

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter – May 3, 2020

### WELCOME / INVOCATION - OPENING PRAYER

#### OPEN PSALM: 80:1-7

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
**C you who lead Joseph like a flock.**

P You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**C Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,**

P stir up your might  
**C and come to save us!**

P Restore us, O God;  
**C let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

P O LORD God of hosts,  
**C how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

P You have fed them with the bread of tears  
**C and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

P You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
**C and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

P Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**C let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

#### 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: 138

P I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
**C before the gods I sing your praise;**

P I bow down toward your holy temple  
**C and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

P for you have exalted above all things  
**C your name and your word.**

P On the day I called, you answered me;  
**C my strength of soul you increased.**

P All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
**C for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

P and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
**C for great is the glory of the LORD.**

P For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
**C but the haughty he knows from afar.**

P Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
**C you preserve my life;**

P you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
**C and your right hand delivers me.**

P The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
**C your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**  
**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.  
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

#### **THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **THE GRADUAL FOR THE DAY: 23**

P The LORD is my shepherd;  
**C I shall not want.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
**C He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul.  
**C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
**C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
**C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with

them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C Praise to You, O Lord.**

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

**“The Shepherd Calls”**

**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 PSALM: 80: 8-19

P You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**C** you drove out the nations and planted it.

P You cleared the ground for it;  
**C** it took deep root and filled the land.

P The mountains were covered with its shade,  
**C** the mighty cedars with its branches.

P It sent out its branches to the sea  
**C** and its shoots to the River.

P Why then have you broken down its walls,  
**C** so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

P The boar from the forest ravages it,  
**C** and all that move in the field feed on it.

P Turn again, O God of hosts!  
**C** Look down from heaven, and see;

P have regard for this vine,  
**C** the stock that your right hand planted,  
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

P They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;  
**C** may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

P But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
**C** the son of man whom you have made strong for  
yourself!

P Then we shall not turn back from you;  
**C** give us life, and we will call upon your name!

P Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
**C** Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### 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.