

Bethany Lutheran Church Worship Guide

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Gazing Starward

Star Word: Radiate

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PRELUDE: This Little Light & Here I Am, Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Thanksgiving For Baptism:

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.

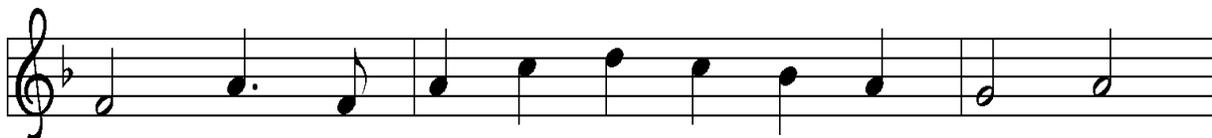
We give you thanks O God,

for the waters of baptism that bring us closer to your grace,
hope, and unending love.

for water that grows and nourishes your people and planet,
for water that helps us to see beauty and creation: for still
waters that reflect the radiance of your stars. For all the

water of the world, especially the waters that wash us clean and give us new life in you. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 665 RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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

(Refrain, vs 1, refrain)

A

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

E A E/A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E A E/A D A/C#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

Bm B7 E A E/A

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D A/C# Bm E7 A D

<i>To stanzas</i>	<i>Last time</i>
E/A D/A	A

Lord, and let there be light!

A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

D E/D C#m F#m

Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E/D C#m F#m

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

G Esus E G Esus E *Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from First Samuel

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¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139 Hymn: My Lord, You Have Examined Me



1. My Lord, you have ex - am - ined me, You
 2. The pres - ence of your Spir - it will Be
 3. You made me in my moth - er's womb, So
 4. And yet I find my soul per - turbed By



know me through and through; You see my deeds, per -
 with me to the last; Wher - ev - er I de -
 in - tri - cate your ways, And e - ven then, be -
 bit - ter - ness and grief, For man - y choose to



ceive my thoughts, My speech, my mo - tives too.
 cide to go Your love will hold me fast.
 fore my birth, You num - bered all my days.
 treat your word With scorn - ful un - be - lief -



You wrap me round on ev - 'ry side; On me you
 If I should try to run from you I know with -
 Be - fore I sleep and as I wake, I know that
 So search me, Lord, and cleanse my heart From all that



place your hand: Such knowl - edge is too
 out a doubt No dark - ness could con -
 you are there: How could I ev - er
 you ab - hor, Then teach me how to



won - der - ful For me to un - der - stand!
 ceal my path - Your light would shine me out.
 sound the depths Of your un - fail - ing care?
 walk with you To - day and ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the Milky Way,
Thanks be to you for the countless blessings and benefits you
give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the
Father 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.

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GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

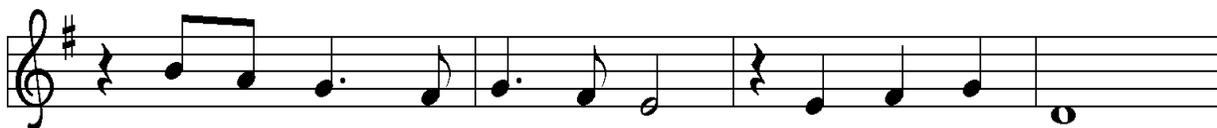
**Gospel Anthem: Ever Since the Savior Came—Manz;
Mike Bagby, soloist**

SERMON – Pastor Cathy Daharsh

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 574 HERE I AM, LORD



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

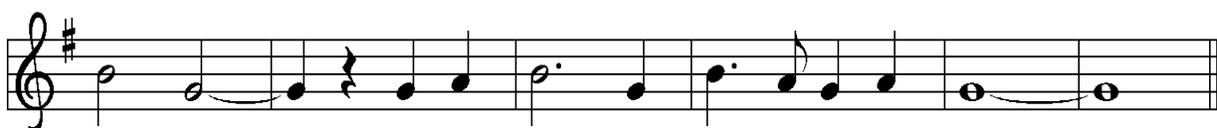
Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of the Earth and its resources, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, especially Ron, Gwen, Jack, Sue, Cordell, Jack, and those on our continued care list, and that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

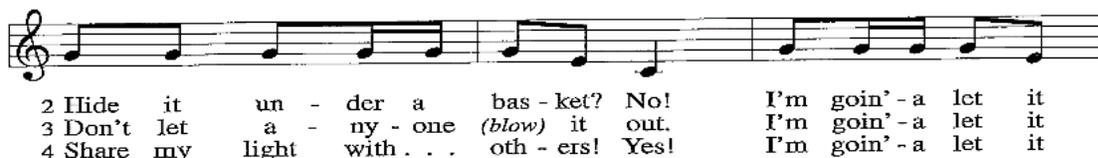
In remembrance of the saints who have gone before us, and those who grieve their passing, especially the Heisler family on the passing of Carol's mother, The McCullough family on the passing of Karen's brother, and the Soden family on the passing of Marilyn's brother. May their lives and memories give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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

This little light of mine



Text: traditional
Music: traditional

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Offertory Music This Little Light of Mine arr. Patterson

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;

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
At the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
Beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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 810 O JESUS, I HAVE
PROMISED**



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

SENDING

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

Postlude: This Little Light