

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE – MARCH 22, 2020

WELCOME / INVOCATION-OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 25:1-7

P To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in You;

C Let me not be ashamed;

Let not my enemies triumph over me.

P Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

**C Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously
without cause.**

P Show me Your ways, O Lord;

C Teach me Your paths.

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

**C For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day.**

P Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your
lovingkindnesses,

C For they are from of old.

P Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my
transgressions;

**C According to Your mercy remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.**

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR:

P Almighty God, our creator and Savior, we confess
that we are by nature sinful and unclean, we have

sinned against you by our thought, word, and action. Therefore, we beg you to be merciful and grant us forgiveness of our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALM OF PRAISE 22:25-26

P My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;

C I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

P The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

C Those who seek Him will praise the Lord.

Let your heart live forever!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C 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.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:14-21 (NKJV)

Promise of the Lord's Help

¹⁴ "I have held My peace a long time,
I have been still and restrained Myself.
Now I will cry like a woman in labor,
I will pant and gasp at once.

¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills,
And dry up all their vegetation;
I will make the rivers coastlands,
And I will dry up the pools.

¹⁶ I will bring the blind by a way they did not know;
I will lead them in paths they have not known.
I will make darkness light before them,
And crooked places straight.
These things I will do for them,
And not forsake them.

¹⁷ They shall be turned back,
They shall be greatly ashamed,
Who trust in carved images,
Who say to the molded images,
'You are our gods.'

¹⁸ "Hear, you deaf;
And look, you blind, that you may see.

¹⁹ Who is blind but My servant,

Or deaf as My messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as he who is perfect,
And blind as the Lord's servant?

²⁰ Seeing many things, but you do not observe;
Opening the ears, but he does not hear.”

Israel's Obstinate Disobedience

²¹ The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake;
He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

THE NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 5:8-14 (NKJV)

Walk in Light

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light.”

HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39 (NKJV)

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

The Pharisees Excommunicate the Healed Man

¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”

Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

³⁴ They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

True Vision and True Blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

³⁶ He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

³⁸ Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

“The Same God Yesterday--Today--and Tomorrow”

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING PSALM 142

P I cry out to the Lord with my voice;

C With my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

P I pour out my complaint before Him;

C I declare before Him my trouble.

P When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,

C Then You knew my path.

P In the way in which I walk

C They have secretly set a snare for me.

P Look on my right hand and see,

C For there is no one who acknowledges me;

P Refuge has failed me;

C No one cares for my soul.

P I cried out to You, O Lord:

**C I said, "You are my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living."**

P Attend to my cry,

C For I am brought very low;

P Deliver me from my persecutors,

C For they are stronger than I.

P Bring my soul out of prison,

C That I may praise Your name;

P The righteous shall surround me,

C For You shall deal bountifully with me."

BENEDICAMUS

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.

C Amen.