

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE – MARCH 29, 2020

WELCOME / INVOCATION-OPENING PRAYER

PSALM 104:1-10

P Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**C O LORD my God, you are very great!**

P You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

**C covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

P He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;

**C he rides on the wings of the wind;**

P he makes his messengers winds,

**C his ministers a flaming fire.**

P He set the earth on its foundations,

**C so that it should never be moved.**

P You covered it with the deep as with a garment;

**C the waters stood above the mountains.**

P At your rebuke they fled;

**C at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.**

P The mountains rose, the valleys sank down

**C to the place that you appointed for them.**

P You set a boundary that they may not pass,

**C so that they might not again cover the earth.**

P You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

**C they flow between the hills;**

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

PSALM OF PRAISE 130

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

**C O Lord, hear my voice!**

P Let your ears be attentive

**C to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

**C O Lord, who could stand?**

P But with you there is forgiveness,

**C that you may be feared.**

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

**C and in his word I hope;**

P my soul waits for the Lord  
**C more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

P O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
**C For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.**

P And he will redeem Israel  
**C from all his iniquities.**

#### **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: Ezekiel 37:1–14 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your

own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

### **THE NEW TESTAMENT: ROMANS 8:1–11 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:17–27, 38–53 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the

house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man

should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”<sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,<sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.<sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

**"The Ultimate Purpose of the Holy Spirit" (Ezekiel 37:1-14)**

#### PRAYERS

##### LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

#### CLOSING PSALM 105:1-7

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**C make known his deeds among the peoples!**

**P** Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**C tell of all his wondrous works!**

**P** Glory in his holy name;

**C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

**P** Seek the LORD and his strength;

**C seek his presence continually!**

**P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

**C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

**P** O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

**C children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**P** He is the LORD our God;

**C his judgments are in all the earth.**

#### 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.**