

Lord, Keep Us Faithful to Your Word



**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 #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

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION FROM THE PSALMS

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

C: **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Psalm 27:4

M: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

Psalm 24:3

C: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

Psalm 24:4

M: The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 14:2-3

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Psalm 51:1-3

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him.

Psalm 32:1-2

C: **I am a sinner and I am a saint. This is what the Lord says. I am a sinner in God’s sight, not because God made me a sinner, but because I inherited the sin of my parents and because I sin every day. At the same time I am also holy in God’s sight, not because of what I have done, but because God has declared me righteous for the sake of the perfect life and atoning death of his Son. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. I am a saint, God’s own child, and an heir of heaven.**

M: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

Psalm 30:4-5

C: **I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths; O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

Psalm 30:1-2

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN #203

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

¹⁰Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God. ¹²They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your

Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?" The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked." ¹⁶Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep. ¹⁹At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime." ²³Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

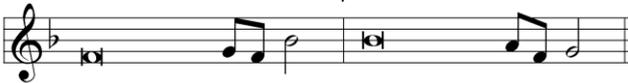
Psalm 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God,*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**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

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you. ²¹“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth*. A song.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging. *Selah*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
- 8 Come and see the works of the LORD,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

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

Motivated by our Savior's love for us, we give him our first and best.

*You can place your offering in the plate in the entryway,
or by following this link to our [secure online giving site](#).*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

C: Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.

M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

C: For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. 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 #293

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Announcements

Serving Us This Week (October 25th - 31st)

Cleaners: Gustafson, Lauersdorf, Thiede, Bender

Serving Us Next Week (November 1st – 7th)

Cleaners: Blackstad, Holte, Parks

Adult Bible Class - *Answering Objections to Christianity*

We are continuing our series entitled *Answering Objections to Christianity*. This morning we will be looking at the question "Why would God allow so much suffering in this world?" We'd love to have you join us each and every week from 9:40 - 10:15 AM in the Church Sanctuary.

New Series Highlights God's Guidance in Life

A new series in *Forward in Christ* magazine is highlighting how God works in the lives of everyday Christians. "My Christian life" focuses on real-life blessings and challenges of WELS members and how God helps Christians through whatever circumstances they find themselves in. Pick up a copy today in the entryway.

100th Anniversary Service

On Sunday, November 8th we will be having a special service to celebrate the 100 years of grace that God has blessed our Dakota-Montana District of the WELS. We will take a special free-will offering that will be used to support mission congregations in our district as well as for scholarships for ministerial education students.

New WELS Marriage Resource

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. Follow this link or code to get more info:

<https://welscongregationalservices.net/ministry-resources/marriagemoments/>



This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday, Oct. 27 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs
	1:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Wednesday, Oct. 28 th	4:30 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity
Thursday, Oct. 29 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs
Sunday, Nov. 1 st	8:30 am	Worship with Communion
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion