

Jan 23, 2022

Sanctity of Life Sunday

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

Prelude

*Fairest Lord Jesus Arr Ray
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me Arr CityAlight*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 46:1-3 ^{ESV}

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 100

No. 1

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Psalm 119:1-24
(pg. 829 *Trinity Hymnal*)

Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, it is all of grace that we are able to come before you this morning. For we have broken your law and boldly sinned against you time and time again. We have not resisted temptations as you have taught us to do, nor have we repented from humble and contrite hearts. Forgive us of our insincerity, selfishness, pride, and the self-justification of our sins. Father, we need Jesus Christ more and more in our daily lives, whether we admit it or not. By the power of your Holy Spirit help us to see this need, to accept it, and to ask it of you; for whatever things we ask in your Son's name, you will surely not withhold from us. Give us clearer eyes to see our sin for what it is and renew our minds that we might think your thoughts after you. Break in us the power of indwelling sin as only you, our Father, can do; and wash us clean of all guilt by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. And now point us onward, we pray, and send your Holy Spirit to walk beside us, helping us put to death our sin and enabling us to live for your righteousness. We pray these things in Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 46:8-11 ^{ESV}

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

This is My Father's World

No. 111

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 2:14-28^{ESV}
(Pew pg. 910/LP pg. 1135)

Westminster Shorter Catechism 86-87

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

"You Formed My Mind Within the Womb" (Psalm 139)

*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**

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Insert

Sermon

The Beginning of the End?

Psalm 139^{ESV}
(Pew pg. 521/LP pg. 655)

1. The God Who Protects; vv. 1-12
2. The God Who Knows; vv. 13-18
3. The God Who Defends; vv. 19-22
4. The God Who Exonerates; vv. 23-24

Questions:

1. Do you think that Abortion on Demand will ever be repealed in the United States? Explain.
2. What are some of the reasons that people give for having an abortion(s)?
3. Historically, the Reformed tradition has taught that there are 3 institutions that are ordained by God to bring order to the world. They are 1) the family, 2) the church, and 3) the civil authorities. How can you personally, help to influence all 3 as it relates to abortion?
4. How would you counsel someone considering an abortion? Would you be willing to give them the support that they would need (spiritual, financial, time needed, etc.)?

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea,
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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***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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All Creatures of Our God and King

Postlude

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

Piano/Organ/Guitar

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 1/23	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Communicants Class @ Gretzinger's (lunch)
MON 1/24	6:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study
WED 1/26	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Hebrews) Congregational Meeting
Sat 1/29	10AM – 1PM	Youth Group
SUN 1/30	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 PM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Youth Group Soup Pick-Up Communicants Class @ Gretzinger's (lunch)

Serving the Lord

	1/23	1/30	2/6
AM Nursery	Felicia Armstrong	Jenni Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg
Greeters	Ron & Sandy Becvar	Lucy Hrivnak	Lash Fam
Treats/ Clean Up Please sign-up at the welcome desk.	Cherie Lee Yonker	Gretzinger Fam	Josh Alderson
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Forrest Carleton	Joel Tummond
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Bruce Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Jason Lash	Jim Martin	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Bruce Hrivnak

Announcements

- **Communicants Class:** Sundays in January (Jan 23, 30) following the service @ Gretzinger's house communicant class will be held. All youth interested in joining the church should attend. Lunch Provided.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting (THIS WEDNESDAY):** Scheduled for this Wed, Jan 26, 6 pm. We will review the church finances and approve the church budget for 2022. Copies of the budget are available on the Welcome Desk. All members are urged to attend. Rides are available and a sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Desk. This is an important time for us to reflect together on our stewardship and the ministries that God has called us to support and to be involved in. If you are not a member but are interested, you are welcome to attend.
- **Youth Group:** Mark your Calendars for Jan 29, from 10 am to 1pm! Looking forward to a time of learning, service, and fun.
- **Soup Sign-up:** The youth group will be making soup; if you want to take home some of what the youth cooks up please sign up at the welcome desk!
- **Baby Bottles:** Please consider taking a baby bottle to support the women's center. There is a name in each bottle. Pray for that baby and fill the bottle with spare change or a donation for the women's center as they help the baby and mother. Bottles due back on Sunday, Feb 12.
- **Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon:** There will be no Viking lunch in Jan and Feb. A date for the lunch resuming will be announced.
- **Inclement Weather:** In case of church cancelling events due to inclement weather, please check email and social media. Please tell Cassy or email info@goodshepherdpcanet if you are not on the weekly email list. If you do not have email, we will call to notify you.