

FALL SEASON

“Breaking Free”



“Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church is an open, welcoming and affirming community, fulfilling God’s vision of a world where peace, love, and justice become a reality for all.”

*Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church
Dillon, Colorado
October 18th, 2020*

Preservice Music

On Eagle's Wings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VW0jDEM1Qxc>

By: Michael Joncas

= GATHERING =

As you enter the church, please see one of the ushers and follow the directions as provided.

Prelude

Piano: Caroline Hesford

Welcome to Our Virtual Service

Pastor Darlene Muschett

The flowers are given by Pastor Liliana Stahlberg in honor and loving memory of her late beloved husband Wolfgang Stahlberg.

Moment of Silence

Gathering Hymn

**You are Mine
By: David Haas
LOTM Choir**

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now walk and live!

Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Awesome, Holy God, once again we thank you for the gift of life that You have given us this day. We pray for both the desire and the courage to bring to You our trials and our triumphs, our pains and our joys so You may transform us into the even more dedicated, inclusive, and loving servants You call us to be.

Amen.

= WORD =

Old Testament Reading

Peggy Hiller

Isaiah 43:1-3a,18-21

But now thus says the Lord,
God who created you, O Jacob,
God who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Old Testament Reading

Peggy Hiller

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

New Testament Reading

Peggy Hiller

James 3:5b-12

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector: Hear the Spirit's Voice speak today!

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and

said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Pastor: And this is the Good News of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and our friend,
All: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Time with Jay and Kelsey Meservy

Sermon

"Breaking Free"

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Hymn of the Day

**Healer of Our Every Ill
By: Marty Haugen
LOTM Choir**

Refrain:

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness:
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still and unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of kindness, be our guide.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Prayers of the People of God

Loving God, you call us to love and serve you with all of our being through loving all that you have created. Open our hearts in compassion as we share our concerns on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

Pastor: Lord in your compassion,
All: Hear our thanks and prayers.

Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always!

All: And also with you!

Pastor: Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements

Offering

At this time we are inviting people to share generously from the blessings God gave us all. For the regular LOTM offering, write us a check or simply go to our website: lordofthemountains.org and click on the [Giving tab](#). Thank you!

SOS Recipient

This is the fifth year of "Thanksgiving To Go" and it has been a very successful program, thanks to the generosity of LOTM congregation and our other partnering congregations and organizations. Last year over 360 filled bags containing food and supermarket gift cards were distributed to families all over Summit County.

This year due to the pandemic, things are very different; however, the number of people requesting assistance is greater than ever - in some cases more than five times from this same time last year. So even though we won't be distributing TTG bags, we will be providing supermarket gift cards to those needing extra help and cheer this Thanksgiving.

If you would like to donate to Thanksgiving To Go again, it's easier than ever. You can either purchase a supermarket gift card (\$25 for an individual or \$50 for a family) or you can write a check made payable to LOTM and please write TTG on the memo line. The gift cards or checks can be mailed directly to LOTM. Thanks be to God and to you!

= **THE MEAL** =

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we are so grateful for this table which you have made possible by your suffering, dying, and being raised to life again. As we receive this sacrament we ask that you strengthen us for greater service to all your people; to all your creation. In the night before you were crucified you had a Passover meal with many of your disciples. And, you took the bread, you gave thanks, and then broke it, and gave it to your disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is My body given for you, do this in remembrance of me." Again after supper, you took the cup, you gave thanks and gave it for all to drink for the forgiveness of sin saying, "This is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people; do this in remembrance of me." God, send now the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine. May they be food for mind, body and spirit and the means of transformation for us all.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Holy Communion: Come to the banquet of love and grace! All are welcome!

Benediction: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

= **SENDING** =

Sending Hymn:

Christ Be Our Light
By: Bernadette Farrell
LOTM Choir

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.

Refrain:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Dismissal: Go in peace, and walk in the healing, transforming power of Jesus Christ.
All: Thanks be to God! We will.

Postlude:

Piano: Caroline Hesford

Please, send an e-mail to church if you want to reserve a space for you and your family! Please email us at: lotm@lordofthemountains.org

The rules for re-entering the church are in our e-News! Please click on the link:
[E-News Link.](#)



*give
thanks*

Welcome to Lord of the Mountains

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures and challenges our life and ministry as followers of Jesus and as servants in the world.

Because we believe with Jesus that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place...
no matter where you come from, no matter what age,
race, socio-economic or family status,
no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation,
no matter what your faith tradition or theological beliefs.

Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace.
It's that simple.
It's that amazing.

We really do welcome all!

In the spirit of the Reformation, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church continually seeks meaningful ways of expressing our commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus.

We do this by...

- welcoming all people to full participation in our community of faith.
- recognizing there are many ways to God.
- striving to be compassionate toward all of creation.
- aspiring to live what we believe.
- respecting diversity of thought and opinion.
- working for peace and justice for all people and all creation.
- committing ourselves to serving others.

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