

Christ the King Sunday



“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
November 22, 2020*

Preservice Music

Thankful
By: Shawna Belt Edwards
[YouTube Link](#)

= GATHERING =

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

Today we honor the 50th anniversary of women being ordained in the Lutheran Church. A video will be played to commemorate this event.

Prelude

Piano: Caroline Hesford

Welcome to Our Virtual Service

Pastor Lydia Ziauddin

The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Christy and Gary Reinking in honor and memory of Carla Reinking and Donna and Paul Johnson.

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign
Text by: Isaac Watts
Music by: John Hatton
LOTM Singers

Jesus shall reign where're the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us join in prayer:

All: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

= WORD =

Hebrew Scriptures

Sally Brown

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95:1-7a

Sally Brown

Read Responsively

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**

and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

New Testament Reading

Sally Brown

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Spirit's voice speaks today!

All: Thanks be to God!

Kids' Time with Jay and Kelsey Meservy

Gospel Reading

Pastor Lydia Ziauddin

Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd

separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’ ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’ ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Pastor: This is the Good News of Jesus the Christ!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Lydia Ziauddin

Hymn of the Day

Something More

Words by: Darlene Muschett

Music by: Ludwig van Beethoven

Solo: Pastor Darlene Muschett

*Originally sung in loving memory of
Carl Rasmussen*

There is something more that’s coming; our life here is just the start.
We have been God’s all our lifetime; always fully in God’s heart.
Daily may we fully cherish life here and the something more,
knowing that our Lord awaits us, trusting all the good in store.

Through our trials, tears, and sadness; by our side our Christ has been
So, God, help us know for certain; our's the victory we will win.
Our death doesn't end our journey; we will see Christ face to face.
Only trusting in God's mercy, we'll be covered by God's grace.

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!

LOTM Second Offering Sunday November Recipient Water Pump Wells for Rural Cambodians

If you wish to donate to the project, you may send a check made out to LOTM or donate through our [Giving](#) page. Be sure to indicate your gift is for Water Pump Wells for Rural Cambodians on your check or specify Water Pump Wells for Rural Cambodians as the recipient if using PayPal or Zelle.

Thanks be to God and to you!

Prayers for the People of God

Pastor: Lord in Your compassion
All: Sustain and empower us!

Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!
Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements

=THE MEAL =

Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: It is indeed good and joyful to give thanks and praise to God at all times and in every place and circumstance....

On the night before his death Jesus gathered with his disciples. *“While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to them and said, ‘Take, this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is the new covenant which is poured out for many.’”* (Mark 14:22-24)

As we gather at this table hosted by Jesus, we open ourselves to the gifts of forgiveness and peace that are lavishly given that unite us and ignite us in love.

All: Spirit of God, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, direct our wills that we may be wholly yours. Amen.

**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.**

Pastor: We gather now at the banquet of lavish love and astounding grace! All are welcome!

Table Blessing After Communion

Pastor: And now may these gifts of God’s grace strengthen and sustain you in every way. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of God, the compassion of Jesus the Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit accompany and guide you on your journey.

All: Amen

Sending Hymn

The King Shall Come
Text by: John Brownlie
Music by: A. Davisson
Arr. by: Theodore A. Beck
LOTM Singers

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of Kings.

Dismissal: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.](#)





Mid-Week Advent Services

Please join us for our mid-week Advent services.
The services will be the Holden Evening Prayer and will take place:

**Wednesdays, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th
At 6:30p.m.**

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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