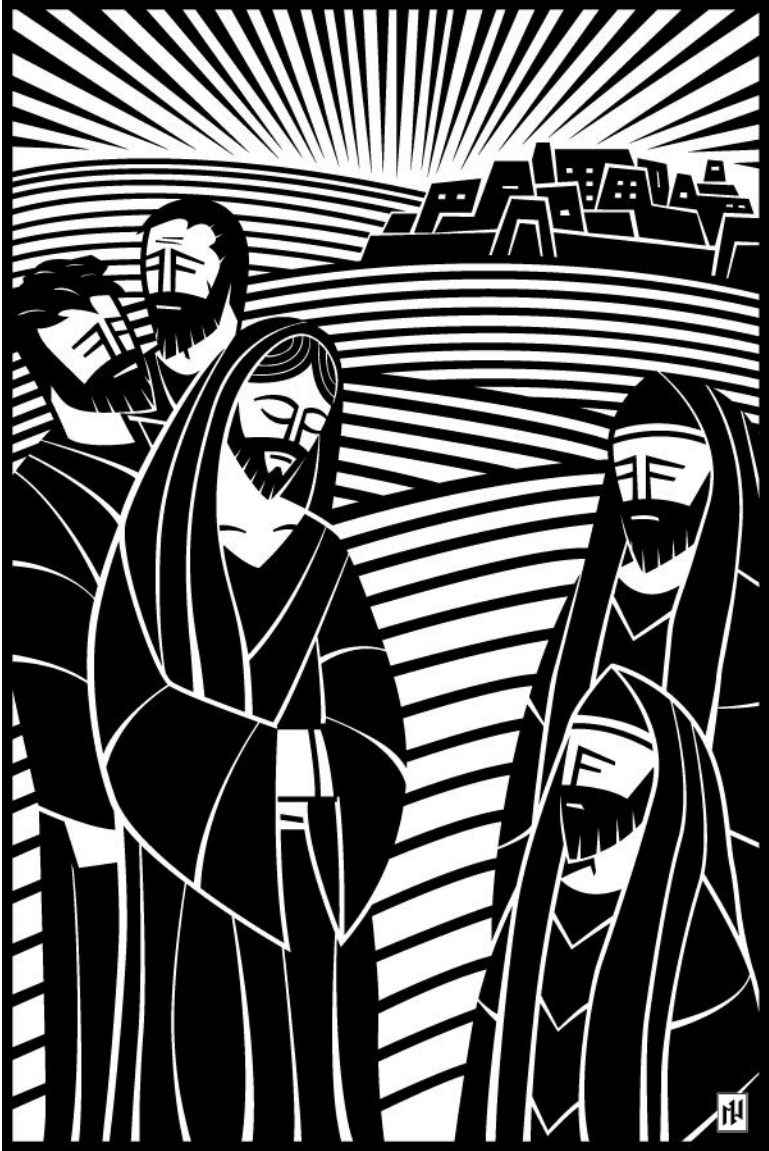


*Crushed:  
Shortcuts Are Crushed by Determination*



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Bozeman, MT

The Second Sunday in Lent – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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*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.*

### **CRUSHED: Shortcuts Are Crushed by Determination**

Last week we talked about temptation. This week we see what is at the center of every temptation: a promise of a shortcut to glory. Even in a world as sharply divided as ours, there is near universal agreement that the preferred path to glory is the shortest and easiest. To walk the path our Savior puts us on, one on which the cross comes before the crown, puts us out of step with the world. Thankfully, the determination required to walk this path starts with our Savior and not with us. Because of his determination, we are offered a glory far superior to anything the world can offer.

### **INFORMATION**

- ◆ **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you leave our sanctuary.
- ◆ **The order of service** is printed out for you today. Note that sections for the minister to speak are marked with a “**M**” while the sections for the congregation are marked with a “**C**”.

### **CHILDREN IN CHURCH**

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them.” We love children in church. They need to grow in the message of God’s love as much as we do. If, however, your child needs a chance to be comforted or calmed down, we have a “parents’ room” equipped with a window and a live stream of the worship service located immediately across from our kitchen.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**Mid-Week Lent Services** – March 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>



1 What grace is this! My Lord and  
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry  
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of  
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -  
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in  
 6 What grace is this? How can it



King Has set his face to suf - fer -  
 God Would stoop to lift a cross of  
 all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's  
 ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and  
 cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -  
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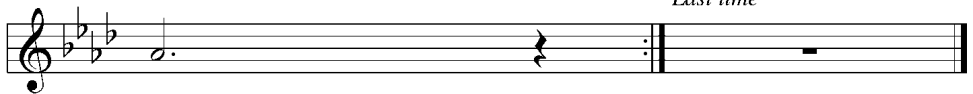


ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to  
 wood And walk a road of rock and  
 law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers  
 bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -  
 trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed  
 ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -



bring E - ter - nal life to  
 blood, A sin - ner's road, for  
 draw A rush of blood for  
 deed. He pays for all, for  
 cross And wrapped a - gain for  
 ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for

*Last time*



me.  
 me.  
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 me.

## 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:

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 all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 26:8-15

<sup>8</sup> But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!" <sup>9</sup> Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup> When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. <sup>11</sup> Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" <sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to

prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup> Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

PSALM 42A

*As the Deer*

1. As the deer pants— for the wa - ter, So my  
 2. You're my friend, and— you're my bro - ther, E - ven

soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my  
 though you are a King. I love you more than

heart's de - sire,— And I long to wor - ship you.  
 an - y oth - er, So much more than an - y - thing.

*Refrain*

You a - lone are my strength, my shield. To you a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire,— And I long to wor - ship you.

<sup>17</sup>Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

## 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 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' <sup>33</sup>In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! <sup>34</sup>"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"



1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from  
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod-y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last your an-gels come; To A-bram's bos-om



me de-part; With ten-der mer-cies cheer me. Earth has no  
 all I have In this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that  
 bear me home That I may die un-fear-ing. And in its



plea-sure I would share; Heav-en it-self were void and bare  
 I in ev-'ry place May glo-ri-fy your lav-ish grace  
 nar-row cham-ber keep My bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for  
 And serve and help my neigh-bor. Let no false doc-trine  
 Un-til your re-ap-pear-ing. And then from death a-



sor-row break, My trust in you no one could shake.  
 me be-guile; Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.  
 wak-en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea-sure I have sought; Your pre-cious blood my  
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross-es  
 O Son of God, your glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my



soul has bought. Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord,  
 will-ing-ly. Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord,  
 Fount of grace. Lord Je-sus Christ, My prayer at-tend,



my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust your Word.  
 my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust your Word.  
 my prayer at-tend, And I will praise you with-out end.



## 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.**

### 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:** 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:

## 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 I'm but a stran-ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
 3 There at my Sav-ior's side— Heav'n is my home—  
 4 There - fore I mur-mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des-ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil-grim-age; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall be glo-ri-fied; Heav'n is my home.  
 What - e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand.  
 And time's wild, win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;  
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
 And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cleaners This Week** (March 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>) - *Blackstad, Holte, Parks*

**Cleaners Next Week** (March 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>) - *Baker, Hunziker, Beall, Claunch*

### 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.

## 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, Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Mornings with Mommy
Tuesday, Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
Wednesday, Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
	4:25 pm	Youth Catechism Class
	5:45 pm	Lenten Soup Suppers
	6:30 pm	Mid-week Lenten Worship
Thursday, Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	6:15 pm	Meal & Campus Ministry Study
Saturday, Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Counseling
Sunday, Mar. 20 <sup>h</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

### Mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers & Worship

We continue our walk with Jesus to the cross with our mid-week service. Soup supper will be from **5:45 – 6:20 pm** with Worship at **6:30 pm**. Check out the sign-up sheet in the entryway, if you'd like to bring soup, salad, bread or dessert.

### Update on Ukraine Lutheran Church

WELS leaders have been keeping in daily contact with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, as best as possible. Our synod has already sent more \$25,000 to our sister church to help at this time, and more is expected. Also, WELS Christian Aid & Relief has sent two \$25,000 donations to help the humanitarian needs in Ukraine through Direct Relief.



If you'd like to give a gift to support these relief efforts, visit [wels.net/wmgift](https://wels.net/wmgift) or scan this QR code. Then click "Ukraine" in the drop down designation menu.

If you'd like to read an update from WELS President Schroeder go to <https://wels.net/wels-presidents-comments-on-the-situation-in-ukraine/> or scan this QR code.

