

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Third Sunday Of Easter – April 26, 2020

WELCOME / INVOCATION-OPENING PRAYER

OPEN PSALM 95

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P For the LORD is a great God,

C and a great King above all gods.

P In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C the heights of the mountains are his also.

P The sea is his, for he made it,

C and his hands formed the dry land.

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P For he is our God,

**C and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

P Today, if you hear his voice,

**C do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

P when your fathers put me to the test

**C and put me to the proof, though they had seen my
work.**

P For forty years I loathed that generation

C and said, "They are a people who go astray in their

heart, and they have not known my ways."

P Therefore I swore in my wrath,

C "They shall not enter my rest."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us confess our sin to our Lord and Savior:

C 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. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM OF PRAISE 31:19-22

P Oh, how abundant is your goodness,

C which you have stored up for those who fear you

P and worked for those who take refuge in you,

C in the sight of the children of mankind!

P In the cover of your presence you hide them

C from the plots of men;

P you store them in your shelter

C from the strife of tongues.

P Blessed be the LORD,

**C for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.**

P I had said in my alarm,

C "I am cut off from your sight."

P But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy

C when I cried to you for help.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36–41 (ESV)

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-14

P I love the LORD, because he has heard

C my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because he inclined his ear to me,

C therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P The snares of death encompassed me;

**C the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C our God is merciful.

P The LORD preserves the simple;
C when I was brought low, he saved me.

P Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

P For you have delivered my soul from death,
C my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P I will walk before the LORD
C in the land of the living.

P I believed, even when I spoke,
C “I am greatly afflicted”;

P I said in my alarm,
C “All mankind are liars.”

P What shall I render to the LORD
C for all his benefits to me?

P I will lift up the cup of salvation
C and call on the name of the LORD,

P I will pay my vows to the LORD
C in the presence of all his people.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:17–25 (ESV)

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in

God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35 (ESV)

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then 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?” ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But 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.

²⁸So 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Lord.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

“Opening the Door”

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.**

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 VERSES Isaiah 40:3-5

P A voice cries:

**C “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

P Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

**C the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.**

P And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

**C and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”**

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.