

St. Luke's Saxonburg
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Sunday, September 17, 2017

PRELUDE *This Little Light of Mine - arr. Mark Hayes*

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

L: 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 Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

Gathering Song *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Offering *Blessed Be Your Name*

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful;
Where the streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name;
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
When I walk thro' the wilderness, blessed be your name;**

**Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious
name;**

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
Tho' there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name;

Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious
name;

Prayer and Dismissal of Children *Borning Cry*

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

RESPONSE *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you, allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, allelu, alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God, allelu, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 18.

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before

him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONSE *Seek Ye First*

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And all these things shall be added unto you, allelu, alleluia.**

*(Today's readings: Genesis 50: 15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13,
Romans 14: 1-12)*

Message

Musical Offering *Offering - John Cumberland*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

The 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.**

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
C: Amen.

Closing Song

Shine Jesus Shine

REFRAIN:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of you love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:
(refrain)**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:
(refrain)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Forever with Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
 – Chris Tomlin arr. Bethany K. Smtih

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK (*Isaiah 55: 6-9, Psalm 27: 1-9, Philippians 1: 12-14, 19-30, Matthew 20: 1-16*)

Welcome!

*Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.
Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and
place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.
Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an
appointment.*

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

Greeter	Shannon Miller
Usher	Jodi Volchko
Praise Team	Chris Savannah
	Marilyn Merbach
	Jean Yohe
	Lisa Ryder
	Rachel Steiner
	Peggy Crawford

Attendance on Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:15	49	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	
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“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” –Matthew 5: 16

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