

Worship Folder for Sunday 3-22-20

Welcome

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 42:5–7*

Pastor: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

People: **who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:**

Pastor: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

People: **to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Joel 2:13; Isaiah 42:16*

Pastor: In the darkness of the world around us and amid our own blindness to His will and ways, God calls us to confess our sins.

People: **Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Pastor: God of God, Light of light,

People: we confess that by nature we are sinful and unclean, born in darkness.

We are often blind to Your Word and Your work in our lives, sinning against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Jesus, who is the light of the world, forgive me all my sins, that my eyes may be opened and my heart enlightened to look to You in faith and hope.

Pastor: "And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them."

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through His death on the cross, Jesus Christ has shined His eternal light of forgiveness, peace, and life on you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

We Believe

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion

We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Chorus

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

Chorus 2x

Ending

We believe we believe

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Children's Message

Message

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
 In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

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Prayers

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

Common Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Dear Members and Friends of Bethlehem:

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic the church continues to be the church. Here are two important items of interest for you. Please prayerfully consider if you might possibly know any qualified individuals to nominate for these important positions at Bethlehem. Thank you for your consideration.

Nominations: are being sought for the Position of Senior Administrative Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran School. The Board of Elders is seeking nominations for qualified candidates for the position of pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. (Bethlehem Constitution, Article V, Section A, and Bethlehem Bylaws Section 10)) You may propose candidates for the positions until Friday, April 3rd or until filled by contacting either Director of the Board of Elders, Ryan Mulder (trmulder02@yahoo.com) or Pastor Korte (mkorte@bethlehemsaginaw.org or 755-1144 ex 102). Please pray the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into His field at Bethlehem.

Nominations: are being sought for the Position of Principal of Bethlehem Lutheran School.

The Board of Elders, and the Board of Day School Education are seeking nominations for qualified candidates for the position of principal (Minister of Religion – Commissioned) for Bethlehem's Lutheran Day School. (Bethlehem Constitution, Article V, Section A, and Bethlehem Bylaws Section 10)) You may propose candidates for the positions until Friday, April 3rd or until filled by contacting either Director of the Board of Day School Education, Nick Birchmeier (nbirchmeier@bethlehemsaginaw.org) or Pastor Korte (mkorte@bethlehemsaginaw.org or 755-1144 ex 102). Please pray the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into His field at Bethlehem.