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Bethlehem

Lutheran Church & Preschool

Third Sunday of Easter

Morning Song



Opened Eyes



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MORNING SONG WORSHIP

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Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Worship (*Please Stand*)

But For the Cross of Christ

What is the truth that ever anchors me
Amidst the waves of all my guilt?
That Christ has shed His blood and pardoned me
At the cross, at the cross.

He bore my sin, I bear His righteousness.
Oh what a glorious exchange.
The wrath of God laid on the spotless Lamb.
Oh what grace, oh what grace.

Chorus: Behold the cross,
There is no greater love.
Heaven's Son
Laid down His life for us.
Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find,
But for the cross of Christ.

How do I walk with humble confidence?
I look to Christ Who is my peace.
He sealed my hope and my inheritance
At the cross, at the cross.

When I am weak and stumble into sin,
There is an ever-flowing stream.
His cleansing blood revives my soul again.
Oh what grace, oh what grace. (chorus)

One day I'll stand before the King of Kings.
One day I'll see Him face to face.
For Jesus rose, death lost its bitter sting.
Christ has won, Christ has won. (chorus 2 times)

Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find,
But for the cross of Christ,
But for the cross of Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Glorious Father, You are the revealer of mysteries and truth. But we often ignore what You are telling us. We trust in our own knowledge and try to define our own truth. Please forgive us and open our hearts and minds to You. We ask that You would give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation, so that we may trust in You more fully and follow You more closely. Enlighten us with Your Truth and help us to grow in our knowledge of the hope we have in Jesus. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Song of Response

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You, I want to see You.

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Scripture Readings *(Please Sit)*

Psalm 119:17-24

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!

²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.

²² Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.

²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.

²⁴ Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 1:15b-23

...¹⁵ because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please Stand)

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is

this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³ And

they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Kids' Talk *(Please Sit)* Eric Oswald, DCE

Message

Opened Eyes

Pastor Phil Alexander

Offering

Bringing tithes and financial gifts to the Lord is an act of worship. These offerings help to accomplish ministry both here at Bethlehem and around the world. May God bless your response of faith.

Please join our members in signing the Red Friendship Register in your pew. Thank you!

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom be Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

(Please Stand)

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you peace.

C:Amen.

Closing Praise

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in Your name,
Calling out to You.
Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus: Open up the heavens we want to see You.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river,
Flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our
praise. (repeat)

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing. (chorus)

Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. (repeat) (chorus)

Sending

P:Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C:Thanks be to God.

