

*Jesus Gives the Bread of Life
so That We Will Not Stumble*



**SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bozeman, MT**

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 22nd, 2021

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.

HYMN #735

Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
un - be-lief.
glo - ry.

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

HYMN #610

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther



hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns



In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -



moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For



count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn out its seven pillars.
- ² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her maids, and she calls
from the highest point of the city.
- ⁴ "Let all who are simple come in here!"
she says to those who lack judgment.
- ⁵ "Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of understanding.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will
is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead,
be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns
and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,
²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-
edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia.



⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”

HYMN #185 (vv. 1-2, 3)

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our
 2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word In faith - ful
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter



Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em -
 hearts may trea - sure; Let e'er that bread of life af -
 hour im - pend - ing, May your good work in us be -



brace And tru - ly serve him ev - er, So that when
 ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to
 gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we



death is near at hand We at his cross may firm -
 die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new
 glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our Sav -



ly stand And there find our sal - va - tion.
 with - in That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 ior's hand To rest in peace e - ter - nal.

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.

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 #327

God Be with You till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain, By his
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath his



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With his sheep se - cure - ly
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -



fold you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.
vide you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we



meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we



meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Us This Week (August 22nd – 28th)

Cleaners: Blackstad, Holte, Parks

Serving Us Next Week (August 29th – September 4th)

Cleaners: Bakers, Hunziker, Beal, Claunch

Fall Plans

The school year is nearly here and that means our fall schedule is about to kick off too. The plan is to keep two services for now, with Sunday School and Bible Class between. Catechism and Basic Bible Christianity classes will also commence after Labor Day.

Share the Hope Concert 4 PM & Young Adult Ministry Kick-off

We are in the beginning stages of planning a *Share the Hope* Concert on **Saturday, August 28th** at 4 PM with Mike Westendorf. It will be a good opportunity to invite friends and family members as we support our local HRDC. We will also have a grill-out at church afterwards.

Then on **Sunday, August 29th**, Mike will play music for worship and give a presentation between services to help us kick-off our Young Adult Ministry for the new school year.

New Quarterly Mission Offering - Idaho Falls

At our meeting this week, the Council chose to support the new exploratory work being done just to the South of us in Idaho Falls, ID. Pastor Mark Parsons who presented a couple of weeks ago from TiLM is heading up these efforts. We pray that the LORD will bless our work as a synod to reach out with his precious Gospel message.

Witnessing Seminar

On Saturday, **September 25th** we have the privilege of welcoming back Pastor Mark Parsons (from *Truth in Love Ministry*) for a Seminar on reaching out with the Gospel – whether that is specifically to Mormons or anyone in general. The plan is to have breakfast served at church from 8:15 – 9 AM. The Seminar will be broken up into sections throughout the morning (9 – 11:30 AM) and then we will have lunch afterward for those who wish to stick around. Please mark it your calendar and join us! And feel free to invite family and friends as well.

This Week at Shining Mountains

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Saturday, Aug. 28 th	4:00 pm	Share the Hope Benefit Concert
	5:20 pm	Grill-out after the concert
Sunday, August 29 th	8:30 am	Divine Worship w/ Communion
	10:30 am	Divine Worhsip w/ Communion