

***FALL SEASON***  
***17th Sunday after Pentecost***  
***“Is the Lord Among Us or Not?”***



Water will come out of the rock for the people to drink. – Exodus 17:6

***“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 30th, 2020*

## Preservice Music

**Holy Spirit**  
**By: Jesus Culture**  
[YouTube Link](#)

### = 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

**Rev. Liliana Stahlberg**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Pastor Liliana Stahlberg in honor of and thankfulness to the LOTM Church Council.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

**Our Father, We Have Wandered**  
**Music by: Leo Hassler**  
**Arr. by: Johann Sebastian Bach**  
**LOTM Choir Ensemble**

**Prayer of the Day** Let us pray together:

**Gracious God, Your name is Love. You are the Giver of Life and you know our frailties and weaknesses. Give us Your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us , and guide us in the way of salvation and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**= WORD =**

## Old Testament Reading

**Christy Reinking**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, " Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, " Why did you bring us out of Egypt , to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah-Quarrel, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

## Psalm 25:1-9

**Christy Reinking**

**Read Responsively**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,  
And teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

Remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,  
O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
Therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice

And teach the lowly your way.

**New Testament Reading**

**Philippians 2:1-5**

**Christy Reinking**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interest, but to the interest of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Lector: Hear the Spirit's Voice speak today!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

**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**      **Is the Lord Among Us or Not?**      **Rev. Lydia Ziauddin**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Come Home (Softly and Tenderly  
Jesus is Calling/Jesus is Tenderly Calling)  
by: Anna Laura Page &  
Jean Anne Shaffemrman  
LOTM Choir Ensemble**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home,  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Jesus is calling the weary to rest,  
Calling today! calling today!  
Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest:  
He will not turn thee away.  
Calling today! calling today!  
Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling today

Oh! For the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me;  
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home,  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

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

**Rev. Liliana Stahlberg**

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 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!*

### **SOS Recipient**

#### **Casa de Paz**

LOTM SOS donations to Casa de Paz this month will help fund and equip this new welcoming concept. Please consider contributing to casa de Paz 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 =**

## **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=**

**Sending Hymn:**

**Be Thou My Vision  
Text by: Eleanor H. Hull  
& Mary E. Byrne  
Music: Irish Traditional  
LOTM Choir Ensemble**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace, and walk in the way of Jesus.

**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](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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