# Lord, Keep Us Joyful in Christ our King



## SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Bozeman, MT

Christ the King Sunday - November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

### 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.



#### INVOCATION

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

#### RESPONSES FROM GOD'S WORD

- M: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.
- C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.
- M: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.
- C: Our eyes have seen his salvation, which he prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to his people Israel.
- M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!
- M: Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!
- C: In him was life, and that life was the light of men.
- M: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- C: God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- M: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

C: Great and glorious are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE #280** (vv.4-5)

Thy Strong Word

- 4. From the cross thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might; From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5. Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim, Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

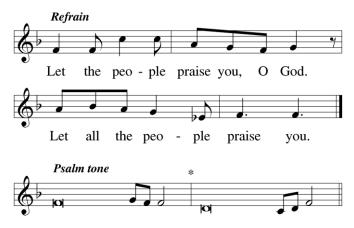
<sup>11</sup>For this is what the LORD God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and carefully search for them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep that were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of

Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will shepherd my flock. I myself will let them lie down, declares the LORD God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice.

<sup>23</sup>Then I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he will tend them. My servant David will tend them, and he will be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be the prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken.

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 47



Clap your hands, all you <u>na</u>tions;\* shout to God with <u>cries</u> of joy.

How awesome is the <u>LORD</u> Most High,\* the great King over <u>all</u> the earth!

God reigns over the <u>nations</u>;\*
God is seated on his <u>holy</u> throne.

## Refrain

God has ascended amid <u>shouts</u> of joy,\* the LORD amid the sounding of <u>trum</u>pets.

Sing praises to God, sing <u>praises</u>;\* sing praises to our King, sing <u>praises</u>.

For God is the King of <u>all</u> the earth;\* sing to him a <u>psalm</u> of praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

#### SECOND READING

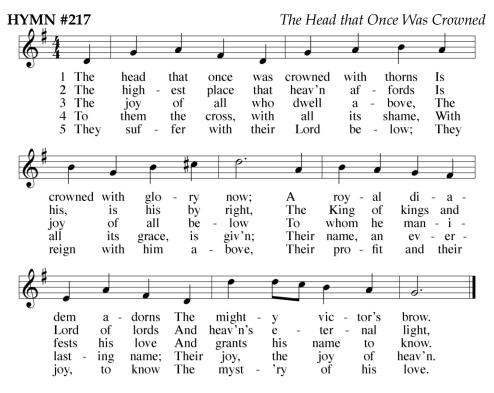
#### 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. 25For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." 26Death is the last enemy to be done away with. <sup>27</sup>Certainly, "he has put all things in subjection under his feet." Now when it says that all things have been put in subjection, obviously that does not include the one who subjected all things to him. <sup>28</sup>But when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, in order that God may be all in all.



GOSPEL Matthew 27:27-31

<sup>27</sup>Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. <sup>29</sup>They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head. <sup>31</sup>After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.



6 The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him; His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

#### **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: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.
- M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.
- C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!
- M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.
- C: Help us live as royal priests.

- M: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.
- C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.
- M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.
- C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.
- M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.
- C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

 $Special\ prayers\ and\ intercessions\ may\ follow.$ 

- M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.
- C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! 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.

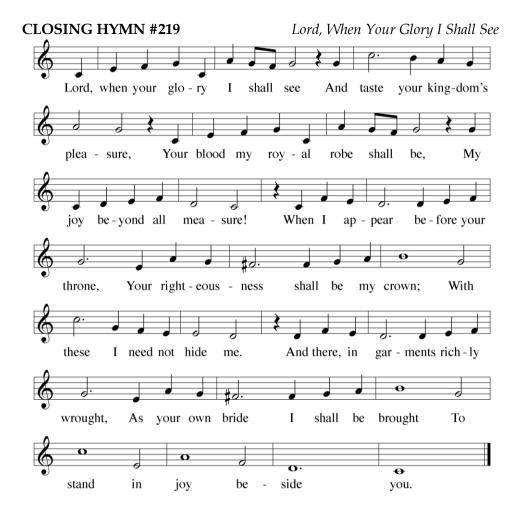
#### **BLESSING**

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.



## **Announcements**

Cleaners This Week (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>) - Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag

Cleaners Next Week (Nov. 29th - Dec. 5th) - Becker, McGough, Gullixson, Ballard

## This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday, Nov. 24th	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Wednesday, Nov. 25th	2:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
	4:30 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Sunday, Nov. 29th	8:30 am	Worship
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship

#### PICTURES FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Council would like to update our Church Picture Directory before Christmas. Many of the pictures are out of date or don't include new additions to the family. Also, newer members simply needed to be added to the book. In hopes of accomplishing that task, we ask that you would send a recent picture of your family to Dan Gustafson either by email @ gusinmt@gmail.com or to his cell: (406) 599-1361. If you have any questions, please speak with Dan or Pastor.

#### GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN IN GALLATIN VALLEY

Last year Shining Mountains was privileged to work with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) to provide 4 gifts for foster kids in the area. This year we are hoping to provide many more. If you would like to help you can either put money in the bag in the entryway that will be used to purchase gifts or talk with pastor and get the info of a child that you can shop for. Check out the sheet in the entryway or speak with pastor for more info.

#### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Just a reminder that we will gather together on Wednesday at 7 PM to thank our God for all the blessings he has poured out on us in the past, present and future. We hope to see you there!

#### WELS CONNECTION

If you'd more info about the WELS Connection topic or how to donate to the work in East Asia, grab a sheet from the table in the entryway.