

January 17, 2021

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Offering

Please put tithe in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins.
(Mark on memo line if designating for a specific fund i.e. Deacon's Fund.)

Prelude

All Hail The Power of Jesus Name
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arr. Holden

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 45:6-9

***Hymn of Praise**

O Worship the King
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No. 2

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-24

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, there are countless reasons to come before you today, whether sickness, or sadness, or loneliness, or any one of thousands of other physical needs. But we come before you at this hour because of our great spiritual need. And we stand before you again today as sinners, guilty of breaking your law. We know that the law is spiritual, but we are of the flesh, sold under sin. We seldom understand our own actions. We do not do what we want, but we do the very thing we hate. Sin continues to dwell within each one of us, for we have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. Have mercy upon us O God and forgive us from all our sins and unrighteousness. For who can deliver us from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who through him alone pardons all our sins and delivers us from the hand of the evil one. Continue to conform our wills to your will and set us free from the power of sin. We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 45:1-5

¹ My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. ² You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever. ³ Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. ⁴ In your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness; let your right hand display awesome deeds. ⁵ Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies; let the nations fall beneath your feet.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 499

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 1

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation**

You Formed My Mind Within the Womb

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1. Never Lose Hope
2. Be Amazed, Twice a Day, at Human Beings
3. Talk to Our Kids, and Amaze Them
4. Pray Without Ceasing
5. Vote With Your Conscience

Questions:

1. Are you disheartened with the fight against abortion? What are some ways that you can participate in this fight? How can you use your words to back? What are some right ways of using your words, and what are some wrong ways you can use them?
2. If someone were to listen in to your conversations about your physical abilities, would they walk away amazed at its glory, abilities, resilience, and aptitude, or would they be amazed at how dire you sound? How can you change that?
3. What can we do as individuals and as a church to teach our kids about the image of God and how to respect, honor, and cherish human beings as such?
4. What are the top 3 things that you look for in a political candidate? Where does their stance on preserving human life fall in your decision to vote?

***Hymn of Response**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 30

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Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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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.

***Postlude**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Runyan

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

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Weekly Calendar

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| SUN 1/17 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God) |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook) |
| MON 1/18 | 6:30 PM | Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group (Zoom) |
| SUN 1/24 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God) |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook) |
| WED 1/27 | 5:30 PM | Congregational Meeting- 2021 Vision (Communing Members invited) |
| SUN 1/31 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God) |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook) |

Serving the Lord

| | 1/17 | 1/24 | 1/31 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| AM Nursery | Lorrie M. | Ashley S. | Yon L. |
| Greeters | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Treats | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Serve/Cleanup | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Audio | B. Schoon | J. Martin | B. Armstrong |
| Elder of the Week | Nelson | Lindborg | Gretzinger |

Announcements

- **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:** Today is focused on the sanctity of human life. The Valpo Women's Center plays a large part in ministering in this area. There are baby bottles at the welcome desk; if you feel led please take one and pray for the recipients along with any monetary donation you wish to give. Bottles need to be returned by **Feb 7th**.
- **Valentine's Marriage Seminar:** Mark your calendars for Sat Feb 13. Details on insert.
- **Congregational Meeting 2021 Vision:** Details can be found in the documents sent out (through email & mail). Hard copies can be found at the welcome desk.
- **Book Table:** Our Book Wall is up and stocked; a big thanks to John and Andrew! The resources vary and are there for whatever needs you may have. Feel free to take any books you need. If you wish to give a donation to the church in gratitude or to restock for the future please mark it clearly for book table.