



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Psalm 30

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (ELW #671)

**1 Lord, the light of your 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*

*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**

**2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me** *Refrain*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Apostle's Creed:***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

...People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? If so, say we do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith:

**We rejoice to share with you God's call to be the church. We thank God for leading us to take part in Christ's mission together, living our faith as children of God.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### PEACE

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

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### OFFERTORY

### OFFERING PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior teaches us...

**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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

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

### POSTLUDE

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone; Leader: Pastor Krista Zimmerman  
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