

*THE HOLY MINISTRY*  
*Preaches Christ Despite Persecution*



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 #768

## *How Firm a Foundation*



1 How firm a founda - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

## 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.**





1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*(8:30 AM Service continues on p. 5 with THE WORD)*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - (10:30 Service only)

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought *John* 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 and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

*The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:*

*John Thomas Krupa, 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, to assist in whatever manner possible so that *John* 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 *John* 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.**

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. <sup>9</sup>But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my

bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. <sup>10</sup>I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

**HYMN #440**

*On Eagles' Wings*



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"  
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. <sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

### 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

**Matthew 10:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.



Note:  
after v.1  
we go  
right to  
v.2

1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's  
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the  
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in  
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -  
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er  
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall  
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2  
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain  
see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain  
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

## SERMON

## 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.*





## 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:** 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:** 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:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## 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 #219

*Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See*

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king - dom's  
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My  
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With

these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To  
stand in joy be - side you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cleaner This Week** (June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>) - *Blackstad, Holte, Parks*

**Cleaners Next Week** (July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) - *Bakers, Beall, Claunch*

### This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Thursday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Sunday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion

### Special Mission Offering - Kalispell, MT

At their spring meeting, the WELS Board for Home Missions approved the request to support a new mission up in Kalispell, MT named *North Valley Lutheran Church*. Besides the fact that it is cool to have a new mission beginning in our state, members of Shining Mountains helped the core group do some canvassing a couple of summers ago. So, we thank God and ask him to bless the work and send them a full-time missionary soon. And we, as a congregation, have designated *North Valley Lutheran Church* as our current special mission. If you'd like to support the work, place your special mission offerings in the lower basket in the entryway.

## Baptism of John Thomas Krupa

We thank God he has brought John into his family this morning through the waters of baptism at the 10:30 service. May Jesus always watch over him and keep him close to himself and his Word!

## Congregational Update

The Council has a new May/June update for the congregation to keep you informed on what's going on. Grab a half-sheet on the table in the entryway.

## A God-Lived Life

We are in the midst of our 1<sup>st</sup> month of the God-Lived Life Stewardship challenge. To encourage you to grow in your **life as a disciple**, Pastor will send out a mid-week devotion each week. If you didn't see it your inbox, check your spam folder. Also, you'll see the challenge card printed again below to remind you of the specific challenges.

# CHALLENGE CARD #1

A LIFE OF BEING A DISCIPLE: CREATE A NEW ROUTINE

**OUR CHALLENGE IS THIS:** Rid yourselves of the roadblocks. Pray for strength to create a new routine and live the life that God created just for you. A God-lived life. **The life of a disciple.**

### I CHALLENGE MYSELF TO...

- Work through a Bible Study every week (on own or with others)
- Read a family devotion at breakfast / dinner (5x per week)
- Read my Bible every day for at least 5 minutes.
- Memorize at least one Bible passage each week.
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By God's grace, I commit to these goals,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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