

First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 17 — 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!” — to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (silence is kept for reflection)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. Amen.

Hymn: “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God’s word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you. **Refrain**

Refrain: God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God’s word. **Refrain**

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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.*

Kyrie

*Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.***

*Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.***

*Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.***

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God"*

Glory to God , glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God , glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God , glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God , glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

*Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives,
make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

Word

First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? **Who may abide upon your holy hill?**

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, **who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongues, they do no evil to the friends; **they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.**

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. **They have sworn upon their health and o not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. **Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel Acclamation “Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! *(repeat)*

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Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

*(response after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

*(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)*

Children’s Message

Message

Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goina'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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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 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.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace *please share a sign of peace with one another*

Thanksgiving

Offering/Offertory

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord,
and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of God.

All praise and thanks to you, holy God!

Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Blessing

Hymn: “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 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**

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**

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Dismissal

*Go in peace, love the Lord! **Thanks be to God!***