

*He Lives to be  
the only Way to Heaven*



**SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Bozeman, MT**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

To watch and participate in the service [click here](#):

## OPENING HYMN #145

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's  
heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where  
I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and  
me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor  
gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -  
he is gone, Live and reign with him in  
act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry  
pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -  
trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;  
heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!  
giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;  
ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;  
por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
"Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

## 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 OF PRAISE

*Oh, Taste and See*

C: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;  
It stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 17:1-12**

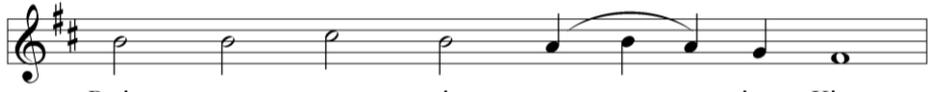
When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup>As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. <sup>4</sup>Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup>But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." <sup>8</sup>When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. <sup>9</sup>Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. <sup>10</sup>As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. <sup>12</sup>Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

HYMN #141

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”<sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**John 14:6**

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

**John 14:1-12**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him

and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”<sup>10</sup> Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.<sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.<sup>12</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

**HYMN #417**

*I'm But a Stranger Here*



1 I'm but a stran - ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
 3 There at my Sav - ior's side— Heav'n is my home—  
 4 There - fore I mur - mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des - ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil - grim - age; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall be glo - ri - fied; Heav'n is my home.  
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.  
 And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

**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 send your offering via mail to  
1710 Vaquero Parkway - Bozeman, MT 59718*

*Or you can give electronically by clicking this link  
that will take you to our [secure giving site](#).*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

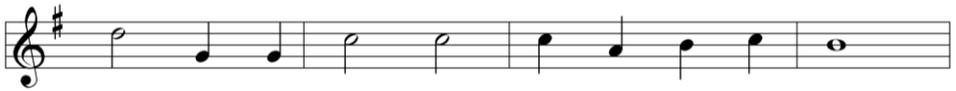
**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #321***Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.  
 With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.  
 Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,  
 Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

**Announcements****Serving Us This Week** (May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>)

Cleaners: Gustafson, Lauersdorf, Thiede

**Serving Us Next Week** (May 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Cleaners: Blackstad, Holte, Parks

**LORD'S SUPPER**

We will have the Lord's Supper at both services next weekend. We will follow the new procedures put in place last week, to minimize contact and adhere to social distancing. Contact Pastor by phone or email if you would like private devotion and communion.

## Special Instructions for Worship

- Wash hands / Use hand sanitizer stations often
- Sit with your family and sit at least 6 feet from another family unit
- Please do not sit in pews that have been “roped off” or places that have been “taped off”
- Congregate Outside (if weather allows) or spread out in the entryway
- Try to fill church from front to back and outside to inside to keep people from having to walk past others
- Please take home your worship folder or throw it away at the end of the service
- Have each person grab bulletin from pile, print off at home or download and use personal device (phone/tablet)
- If you are going to follow along on phone, please make sure the ringer is off
- We highly encourage people to wear masks or bandanas over their face if they are comfortable doing so
- Offerings plates will not be passed but you can donate online or place in offering basket on way in/out
- Pastor will not shake your hands but will greet you in a place where we can be at least 6 feet away.
- Clorox wipe down all pews and high use surfaces after each service
- We will have the Lord’s Supper NEXT weekend. We will follow the new procedures we put in place last week, to minimize contact and adhere to social distancing.
- Please dismiss (leave the church) from the back to front so people don’t have to walk past each other.
- **We will continue offering both 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM worship services, at least for the near future.**
- Check your email often to see updates, devotions, and other resources.