

ONE FOUNDATION:
The Church Will Stand Forever



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Bozeman, MT

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13th, 2020

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 #538

The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
with her to the end. Though there be those that
her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
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 and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #399

To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord told Joshua, ²“Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, ³and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’” ⁴So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. ⁵Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. There each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, ⁶so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ ⁷Then you shall respond to them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.” ⁸So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the LORD had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. ⁹Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. They are there to this day.

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Timothy 1:10b

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
 How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his
 ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been
 his adviser?” ³⁵“Or who has first given to God that he will be
 repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things.
 To him be the glory forever! Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
 blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
 and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
 and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
 he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
 and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
 no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN #536

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head




1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



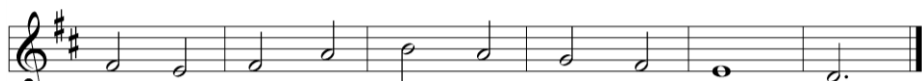
bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

SERMON

Matthew 16:13-20

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 by scanning this code that will take you
 to our [secure giving site](#).*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious.
Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand
and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting
message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls
everywhere.

C: Use our ministries & offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society.
Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a
sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy
and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that
helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will
promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious
minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a
renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young
people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence
you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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 #382

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Announcements

Serving Us This Week (September 13th – 19th)

Cleaners: Gustafson, Lauersdorf, Thiede

Serving Us Next Week (September 20th – 26th)

Cleaners: Blackstad, Holte, Parks

Ministry Update - September

This week marks the beginning of our fall schedule. While things will look a little different than usual, we are going to do our best to give God's people as many opportunities as possible to grow in the Word and gather together. Therefore, we will keep both our 8:30 and 10:30 AM Sunday morning worship services for the foreseeable future. Also, as long as the weather permits (hopefully a few weeks yet) we will have our 10:30 AM service outdoors.

This week we are also adding Sunday School and Bible Class. Those will meet each Sunday from 9:40 – 10:15 or so. While we understand that not everyone may feel comfortable, we will do our best to offer online as well as in person resources. Our Adult Bible Class will be looking at how to *Deal with Objections to Christianity*. If you have ever wondered how to respond to someone's questions (or your own) this would be the perfect class for you.

Little Lambs is back to meeting on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. We still have a couple spots open if you know a 3, 4 or 5 year old looking for a fun and Christ-centered early childhood program.

Mornings with Mommy will have their first outdoor session tomorrow from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. If you would be willing to set up or help, please speak to Melissa Joecks or Pastor.

Youth Catechism will also begin this week. We are finalizing the day and time. Speak with Pastor if you have questions.

Pumpkin Fest - October 10th

The Evangelism committee has been looking ahead to our fall outreach opportunities. Last year we had a great turnout at our 1st Pumpkin Fest (even though the weather was less than ideal.) This year we are planning on having it all outside. One new thing we are going to try is a mini truck-or-treat. Individuals / families would decorate the back of a vehicle with a theme (possibly have a game or activity to go along with it) and sit in the parking lot giving the kids a chance to come around and get a prize / candy. So we are in need of people who would be willing to do that.

There will also be other activities, both outside and weather permitting under the tent. If you could mark October 10th on your calendar as a day to help here at church, we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any ideas / thoughts / questions please speak to James McGough or Pastor.

Homecoming Shoebox Parade

MSU has invited the community to participate in their virtual homecoming parade by creating shoe box floats. Families could work on one at home or come to church next Saturday, **September 19th** at 1 PM and work on it together. More info can be found at here:

msuaf.org/shoebox

Forward in Christ & Meditations

The newest versions of the *Forward in Christ* magazine and *Meditations Devotions* can be found in the entryways on the counter in front of the mailboxes. Grab one today!



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