

# *SUMMER SEASON*

## *Faith and the Storms of Our Lives*



*“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  
August 9th, 2020*

## Preservice Music

## Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

### Hillsong United

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U>

= GATHERING =

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

## Welcome to Our Virtual Service

**Rev. Liliana Stahlberg**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Ann MacMurray in memory of Jamie MacMurray.*

## Prelude

**Shout to the Lord**

**by: Darlene Zschech**

**Piano: Caroline Hesford**

## Morning Prayer

**O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace, help me in all things to rely upon Your will. In every hour of the day reveal Your will to me.**

**Bless my dealings with all who surround me.**

**Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all.**

**In all my deeds and words, guide my thought and feelings.**

**In unforeseen events, let me not forget that all are sent by You.**

**Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others.**

**Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring.**

**Direct my will, teach me to pray.**

**And, You yourself, pray in me.**

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

**Listen, God is Calling**

**Text by: Howard S. Olson**

**Arr. by: Austin C. Lovelace**

**LOTM Choral Ensemble**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray together:

**O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.**

**Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and**

**preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

= WORD =

**Torah Reading (Old Testament)**  
**I Kings 19:9-18**

**Kevin Clarke**

Then the word of the LORD came to prophet Elijah, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Psalm 85: 8-13**

*Read in Unison*

**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for God will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who love God,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before God,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

Lector: Hear the Spirit’s Voice speak today,  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

**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**

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**Hymn of the Day**

**You are Mine  
by: David Haas  
LOTM Choir Ensemble**

**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.**

**Refrain...**

**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.**

**Refrain...**

**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 my name.**

**Refrain...**

**I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name.**

**Refrain...**

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!**

## **Prayers for the People of God**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Pastor: Lord in Your compassion,

**All: Hear our 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](http://lordofthemountains.org) and click on the **Giving tab**. Thank you!*

### **Second Offering Sunday August Recipient L.O.A.F. (Love One Another Fund) LOTM Emergency Assistance Fund**

The LOAF Emergency Assistance Fund was created to help our faith community offer emergency assistance to those within, or outside our congregation who may be in need. Very often the person asking for assistance has a job, but is unable to cover unforeseen bills.

We receive many requests for assistance and honor as many as the pastor/executive council feel possible. Prayer and discernment are always used to make decisions about gifts given.

All gifts dispersed from the LOAF ministry are given with no expectation of repayment. We may give gas and food gift cards or a night's lodging. We may help cover portions of car repairs, rent, utility payments, prescriptions, or medical bills.

The LOAF Emergency Assistance Fund is totally funded through donations. You may contribute to LOAF any time until the end of August. You may send a check made out to LOTM or donate through our [Giving](#) page. Be sure to indicate your gift is for LOAF on your check or specify LOAF as the recipient if using PayPal or Zelle.

= **THE MEAL** =

## **The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

**Pastor:** It is our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. You bless us even when we don't see it or feel it for you are present everywhere and in everything, especially in the life and teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ who in the night before He was crucified had a Passover meal with many of His disciples. 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." 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 free love and grace! All are welcome!

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

= SENDING=

**Dismissal:** Go in peace, remember to live by the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

**All: Thanks be to God! We will.**

**Sending Hymn:**

**My Life Flows on in Endless Song  
By: Robert Lowry  
LOTM Choral Ensemble**

**Postlude:**

**My Faith, it is an Oaken Staff  
Words and Music by: Thomas T. Lynch  
Arr. by: Albert Mendoza  
Piano: Caroline Hesford**

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The rules for re-entering the church are in our e-News! Please click on the link:  
<https://us12.campaign-archive.com/?u=435b9ea9d33f2aac8ea832efb&id=1ac92d5849>

## 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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