

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Meditation - On the Creed

Lent 2 - February 28 - Pastor Mark Voss



OPENING

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

C: Amen.

P: The word is near you;

C: it is in your mouth and in your heart.

Romans 10:8

P: It is with your heart that you believe and are justified,

C: and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:10

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

C: Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.

Romans 10:11

PRAYER

P: O Holy Spirit, come to us with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away our doubts. Direct us to our Savior, Jesus, so that we may trust in him with our whole heart.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION - Sr. Choir

"We All Believe in One True God"

TLH" 251 Text: The Nicene Creed, Martin Luther Music: LATIN CREDO

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

All: O most merciful Father, since you have given your only Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness for all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of your will and true obedience to your Word. By your grace may we come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness and remission of all your sins.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness we praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE - *"Brothers Sisters, Let Us Gladly"*

CW 484

LESSONS Old Testament - Jeremiah 26:8-15 - *"Holy From the Inside Out"* ⁸But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! ⁹Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" ¹²Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then

the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

Epistle – Philippians 3:17-4:1 - "Our Citizenship In Heaven" ¹⁷Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. ¹Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

SERMON HYMN – CWS 768

"How Firm a Foundation"

Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain

(10:30a) Introduction by Tone Chime Choir



How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
 "Fear not! "I am with you. Oh, be not dis - mayed; For I am your
 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose I will not, I
 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to you he has
 God and will still give you aid; I'll streng - then you, help you, and cause you to
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to
 - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de -
 - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And then, when gray hair shall their tem - ples a -



said Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 stand, Up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 shake, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 - sign Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 - dorn, Like lambs they shall still on my shoul - ders be borne."

³¹At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³²He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day--for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' "



OFFERING

HYMN OF THE DAY – CWS 391 vv 1-4

"God Loved The World So That He Gave"

Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

**God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ is the solid rock of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach How we the blessed goal may reach.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

PRAYER

The First Article

P: Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, you give us all that we need for body and life.

C: Every good and perfect gift comes from you, the Father of the heavenly lights.

James 1:17

The Second Article

P: Lord Jesus Christ, by your suffering and death you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

C: We approach your throne, O God, with confidence for mercy and grace in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

The Third Article

P: Holy Spirit, counselor and guide, you have raised us from death by your powerful Word.

C: You, O Spirit of God, have made us. Your breath, almighty One, gave us life.

Job 33:4

P: Lord, fill our hearts with thanksgiving for your mercy and love.

**C: Move us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess your saving name.
Amen.**

Romans 10:10

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

C: Amen.

CLOSING – “God Loved The World So That He Gave”

CW 391 vv 5, 6

Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

**When you are sick, when death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death This is the anchor of my faith!
Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**