

*SUMMER SEASON*

# *Holy Disturbance*

The Gospel is meant  
to comfort the  
afflicted and  
afflict the  
comfortable.

*Garrison Keillor*

***“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  
September 20th, 2020*

## Preservice Music

**First and Last**  
**by: Royal City Worship**  
[YouTube Link](#)

**= GATHERING =**

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

## Prelude

**Frosted Windowpane**  
**by: Phillip Keveren**  
**Piano: Caroline Hesford**

## Welcome to Our Virtual Service

**Pastor Joe Holub**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Darlene and Doug Muschett in celebration of their 52nd engagement anniversary, Pastor Darlene's 39th ordination anniversary, and Nick Keelan's big birthday!*

## Opening Litany

Pastor: How good it is to worship and sing praises to our God! The Lord knows us better than we know ourselves. The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**All: The Lord sustains the humble and delights in those who practice sharing God's endless love.**

Pastor: The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry...

**All: ...and sets prisoners free, gives sight to the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down and oppressed.**

Pastor: In our worship, O Lord, reveal to us your compassion and grace. Let us embrace our deep need to be infused and enthused with your Holy Spirit!

**All: With what shall we come before the Lord? What does the Lord require of us?**

Pastor: The Lord has told us what is good, *“but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God!” (Micah 6:8)*

## Gathering Hymn

**All Are Welcome**  
**by: Marty Haugen**  
**LOTM Choir Ensemble**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us join in prayer together

**All: Gracious God, visit us with your Spirit and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to welcome you through our concern for others and by serving them generously and faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

= WORD =

### Old Testament Reading

Sally Brown

Amos 5:21-24

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,  
I will not accept them.  
The offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs.  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### Psalm 82:1-4

Sally Brown

Read Responsively

God holds the central place in the divine council;  
God demands justice in the midst of all the powers:

**‘How long will you judge unjustly  
and show partiality to the wicked?’**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.’**

### James 5:1-5

Sally Brown

Come now, you wealthy, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted,

and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure, and you have fattened your hearts on a day of feast.

Lector: Hear the Spirit's voice speak today.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 19:30 - 20:16**

‘But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first. For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Pastor: The Good News of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **Kids’ Time with Jay and Kelsey Meservy**

**Sermon**

**“Practitioners of Holy Disturbance”**

**Pastor Joseph Holub**

**Hymn of the Day**

**O Lord Most Holy (Panis Angelicus)**

**by: Cesar Franck**

**arr. by: Hal H. Hopson**

**LOTM Choir Ensemble**

“O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O God of mercy, hear us, hear oh God of love.  
Help us to know you, know you and love you;  
Savior, Savior, grant us Thy truth and love.  
Savior, Savior, guide and defend us.  
Rule all our willful hearts; Guard all our wand'ring thoughts;  
Lord of the broken hearted bring your peace and joy.  
Guide in temptation's hour. Save through your mighty pow'r.  
Lord have mercy, hear our prayer, O God.  
Show us your favor, Lord we give praise to you.”

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

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and loving our neighbors as ourselves. 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: Sustain and empower us!**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

(Share the peace while practicing social distancing)

### **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!*

*Lord of the mountains, Spirit of wind, bless now the gifts that we bring.*

*Lord of the mountains, Spirit of wind, stir us to serve and to sing.*

*Lord of the mountains, Spirit of wind, hosting this table of grace.*

*Lord of the mountains, Spirit of wind, send us to love with all haste.*

## SOS Recipient Casa de Paz

Casa de Paz believes in the inherent worth, dignity and respect of all human beings. It is a community-driven effort and 100% led and run by volunteers. Casa de Paz work has always been to host families whose loved ones are being detained in the Aurora GEO ICE Detention Center and individuals who have been recently released. For more information regarding Casa de Paz, please click [here](#).

Casa de Paz is thrilled to introduce their brand new **Immigrant Welcome Center on Wheels!** This converted van will serve as a soft landing place for immigrants released from the back door of the detention center. Now thanks to the Casa de Paz Immigrant Welcome Center on Wheels wandering around and wondering where to go is old news! Each released person is greeted with a warm welcome within minutes.

LOTM SOS donations to Casa de Paz this month will help fund and equip this new welcoming concept. Please consider contributing to casa de Pas during September. You may send a check made out to LOTM or donate through our [Giving](#) page. Be sure to indicate your gift is for Casa de Paz on your check or specify Casa de Paz as the recipient if using PayPal or Zelle.

= 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. O Gracious God, source of life and love: We thank you for all that enables us to grow in wisdom and grace, and especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. We thank you for his humbled birth, his compassionate life and death, his continuing presence with us as the mystical inner Christ. We thank you that he shares our joys and sorrows, empowers us to live for others and upholds us in the face of suffering and death.

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, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills**

**that we may be wholly yours and dedicated to follow the challenges of Jesus' love; in whose name we pray. 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: Come to the banquet of lavish love and astounding grace! All are welcome!

### **Table Blessing After Communion**

Pastor: And now may these gifts of the being and life-force of Jesus the Christ strengthen and sustain you in every way. Amen.

### **Benediction**

Pastor: May the love and grace of God bless and keep you. May the presence of Jesus the Christ provide light for your path. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide and counselor in all matters today and always. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sending Hymn**

**The Church of Christ in Every Age  
by: Fred Pratt Green and William Knapp  
LOTM Choir Ensemble**

### **Postlude**

**O How he Loves You and Me  
by: Kurt Kaiser  
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](mailto:lotm@lordofthemountains.org)

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

## 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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