



At Home Worship  
March 29, 2020

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Closter, New Jersey

## OPENING SONG: *THERE IS A NAME I LOVE TO HEAR*

There is a name I love to hear;  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.

*Refrain:* Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus!  
Oh how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free.  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea. *Refrain.*

It tells me what my Father hath  
In store for every day  
And though I tread a dark-some path  
Yields sunshine all the way. *Refrain.*

It tells of one whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below. *Refrain.*

Pastor            Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
People           **Amen**

Pastor            This is the day the Lord has made;  
People           **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor            From the rising of the sun to its setting  
People           **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor            Have no anxiety about anything,  
People           **but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.**

Pastor            They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
People           **they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

Pastor            They shall run and not be weary;  
People           **they shall walk and not faint.**

## **PSALM 23 (In Unison)**

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL READING JOHN 11:1-45**

## **APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)**

**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.**

## **MESSAGE**

## **PRAYERS**

**Pastor** Almighty God, because You have committed Your people to the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for one another.

**People** **Fill our hearts with peace and love.**

Pastor We pray for the world: Lord of all, we pray for Your whole creation. Help us as we seek to bring an end to violence and injustice. Help us as we seek to feed and clothe people. Help us to be faithful caretakers of the earth, so that all may enjoy the good world You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for the church: Heavenly Father, be with Your Church, give all ministers of the Word Your grace and truth that Your people might grow in faith, and that Christ may be honored by all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for those who are ill. Source of all healing, we ask You to strengthen the tired, to ease the pain of those who suffer, and to let those who are dying know that you hold them in Your loving arms. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for family and friends: O God our Father, bless those we love, and help us to love all people so that, as You love us, we may grow in love for each other. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People hear our prayer.**

Pastor We pray for the communities in which we live and serve. We pray for all who serve on the front lines of caring for those infected by the Coronavirus. We pray for doctors, nurses, health care workers and first responders. We pray for those who are sick, and in need of care. We pray for those who experience isolation in these times of social distancing. We pray for our schoolteachers, students and families. We pray for our leaders, our state, our nation, and our world. That You would bless the people and our witness to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Pastor Almighty God, You have given us the grace to make our prayers known to You and have promised always to listen. Fulfill our requests as may be best and grant us knowledge of Your truth in this world and in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People Amen.**

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People 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.**

## **BLESSING**

**Pastor**            The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**People**            **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**    *CHRIST BE MY LEADER*

1.    Christ be my leader by night as by day;  
      Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
      Gladly I follow, my future His care;  
      Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
2.    Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
      Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
      Grant me to trust Him, though shifting as sand,  
      Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
3.    Christ be my savior in calm as in strife;  
      Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
      Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
      Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.