

*The Church...Fulfills Her Role  
as Her Brother's Keep*



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Bozeman, MT

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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 #391

*God Love the World So that He Gave*



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.  
soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

## 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

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*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 e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

<sup>7</sup>But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. <sup>10</sup>So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel. This is what you people are saying: "Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, "As I live, declares the Lord God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?"

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51a

*Refrain*

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*

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Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.

*Refrain*

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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**

**Galatians 2:11-21**

<sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. <sup>12</sup>For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, "If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews,

why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?" <sup>15</sup>"We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. <sup>16</sup>We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were also found to be sinners, then is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>"In fact, if I build up again those things that I destroyed, I bring on myself the judgment of being a lawbreaker. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, through the law I died to the law that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not regard the grace of God as nothing. As a matter of fact, if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!"

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

**Philippians 4:4**

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 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!**

#### GOSPEL

**Matthew 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. <sup>20</sup>In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them." (EHV)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN #304

*Jesus Sinners Does Receive*



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

SERMON

Matthew 18:15-20

## 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 through our [secure online 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.**



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,  
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,  
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,



Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;  
 Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,  
 Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;



Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—  
 Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
 Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!  
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

## Announcements

**Serving Us This Week** (September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Cleaners:** Baker, Hunziker, Beal, Claunch

**Serving Us Next Week** (October 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Cleaners:** Linn, Joecks, Jesson, Hutchinson

### **Adult Bible Class - Answering Objections to Christianity**

We are continuing our series entitled *Answering Objections to Christianity*. Have you ever wondered how a loving God could allow such suffering or send someone to hell? Has someone ever asked you why they should follow Jesus since Christians are so anti-women (today's objection)? Or, maybe they have asked how you can believe the Bible at all with so many contradictions (next week's objection). We will be looking at all these questions and more over the next few months. Because of the weather, we will meet INSIDE today. Even if you miss a week or two, it's ok. We'd love to have you join us each Sunday from 9:40 – 10:15 AM.

## **Pumpkin Fest - October 10<sup>th</sup> (1:00 - 3:00 PM)**

We are planning on having Pumpkin Fest again this year, however do it all outside. We are hoping to have lots of helpers so we can offer quite a few activities for families in the community. One new thing we are going to try is a mini trunk-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. Please sign-up today on the bulletin board in the entryway. Direct any of your questions to James McGough or Pastor.

## **Shine Meeting**

Next Saturday, **October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM**, we will have a SHINE meeting. We would love it if we had many of the ladies of the congregation there. If you have questions, please speak with Becky Gullixson.

## **Family in Need**

Over the past few weeks, Dick Moline has had a couple minor strokes and has also fallen at home. Donna has asked for prayers for them as well as meals, if we are able. A meal train has been set up online that allows people to pick days where they would be willing and able to take food to the Moline's. If you would like to donate but want to drop it off at church or have any other questions, please speak with either Marilyn Linn or Pastor. The link is: <https://mealtrain.com/w3yd6q>

## **This Week at Shining Mountains:**

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Monday, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Mornings with Mommy
Tuesday, Sept. 29 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	1:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Wednesday, Sept. 30 <sup>rd</sup>	4:30 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Thursday, Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	Little Lambs
Saturday, Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	SHINE meeting
Sunday, Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship with Communion



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