

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 18th 2021



Celebrating Creation & Christ

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

Pre-Service Music

GATHERING

Greeters : Ben & Karen Little

Prelude

Sounding #6 in F, Derek K. Hakes

LOTM Bell Choir

Welcome

Pastor Darlene Muschett

Moment of Silent Centering

Opening Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces; the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Pastor : The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All : **And also with you.**

Pastor : Let us join together in prayer:

All : **Holy God, our Creator, everything you have made is very good. Empower us to care passionately for all creation. Because you are continually creating, create in us willing hearts and helping hands to serve in your name. Amen.**

WORD

Reader : Ben Little

First Lesson

Acts 3:1-12, 16

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

By faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

Psalm **call & response*

Psalm 19:1-5

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Poem***Christ Has No Body*****St. Teresa of Avila**

Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes through which He looks
Compassion on this world
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world
Yours are the hands
Yours are the feet
Yours are the eyes
You are His body
Christ has no body now on earth but yours

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Pastor : The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 24.

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel**Luke 24:28-35**

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor : This is the Good New of Jesus the Christ, our Lord.

All : Thanks be to God.

Sermon
in anticipation of Earth Day

Signposts

**Doug Muschett, Green Team Chair,
additional team members and
Pastor Darlene Muschett**

Hymn of the Day *For the Beauty of the Earth/This Is My Father's World* LOTM Singers
Gary Laughrev, arr.

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,
(Chorus)

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light,
(Chorus)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
(Chorus)

This is my Father's world; I rest Thee in the thought of rocks and trees of skies
and seas; His hand the wonders wrought. He trusts us with His world, to keep it
clean and fair, all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.
This is my Father's world; I rest Thee in the thought of rocks and trees of skies
and seas; His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world.

Prayers for the People of God

Spirit of God, who intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words; we now open our hearts with our deepest concerns, profound sorrows and haunting fears that we can hardly express, as well as our joys and thanksgivings that fill our hearts, always seeking your wisdom so that we might be enlightened and empowered to serve you in the world.

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 a sign of 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 and click on the 'Giving' tab. Thank you!

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer **call & response*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Pastor : 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.

**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 celebrate the banquet of lavish love and astounding grace!
All are welcome! No exceptions.

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.

All : Amen.

Benediction

Pastor : And now having been blessed, bless.

Having received, share.

Having been forgiven, forgive.

Having been challenged, serve.

The blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain with you now and forever.

Sending Hymn

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.
In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains a sunder,
set us free and make us whole.
You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night, you who make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way, Loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

Dismissal

Pastor : Go in peace, care passionately for the Earth and walk in all the ways of Jesus.

All : Thanks be to God! We will.

Postlude

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Caroline Hesford

by Rick Founds

This week's flowers have been lovingly donated by Larry and Julie Cope, in honor of Jaime's birthday.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- Sunday School is back in session! The nursery will reopen at a later date.
- April's Second Offering Sunday recipient is Timberline Adult Day Services
- Earth Day is next Thursday, April 22nd
- Before we can issue the call for a new pastor, our church's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as members of the Search Committee, must be approved by the congregation. **After service on Sunday, May 9th**, we will hold a meeting in which both of these measures are finalized. **This meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom**, for remote participation. Please don't miss being a part of this very important step in our journey to identify a new pastor!
- For Pastoral Care through April 25th, Pastor Darlene is honored to serve. She can be reached at (585) 455-4528.



As a member of City Market's Community Rewards program, our church received almost

\$1,000 in donations

for the first quarter of 2021!

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