



GATHERING MUSIC

Above All, Baloché & LeBlanc

WORSHIP TEAM

Here I am Lord, Schutte

Come, Now is the Time to Worship, Doerkse

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

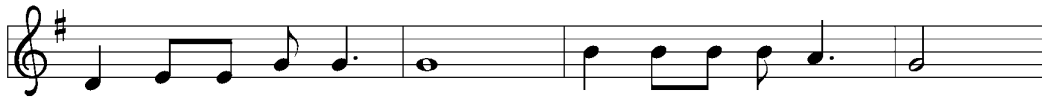
ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **✠** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

PSALM 51:1-10, read responsively

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in

unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Celebrating With Joy”

PASTOR TIFFANY SUNDEEN

SONG OF THE DAY

There is Joy in the Lord, Cheri Keaggy

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 THE PEOPLE

God of grace, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC

In Christ Alone, Getty & Townsend

WORSHIP TEAM

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ELW #638



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW #671

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:
Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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The flowers this week are sponsored by Scott & Kim Ward in thankfulness for First Lutheran Church.

The radio broadcast this week is sponsored by Susan Smith Clambey & family in loving memory of parents Mary Martha & Fred Ralph Smith.

Dear Members and Friends of FLC: It has been my pleasure to serve you as Visitation Pastor this past year, and we look forward to continuing to be part of the congregation in the future. Thank you kindly for the very generous gift certificate. Laurie and I and friends will make good use of it. Blessings on you all! **Pastor David and Laurie Strom.**

Chalk Fest & Rally Sunday- TODAY Join us in “Scoop up the Joy” for a delicious and fun day starting with worship at 9:30 and Uncle Eddie’s ice cream and chalk fun outside from 10:30-12:00 in the lower parking lot. All are welcomed to attend! “You make the Lord glad with the JOY of your presence.”-Psalm 21:6

Children and Youth Ministry Programs start TODAY. Get your child(ren) registered for Butterflies, Sunday School, Wednesday FLY K-6, and Confirmation. Registration can be found outside the church office or on our website. We welcome all!

First Lutheran Family Day at Otter Cove Children’s Museum is Sunday, September 18 from 4:00-6:00pm. FLC families will have free admission to the museum and a snack. Please sign up at the Welcome counter or on the church’s website.

Confirmation begins for 7th and 8th graders on September 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We will begin with a family faith night which means students and their parents are asked to come together on our first night of confirmation. Siblings are welcome, too. We are ready for an incredible year!

Join us for Dinner Church every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm in the Narthex. We will begin with a meal and continue with worship around the table. If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact Pastor Tiffany via the church office. Get ready for a whole new, yet ancient way to worship!

We need more volunteers to help serve and clean up Funeral Lunches! Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you.

We need additional people willing to serve as audio/visual operators on Sunday Mornings! If you are interested in helping fill this important role please contact the office and we will set up training. Thanks! 218-739-3348.

There is still time to join the new FLC Book Study group forming this September. The first book selection is Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. There are several copies of this book now available in FLC's library and free to check out. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office or Susanne Ronning at 218-205-6370. The first monthly meeting will be on September 19 at 11:45 a.m. and a light lunch will be served. There also is a second group forming that will meet the third or fourth Wednesday of the month right after dinner church.

The quilters have made drawstring backpack style bags and the following supplies are needed to fill the bags for Lutheran World Relief school kits: 8 ½ x 11 notebook (70 sheet), 30 cm ruler (inches one side, cm on other), pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, ballpoint pens (no gel ink), crayons 16 or 24 count, pencils, & eraser. Collection basket in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome! Thank you!!

Sunday, September 11: RALLY DAY!!

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Narthex*
- 10:30am-12:00pm Chalk Fest, *Lower Parking Lot*

Monday, September 12:

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study, *Kairos Room*
- 9:00am-3:00pm Love Days Quilters

Tuesday, September 13:

- 9:00am Archives Committee, *Kairos Room*
- 11:00am Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm 150th Anniversary Committee
- 6:00pm Council, *Kairos Room*

Wednesday, September 14:

- 9:30am Al Anon
- 10:00am AA
- 1:00pm Cookie Monster AA
- 3:30-5:00pm FLY K-6 @Roosevelt Park
- 5:30-6:30pm Dinner Church
- 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation 7-8th grade
- 6:30-7:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45-8:45pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15:

- 10:30am Adult Bible Study, *Kairos Room*
- 6:00pm Women's AA

Friday, September 16:

- 8-4:30pm Office Open

Saturday, September 17:

- No events scheduled

Next Sunday, September 18:

- 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion, followed by coffee/fellowship, *Narthex*
- 10:30am-11:30am Butterflies and Sunday School
- 4:00-6:00pm Family Playtime @ Otter Cove

Welcome to 1st Lutheran!

- * We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.
- * The invitation to Holy Communion comes from our Lord Jesus. You do not need to be a member, or Lutheran, to receive Holy Communion. All who trust Christ's promises are welcome.
- * Children are sometimes wiggly and noisy. We don't mind. They are always welcome here. If your small children are needing to move around or need comforting, there is space in the back of the Sanctuary with quiet toys and a rocking chair.
- * If you have prayer concerns, please be sure to let the church office know. Church phone number is 739-3348.