Lord, Keep Us Watchful For Our Triumph!



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Bozeman, MT

Saints Triumphant – November 15th, 2020

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Service of Word and Sacrament is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. It focuses worshippers on the Gospel found in Word and Sacrament.

Blessed Are They **OPENING HYMN #730** Refrain they which are called, Bless-ed Bless - ed are are they which called. are Bless - ed are they which are called To the mar riage feast of the Lamb. Verses white 1 Mul ti tudes, clothed in robes, 2 They'll nei ther hun ger nor thirst, 3 Bless ing and hon _ or, they cry, 4 Ser vant, saint, mar _ tyr at rest, 5 Wor of thy are you, Lamb God, $\rho^{\overline{}}$ From tion and tongue, ev 'ry na Death. sor row, pain van quished now, _ Un the Lamb to that was slain. Sanc ti fied, _ ran somed, re stored, То _ ceive glo re ry and praise. Stood fore God Lamb be and the At the God wipes all tears from their eves By the Re deem ing with his blood In the us Thun d'rous ly sing a new Of the song A1 le lu ia and а men! For the 6 1 feast of the Lamb. to Verse 2 riage mar riage feast the Lamb. to Refrain mar of _ the mar riage feast of Lamb. to Verse 4 feast riage of the Lamb. to Refrain mar riage feast of the Lamb. mar _ to Refrain

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

- M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.
- M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:
- C: Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in 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

Isaiah 52:1-6

Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. ²Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. ³For this is what the Lord says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." ⁴ For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. ⁵ "And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the Lord. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. ⁶ Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."



O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, <u>even faints</u>,* for the courts <u>of</u> the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell <u>in</u> your house;* they are ever <u>prais</u>ing you.

Refrain

Better is one day <u>in</u> your courts* than a thousand <u>else</u>where;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house <u>of</u> my God* than dwell in the tents of the <u>wick</u>ed.

O LORD Al<u>mighty</u>,* blessed are they who <u>trust</u> in you.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son^{*} and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,^{*} is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Revelation 19:1-9

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." ³ And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." ⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" ⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) ⁹Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."

VERSE OF THE DAY

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 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 9 " 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' ¹² "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

After the Gospel is read the congregation responds:

C: Thanks be to God!

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- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 entry or give electronically by going to our secure giving site.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.
- C: We too join them to praise your majesty.
- M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!
- C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.
- M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.
- C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.
- M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.
- C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: (sung) And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- N: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew* 26:26-28; 1 *Corinthians* 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." M: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: (*sung*) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

- C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Jesus' own body and blood to forgive our sins and to strengthen us in our faith (Matthew 26:26-28). It is, however, a gift that is given us with certain responsibilities. The sacrament is intended for those who have been instructed and who understand what they are doing (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). It is also a way for us to express our unity of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Therefore, we ask that only confirmed members of Shining Mountains or other churches of the Wisconsin or Evangelical Lutheran Synod(s) (WELS/ELS) come forward to receive Communion. If you would like to become a communicant member of Shining Mountains, or have any questions about this practice, please speak with the pastor after the service.)

THANKSGIVING

- M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: 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.



Announcements

Serving Us This Week (November 15th – 21st) **Cleaners:** Linn, Joecks, Jesson, Hutchinson

Serving Us Next Week (November 22nd – 28th) Cleaners: Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag

This Week at Shining Mountains:

Today	8:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion	
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class	
	10:30 am	Divine Worship with Communion	
Tuesday, Nov. 17 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs	
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity	
Wednesday, Nov. 18th	2:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity	
	4:30 pm	Youth Confirmation Class	
	6:00 pm	Basic Bible Christianity	
Thursday, Nov. 19 th	9:00 am	Little Lambs	
Sunday, Nov. 22 nd	8:30 am	Divine Worship	
	9:40 am	Sunday School & Bible Class	
	10:30 am	Divine Worship	

PICTURES FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Council would like to update our Church Picture Directory before Christmas. Many of the pictures are out of date or don't include new additions to the family. Also, newer members simply needed to be added to the book. In hopes of accomplishing that task, we ask that you would send a recent picture of your family to Dan Gustafson either by email @ gusinmt@gmail.com or to his cell: (406) 599-1361. If you have any questions, please speak with Dan or Pastor.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are in the memory of our loved ones who have died in faith and are forever robed in the white robes of Jesus righteousness and enjoying the marriage feast of the Lamb. *Feel free to grab a flower and take it home with you today!*

NEW MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST

In the entryway near the mailboxes you will find the new Meditations Devotion booklet as well as the Forward in Christ magazine. Pick them up today and be fed, encouraged and uplifted.

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, November 25th	-	Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 7 PM
Wednesday, December 2 nd	-	Mid-Week Advent Worship – 7 PM
Wednesday, December 9th	-	Mid-Week Advent Worship – 7 PM
Wednesday, December 16th	-	Mid-Week Advent Worship - 7 PM

SPECIAL FREE WILL OFFERING

In case you missed your opportunity last weekend, you will find a special offering basket in the entryway today. That free will offering will go to support some of the work we do together as a district and synod – such as Christian Education and Missions. The funds will be divided between a scholarship program to encourage children from our Dakota-Montana district to study for ministry and a fund to start and support new missions in our district.