

Blessed and Praised Are They

Graduation Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter



***“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

May 24th, 2020

Pre-Service Music <https://youtu.be/CkS7U6dDd6k>

Organ Prelude **Be Thou But Near** by J.S.Bach

Welcome to Our Virtual Service **Rev. Liliana Stahlberg**

Opening Hymn **I Am Yours** **By Lauren Daigle**
<https://youtu.be/2Bo7mDvQyeA>

Solemn Reproaches and Encouragement

Pastor: Though we like to say that we are all connected, all around us we see people divided: between different points of view and world views, between the rich who can afford to live in quarantine, and the poor who are jobless or have to do the jobs where they can get sick at any time, by can't get sick time leave, between, the employed and unemployed, The comforted and the afflicted, the overfed and the hungry...

May we provoke one another to reject the way things are, to seek and to work for the blessings of God: justice, equity, dignity, mercy, kindness, sacrifice, humility, and love; to advocate for the better world, where surely there will be healthcare for all and all basic needs met. Help our lives be used to restore the honor of all women and men and children, who are a reflection of the diversity, holiness and beauty of all of God's creation. Amen.

Kid's Time with Kelsey and Jay Meservy
(LOTM Youth and Family Coordinators)

Celebration of Graduates– slide show prepared by **Bonnie Brown** and **Bruce Buehner**; send them cards for inspiration and encouragement.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us. It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or viruses, or any other peril? As it is written, 'For your sake we are dying all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Testimony

By Rebecca Bagget

I want to tell you that
the world is still beautiful.
I tell you that despite
this cruel virus that scares the world
and has killed so many people,
that despite children being abused
and women trapped in domestic violence,
despite the slow poisons seeping
from old and hidden sins
into our air, soil, and water,
despite the thinning film that encloses our aching world,
despite our terror and despair,
the world is still beautiful.

I want you to look again and again
to recognize the tender grasses,
curled like a baby's fine hairs
around your fingers, as a recurring miracle,
to see the river rocks shine like God,

and the fresh green voices of the spring aspens
are laughing at death.

I want you to look beneath the grass to note
the fragile hieroglyphs of ant, snail, beetle...

I want you to understand that you are to enjoy
the brown recluse, the ruby throated hummingbird, the humpback
whale, the profligate wild flowers, the mountains and valleys
shining in the sun.

Every day is a beautiful miracle unfolding in front of our eyes,
despite everything...

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat
down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught
them, saying:

‘Blessed are they the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are they those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will
be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.

(Blessing=Benediction=Good Words, Omen, Prophecy)

Hymn of the Day:**Blessed Are They**

<https://youtu.be/qwSkmzw8dY8>

Prayers for the world and those in need

<https://vimeo.com/404108104>

Pastor: We hold all these people in the Light and Grace of Christ and we add to their numbers the following:

Prompt: Lord, in your compassion

All: Hear our prayers!

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.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: It is our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You...

Words of Institution

In the night before he was crucified Jesus had a Passover meal with his friends. And he took the bread, he gave thanks, and then broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, he gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, “This is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people; do this in remembrance of me.” Send now the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine.

And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(learn this prayer by heart with all of your family)*

**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.**

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

Blessing **The UK Churches' Blessing for the World**

<https://youtu.be/PUtl3mNj5U>

A very blessed Memorial Day to all those who sacrificed their lives and are now at blessed rest in God's loving arms.



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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