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What Is Truth?

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:

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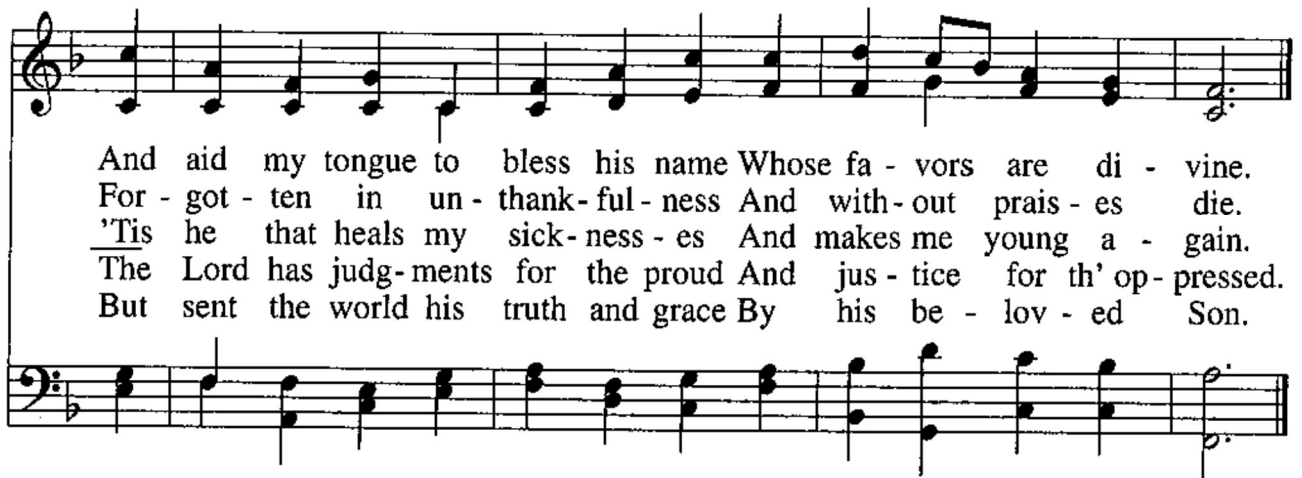
Opening Hymn: *Oh Bless the Lord, My Soul* CW # 238 Stz 1-3

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

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And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
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'Tis he that heals my sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
The Lord has judg - ments for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
But sent the world his truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

L: *(please rise)* In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen. *(Pause)*

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed and troubled by my sins. I confess that I am deeply sorry for them.

L: We confess our private sins before you and ask you to hear us. *(Pause)*

Jesus says to us, his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world.

Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe that the work of Jesus alone saves me.

L: Because of the promises of our Savior Jesus, I do forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. Believe his word; go and sin no more.

Lord God, we thank for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence as we proceed through the darkness of this world. Amen. *(be seated)*

Psalm: # 2

Psalm 2

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

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Why do the nations ^{con}spire*
and the peoples ^{plot} in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together ^{against} the LORD*
and against his ^{Anointed} One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in ^{heaven} laughs;*
the Lord ^{scoffs} at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, ^{saying},*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my ^{holy} hill.”

I will proclaim the decree ^{of} the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my ^{Son};
today I have become your ^{Father}.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy ^{Spirit},
as it was in the ^{beginning},*
is now, and will be forever. ^{Amen}.**

Refrain

Passion History:

Matthew 26:69 – 27:10

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said. ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said. ⁷¹Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!” ⁷³After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴Then Peter began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

^{27:1} Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. ² They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. ³ When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

⁴“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” ⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

(The Gospel of our Lord)

Seasonal Response: *(together)*

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds, we are healed.

Hymn: *You Are the Way; through You Alone* **CW # 356**

You Are the Way; through You Alone

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1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True wis - dom can im - part.
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm,
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know,



In you, O Christ, has God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
You on - ly can in - form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
And those who put their trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
That truth to keep, that life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Sermon:

What Is Truth?

John 18:38 (NIV 84)

³⁸ "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Prayer: (please rise) Lord God, you anointed your Son to be King for the sake of your church. Help us, as members of his kingdom, to serve him faithfully and come to the full knowledge of his grace and glory.

King Jesus, you are Lord over all things. We ask you, during this time of restricted movement and the with limits on the numbers who can gather in one place, to bless us as we use these digital tools to encourage your people, to give your hope to the hopeless, and to shine your light on those still living in darkness. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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***

(Together, we pray Luther's Evening Prayer)

***I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son,
that you have graciously kept me this day.
Forgive me all my sins
and graciously keep me this night.
Into your hands, I commend my body and soul and all things.
Let your holy angel be with me,
that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen***

L: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (seated)

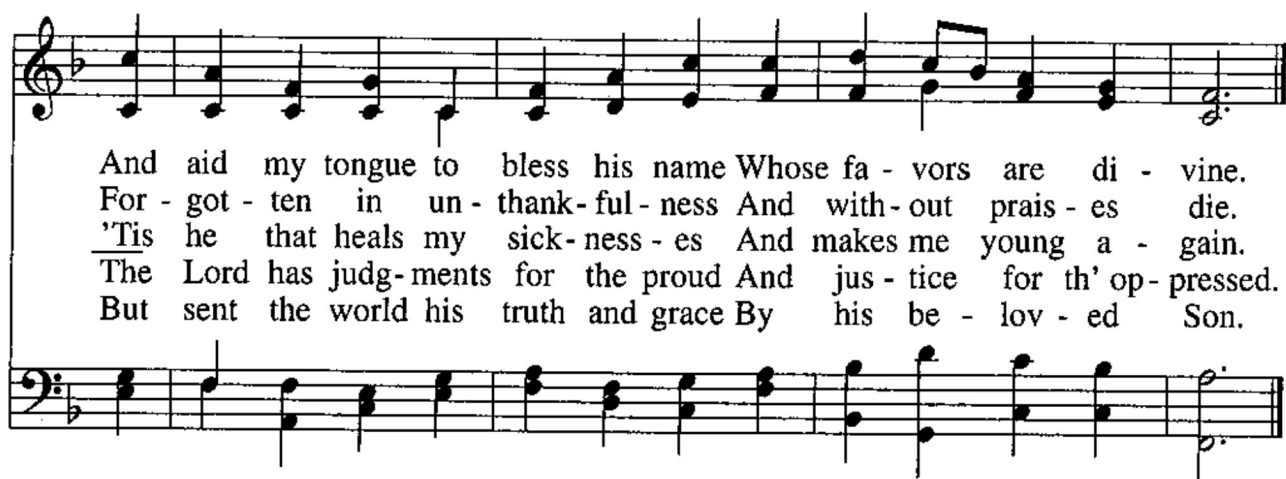
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