh, keep us faith - ful, strong, and



will. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

Announcements**Serving Us This Week** (January 3rd – 9th)**Cleaners:** Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag**Serving Us Next Week** (January 10th – 16th)**Cleaners:** Becker, McGough, Gullixson, Ballard**January Communion Schedule**

With Pastor Sonntag out of town today, and since there are 5 Sundays in January, we are pushing our Communion Sunday back. So we will celebrate the Lord's Supper this month on January 10th and 24th. We will return to our normal 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month schedule in February.

This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Elder Led Worship Service No Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Elder Led Worship Service
Wednesday, Jan. 6 th		No Catechism – New Year’s Break
Thursday, Jan. 7 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs Resumes
	6:30 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Sunday, Jan. 10 th	8:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class Resume
	10:30 am	Diving Worship with Communion
	11:40 am	Christmas Decorations Take Down

Pastor’s Schedule

The Sonntag’s will be driving back home from a family wedding early this week. Pastor Sonntag will still have his phone if you need to contact him. Pastor Stern from St. Paul’s in Livingston has agreed to be on call if there is an emergency. You can reach Pastor Stern at **406-220-2106**.

Poinsettias

If you signed up for a Poinsettia, feel free to take it home after worship today. Any plants leftover will be taken down and given to shut-ins.

Christmas Decorations

Since the Sonntag’s are out of town today, we will plan on taking down the Christmas Tree after worship next Sunday, January 10th.

Sunday School and Bible Class

Next Sunday, January 10th, we will resume Sunday School and Bible Class from 9:40 – 10:15 AM. We are starting a new Bible Study next week, so it is the perfect time to jump in and join us in studying God’s Word in depth.