

February 9, 2025

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Even So Come

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

I Worship You, Almighty God

***Call to Worship**

Ps 122

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of Lord."

Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

That is where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

to praise the name of the Lord according to the statue given to Israel.

There the thrones for judgment stand, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure."

"May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."

For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 9 B

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:14

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Heavenly Father,

We come before you this morning humbled by our sin and unrighteousness. We have strayed from your heart and from your laws in our thoughts, words, and actions this week and we find ourselves in great need of Your forgiveness. Pardon us all of our sins and wash us in your sanctifying grace that we might grow in our faith and desire to serve You better. We thank you for the finished work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has pardoned us all of our sins and declared us not guilty before Your eternal throne. We ask that your Holy Spirit would continue the work of sanctification in our lives, continually convicting us of our sins, and continually driving us to the precious, bleeding side of your Son. It's in Jesus name that we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Rom. 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

In Christ Alone

No. 265

Scripture Reading

1 Sam. 17:1-16

(Pew pg. 239/LP pg. 301)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

pg. 970

Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Doxology**

No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Be Thou My Vision

No. 446

Sermon

Acts 8:9-25

(Pew pg. 916/LP pg. 1144)

1. The Holy Spirit's Delay?

2. Simon's Profession?

3. A City on a Hill!

Questions:

1. How do we explain the twofold coming of the Holy Spirit in Samaria?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in our salvation? Explain your answer.
3. What are we to make of Simon the Magician and Peter's chastisement of him in vv. 20-23? Was Simon truly converted or not?
4. Why don't we pray more for revival in our towns, state, and country? How do we begin?

Infant Baptism

Christopher Knox Erickson Jr.

***Hymn of Response**

Children of the Heavenly Father

No. 257

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

Goodness of God

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Musician

Intercessory Prayer

Emily Thevenin

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 2/9	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship AM Service No Shepherding Groups No PM Service
WED 2/12	10-11 AM 11 AM 1 PM	Kathleen Long Visitation Kathleen Long Service (graveside service to follow in Merrillville) PM Care Group
SAT 2/15	4 PM	Mini Conference (followed by dinner & dancing)
SUN 2/16	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 5 PM	Sunday School Worship AM Service PM Service
TUES 2/18	4:30 PM	Women's Evening Study
THURS 2/20	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Study
SAT 2/22		Family Fun Night (Pizza, Karaoke, & Newlywed Game)
SUN 2/23	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 5 PM	Sunday School Worship AM Service Worship PM Service

Serving the Lord

	02/09/2025	02/16/2025	02/23/2025
Nursery During Sunday School	Andrea Tummond	Felicia Armstrong	Karen Carleton
Nursery During AM Service	Grace Martin & Lorrie Martin	Cordie Armstrong & Kathleen Gretzinger	Lily Goodman & Neliz Hill-Ortiz
Nursery During PM Service	N/A	Grace Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Martha Lietchy	Jane Erspamer	Lash Family
Treats/ Clean	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash	Elijah Tummond
Elder	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg
Deacon	Jason Lash	Ken Erickson	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Craig Curtis	Jim Martin	Ben Armstrong

Announcements

- **Heart City Church:** Heart City Church in Elkhart is becoming a particular church, that is, they are no longer a church plant but will from here on out be a self-sufficient PCA church. Good Shepherd has supported this work for the past 5 years and so we want to invite you to join Heart City on Sunday, February 9 at 2pm (Chicago time) to a special particularization service, 303 S 3rd St, Elkhart, IN 46516. Praise the Lord for his provision, direction, and work to build His church!
- **Long Memorial Information:** Kathleen Long (mother of Larry Long) passed away last week. Visitation will be held at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, February 12 from 10am - 11 am, with a funeral service at 11 am. Graveside service will follow that in Merrillville, IN.
- **Schedule:** No shepherding groups or evening service this week. Unless you are in the Martin group, then talk to Jim for details.
- **Mini Conference:** We are delighted to be having Dr. Alan Strange from Mid America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, IN coming next Saturday, February 15 to be teaching us on: Session 1: "Male and Female in the Image of God", and Session 2: "Men As Husbands and Fathers". Talks begin at 4PM, followed by an Italian dinner (homemade lasagna, Caesar salad, and something chocolatey for dessert). This event is open to everyone, young and old, married or single. Please sign up in the foyer, but the event is absolutely FREE! We hope you can all make it! Ballroom dancing lessons will commence after dinner.
- **Family Fun Night:** Karaoke Duets, Dinner, Newlywed Game
If you can't make the Night Out or the dance instruction, this is a fun night to spend with your entire church family. We are going to order pizza, sing karaoke (prizes will be given) with a special Duets section, followed by our own rendition of the Newlywed Game. There's a little something for everyone, and even if you don't participate, come eat and watch the mayhem...there's sure to be a good laugh in it for everyone! Pizza is served at 5:30pm.
- **CEF Banquet:** March 7th at 6pm dinner and guest speaker former Colts Linebacker. See flyer at welcome desk or talk to Cathy for details.
- **Sunday School Nursery Workers:** We are in need of more people to help in the nursery during Sunday school. It is a simple background check away, sign up at welcome desk. The more people that help the less anyone has to miss out on the teaching time.