

First Sunday in Lent



*“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
February 21, 2021

Preservice Music
For These Forty Days and Forty Nights

[You Tube Link](#)

❖ **GATHERING** ❖

As you enter the church, please see a greeter and follow the directions as provided.

Greeter: Julie Eickhoff

Prelude

Gentle Breeze

by Phillip Keveren

Piano: Caroline Hesford

Welcome

Pastor Joe Holub

Moment of Centering

Gathering Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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LOTM Singers

O Christ, your heart compassionate,
Bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
Its breath God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ,
Combined in perfect rhyme
To write God's love in human deeds,
Eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down
And healed the sick, the blind,
So may all bruised and broken lives
Through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep
That none may weep alone,
And help us bear another's pain
As though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us
That beat in time with yours;
That joined by faith with your great
heart,
Become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
Our hearts our hands we yield
That through our life and ministry
Your love may be revealed.

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: Loving God, We experience in Jesus that you have joined yourself to us and are present in and with us. You challenge us to “take up our cross and follow” your love and faithfulness. By your Spirit may we live with you and one another in justice, mercy, peace and joy; through our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

❖ WORD ❖

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-36

Reader: Ben Little

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you. My soul thirsts for you.

My flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have reflected upon your greatness and your glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life itself, my lips praise you!

So I will bless you as long as I live. I will lift my heart and call upon your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a great feast, and my mouth praises you with joy.

I think of you in the darkness of night and remember you have been my help.

I turn toward you! My soul clings to you and your right hand upholds me.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6, 17-18

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life!

All: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 2.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus said to them, "The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

One Sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

As We Gather At Your Table

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LOTM Singers

As we gather at your Table,
as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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.

Offering

*At this time we are inviting people to share generously from the blessings God gave us all. For the regular LOTM offering, write a check or simply go to our website: lordofthemountains.org and click on the **Giving tab**. Thank you!*

❖ THE MEAL ❖

The Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift 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.**

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.

**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!

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: The grace of God, the compassion of Jesus the Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit guide and empower you on your journey!

All: **Amen**

Sending Hymn

To Be Your Presence

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To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and listening ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near.

To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice right uphold.

To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed.

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church rejoice.

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

El Shaddai

**by Michael Card &
John Thompson**

Piano: Caroline Hesford



Lenten Devotion via Zoom
Pastor Penni Walsh
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays beginning February 24th
Check lordofthemountains.org for the Zoom link

Lenten Holden Evening Prayer Service
"Wanting More Space for Grace"
Pastor Darlene Muschett
6:30 pm
Thursday, March 4th

Sunday Worship Service
February 28
9:00 a.m.
Pastor Lydia Ziauddin

Please send an email to lotm@lordofthemountains.org
if you want to reserve a space for you and your family
for next Sunday's worship service.

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

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

A CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Spread the Word to Your Friends and Family

Looking for a person to provide a wide variety of administrative support to the Pastor, church staff, and church council as well as a welcoming atmosphere in the office, on the telephone, and in person. Check the LOTM eNews for more details.



Stop by and pick up a variety of Lent related activities for the kids in your life. Selections of sticker books, art projects, and Lent themed stories for youth, ages 3-18, are located on the "coffee counter" in our Narthex to the right of the main door.

Pastoral
Care



February 17-22
February 23-28
March 1-7

Chaplain Karen Johns 319-329-4557
Pastor Lydia Ziauddin 360-441-6331
Pastor Darlene Muschett 585-455-4528

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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