

# Sunday Worship, September 13, 2020

Liturgy in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW- green book)

Hymns for today in Joy Book (JB-Red book)

*Hymn* ***This Is the Day*** JB # 104

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

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***Shine, Jesus, Shine*** JB #101

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

Chorus: 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

3. 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

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*Greeting & Call to Worship*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord together.**

Pastor: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love;

**All: as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.**

Pastor: So let us rejoice in God's presence!

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord together.**

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession*

Holy and loving One, God of might and mercy, the heavens and the earth are full of your glory. Your love transforms our lives. You take darkness and give light. You take grief and give healing. You take fatigue and give strength. You take fear and give courage. You take death and give new life. So, we come before you in worship, handing over to you all that weighs us down, waiting for your refreshing gifts. Renew us in this time of worship, we pray, so that we may serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

**All: O God, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. You are filled with joy, but too often we are filled with dissatisfaction and complaints. Forgive us, O God, and fill us with your Holy Spirit this day, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Saviour.**

**Pastor:** The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Know that you are forgiven by his grace and be at peace. Amen.

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| <i>Readings</i> | <b><i>Genesis 50:15-21</i></b> | NIV page 54   |
|                 | <b><i>Psalms 103:1-12</i></b>  | NIV page 595  |
|                 | <b><i>Romans 14:1-12</i></b>   | NIV page 1124 |

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

*Gospel Reading*      **Matthew 18:21-35**      NIV page

*Sermon*      **“Unmerciful Servant”**

*Hymn*      **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**      JB #85

1. I am weak but Thou art strong,  
keep me from all wrong

Jesus

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be dear Lord let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares who with me my burden shares  
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee.

3. When my feeble life is o'er time for me will be no more.  
Guide me gently safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore.

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*Apostle's Creed*      LBW #85

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

God of light and hope, we pray for those who face lives filled with darkness: who suffer in body, mind, and spirit; those bent under burdens of sorrow; those who cannot see the way ahead. We pray for those who accompany others in dark times and places; for those who comfort the grieving, and work for healing and new possibilities. May all these find their darkness transformed by your presence. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

God of liberation and justice, we pray for those who suffer abuse, violence, or injustice at the hands of powerful people or forces in their lives, and for those who have been betrayed by people entrusted with their care. Stir in all people a deep respect for life. Encourage those who struggle for freedom, and work for truth to be heard and reconciliation achieved. Lord in your mercy...**Hear our prayer!**

God of peace and promise, we pray for those who work for peace in the world, for leaders and decision makers, for those who hold power and can make a difference in their communities, and for those who make, interpret, and enforce laws. Awaken a respect for the needs of the most vulnerable, including the earth and its fragile balances. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

God of wisdom and understanding, we pray for those who

misunderstand the words and actions of others, and for those who are misunderstood. We pray for those who teach, and those who learn, especially those who struggle and are afraid to ask for help. In this challenging school year, guide teachers and students in new patterns of learning and keep each one safe and healthy. Lord in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer**

God of forgiveness and reconciliation; we pray for those we have hurt or offended, and for those to whom we have been unkind. We pray for those who have hurt us, or been careless with our feelings. Work in our lives to redeem broken relationships. Shape us into gracious and forgiving people. Lord in your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

In silence we name before you other concerns on our minds today...Let's pray together as Jesus taught us, *Our Father...*

*Offering and Offertory Prayer*      LBW page 87

*Benediction*

*Hymn*      **I Am Thine, O Lord**      JB #54

1. I am Thine O Lord I have heard Thy voice  
And it told Thy love to me  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee

Chorus: Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord  
To the cross where Thou hast died  
Draw me nearer nearer, nearer blessed Lord  
To Thy precious bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord  
By the pow'r of grace divine  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine.

3. Oh the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God  
I commune as friend with friend.

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

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