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
December 13, 2020
= GATHERING =
As you enter the church, please see one of the ushers and follow the directions as provided.

Prelude

Bring that Torch!
Arr: Traditional French
Piano: Caroline Hesford

Welcome to Our Virtual Service
Pastor Darlene Muschett
The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Muschett Family as a surprise. Stay tuned!

Apostolic Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship
Hark the Glad Sound! #239
Text by: Philip Doddridge
Music by: Thomas Haweis
LOTM Singers

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev’ry heart prepare a throne and ev’ry voice a song.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.
Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

Lighting the Advent Wreath - Three Candles

Light an Advent Candle
By: Becki Slagle Mayo
LOTM Singers

Advent is a time for hope for waiting for the light to
lead us to the promised One to break the dark of night.
Light a Candle our Messiah come, light a candle
for the promised one.

Third Sunday of Advent

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for
Christ’s advent

As we light the three candles on the wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your
light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path to peace.

Old Testament

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the
Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, ‘If the people face war, they
may change their minds and return to Egypt.’ So God led the people by the roundabout
way of the wilderness towards the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of
Egypt prepared for battle. They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the
dge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to
lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they
might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire
by night left its place in front of the people.
Psalm 27: 1-6, 13-14

Cowie Family

Read Responsively

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Lector: The Spirit’s voice speaks today!
All: Thanks be to God!

Please stand to welcome the Gospel!

Gospel Readings  Pastor Darlene Muschett  John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’

Matthew 5:14-16

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'
Kids’ Time with Jay and Kelsey Meservy

Sermon
Pastor Darlene Muschett
“Looking for the Light”

Hymn of the Day
Light and Advent Carol
By: Becki Slagle Mayo
LOTM Singers
Flute: Bill Kyrioglou

“Advent is a time for hope for waiting for the light, to lead us to the promised One to break the dark of night. Light a candle our Messiah come, light a candle for the promised one. Advent is a time for peace, the ancient prophets tell, a King will be born in Bethlehem, our King Emmanuel. Light a candle our Messiah come, light a candle for the promised one. Advent is a time for joy of looking for the star. Just as the wisemen long ago, followed from afar. Advent is a time of love, as we await Christ’s birth. The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, will bring God’s love to earth. Light a candle, light a Candle hope. Light a Candle, light a candle of joy. Light a candle, light a candle of love. Light a Candle, our Messiah will come!”

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!

Thanks be to God and to you!

Announcements
Prayers for the People of God

**Pastor:** Dwelling in the presence of God and the Holy Spirit let us boldly pray for the church, the world and all in need. *Brief silence.*

Pastor: Lord in Your compassion,
All: Lead us by your light.

Sharing of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always!
All: And also with you!
Pastor: Let us share Christ’s peace with one another.

=THE MEAL =

The Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: List up hearts.
All: We list them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Pastor: We gather now at the banquet of lavish love and astounding grace! All are welcome!

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here. Feast at the banquet of the hope and love. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray together:

All: God of abundance, we give you thanks that in the holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the celebration of the birth of Christ our Savior.
Amen

Benediction

Pastor: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, now and forever.

All: Amen
Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring heart together,
he opens wide the heav’ly door and lives now inside us forever.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayers and love our endless story;
May God fill ev’ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

Dismissal:

Pastor: Go forth in joy! Prepare the way of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude:  

Angels We Have Heard on High
By: Micheal Kravchuk
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

The rules for re-entering the church are in our e-News! Please click on the link: E-News Link.
ADVENT

We Prepare for Jesus

HOPE

PEACE

LOVE

JOY
Please join us for our Christmas Eve Events.

Family Service - 4:00pm (Live Streaming)

Live Nativity and Christmas Story - 5:00pm
(Everyone is invited to drive through to view the Nativity).

Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm (Live Streaming)

Live Streaming Page
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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