

January 14, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Arr. Erickson
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name No. 297

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Arr. Tonioli

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 9:1-2

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

***Hymn of Praise**

Ps. 9B Wholehearted Thanksgiving

(Tune: To God be Glory)

2-Sided Insert

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 6:10-15 (Pew pg. 151/LP pg. 190)

Prayer of Confession

O God of grace, you have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags: my best prayers are stained with sin; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance. I need my tears to be washed. I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness. I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for you always justify the ungodly. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and you are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. In Jesus' blessed name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 9:7-8

But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

The Church's One Foundation

No. 347

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

(Pew pg.553/LP pg. 696)

Heidelberg Catechism #35-36

35. Q. What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

A. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon Himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus He is also the true seed of David, and like His brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

36. Q. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

A. He is our Mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Take My Life and Let it Be

No. 585

*Doxology

No. 731

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

Speak O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes, in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Sermon *What is the Church?* Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew pg. 977/LP pg. 1218)

1. The Unity of the Spirit (vv. 1-6)

2. Christ's Gifts (vv. 7-11)

3. Perfect Manhood (vv. 12-16)

Questions:

1. What are some of the biggest barriers to unity in the church?
2. How does the CEO pastor model differ from the kind of pastor described in Ephesians 4:12-16?
3. What do you look for in the ministry you receive in your church?
4. Which is the primary Christian grace (according to Augustine)? Why is this so vital and why do we fail to attain it so often in the church?

***Hymn of Response** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 359
Find in Trinity Hymnal

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri** No. 735

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 *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me* by CityAlight

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

Musician

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 1/14

9:20

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Worship Service

After Church

Brief Missions Meeting (IRE)

Shepherding Groups

***South/West (Martin/Curtis)**

At Stagl Home.

***East (Lindborg/Erickson)**

At Church (bring brown bag lunch).

WED 1/17

5PM

Women's Evening Study

THUR 1/18

9:30 AM

Women's Morning Study

Serving the Lord

	1/14	1/21
AM Nursery	Kathleen Gretzinger & Deanna Curtis	Andrea Tummond & Lorrie Martin
Greeters	Joan Veenstra	Lash Family
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Grayden Lash
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Yon Lindborg	Ben Armstrong

Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting:** Meeting will be held 1/31 @ 6pm. The purpose is to approve the church budget for 2024. All are welcome to attend but only members are allowed to vote. The budget will be available this Sunday for pick up and review.
- **Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new study in the new year on Covenant Theology entitled "Understanding God's Unfolding Promises to His People". This is a basic guide to God's historical covenants. We will be using the book, "Covenants Made Simple" by Jonty Rhodes. Books are currently available to you at the welcome desk (\$12). This twelve week class will run through the end of March 2024. After that we will be embarking on another 12 week study on "The Temple of God", tracing this most wonderful building of God's Kingdom from Genesis to Revelation. So mark your calendars today! It's going to be a great time learning together.
- **Women's Bible Study:** New Books on welcome desk, \$10 each.
 - **Evening Study:** Due to the anticipated weather conditions, the Tuesday evening Women's Bible study will meet instead on Wednesday evening this week. 5 pm.
- **Shepherding Groups:** Details on Calendar.
 - **East group:** Meeting at church.