

Bethany Lutheran Church Worship Guide Jan. 10, 2021—Baptism of Jesus

Gazing Starward

Star Word: Shine

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PRELUDE - SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood
you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise
and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you
for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 458 PRAISE AND
THANKSGIVING BE TO GOD**



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

Starward Litany

The stars shine brightly in the night sky.

They radiate your love.

They flash your brilliance.

May the stars be for us glimmers of hope.

May they twinkle with promises of what is yet to come.

When we turn our gaze starward,

May your guiding light never fail to shine and dazzle us.

May we find rest in the wild night sky,

So that we may be prepared for the day breaking into this world.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW 671 Shine, Jesus, Shine

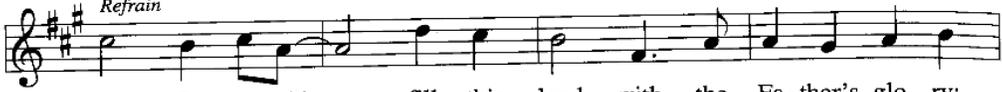
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Epiphany

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Shine, Jesus, shine

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



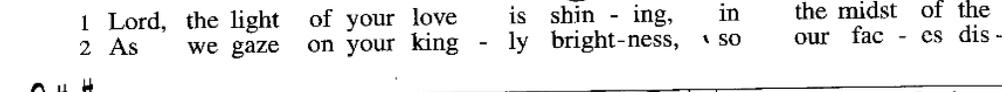
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



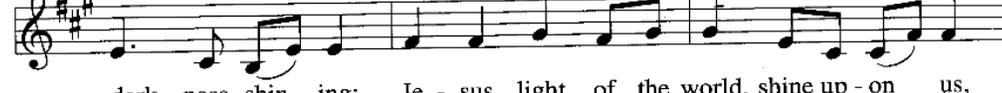
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



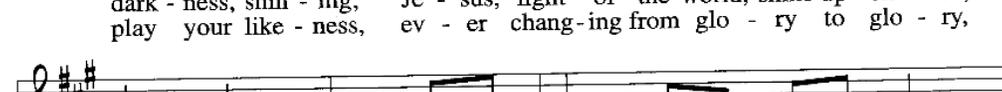
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



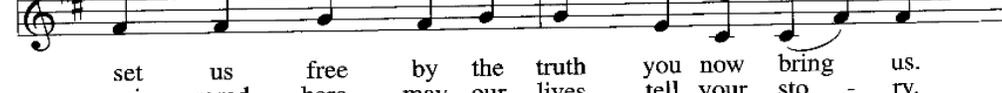
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



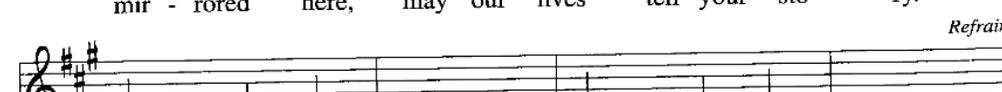
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick
 Music: Graham Kendrick
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FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5**A reading from Genesis**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 Hymn



1. Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose
 2. The name of God is full of might— re -
 3. The name of God is wild and free, a -
 4. May God for - ev - er be our peace; may



ho - ly splen - dor shines a - broad: Al - le - lu - ia,
 sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing light. Al - le - lu - ia,
 whirl in ho - ly mys - ter - y. Al - le - lu - ia,
 hymns of glo - ry nev - er cease: Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! En - throned a - bove the crash - ing
 al - le - lu - ia! The wil - der - ness can - not con -
 al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in smoke and
 al - le - lu - ia! Let all the faith - ful peo - ple



waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WOV 610

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of

Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

**Gospel Anthem: Down Galilee's Slow Roadways—
Dunstan/Burkhardt; Nichole Nordschow**

SERMON - Pastor Cathy Daharsh
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

With the Whole Church let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond “Have mercy, O God” after I say “Let us pray.”

God of the stars,
 Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our
 prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided
 by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us
 pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living
 things on earth, that God’s goodness is revealed through creation
 and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy
 both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God
 inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the
 imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and

those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Guide our feet. Show up in the mundane and the extraordinary. Be in the stars in the sky and in our everyday lives. We are hopeful, O God. We are hopeful. Amen.

Children's Sermon – Pr. Cathy

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Offertory Music

OFFERING PRAYER

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved
Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your
glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW 191a



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the waters of baptism.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you in our sanctuaries and in our homes.

Blessed are you in times of peace and in times of conflict.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the light of the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Eucharistic Words

The Body of Christ given for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
Amen

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
 Jesus the beloved fill you;
 and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 553 CHRIST WHOSE GLORY



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

SENDING

Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE