

January 24, 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

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Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:8-11

***Hymn of Praise**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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**

Scripture Reading

Gen 14:17-24

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, help us to delight in you and to enjoy you forever. For all the treasures and delights of this world have left us empty and unfulfilled. Forgive us, we ask, for making so much of all that this world has to offer us. In you there is everlasting joy and peace. Build us up by your grace. Ignite in us a deeper desire to know you more. Drive us to your word; disciple us according to it; and continue to renew our sinful hearts. Show us your Son, Jesus, and make us more like him. Grant to us a greater measure of your grace, this week especially, that we might enjoy you, and in turn we might enjoy all the many blessings that you so generously bestow to us, in Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 46:1-7

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 334

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with Thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism 2-3

Q2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

Q3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. **The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

No. 522

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

1. Giving is an essential part of the Christian Life (vv. 1-7)
 - a. Proper biblical motivation (vv. 5-7)
 - b. Special concern for the needy (vv. 1-4)
2. Never forget to Whom we are giving (vv. 8-11)
 - a. Jesus example of self-giving informs our standard of giving (vv. 8-9)
 - b. Give in proportion to what we have (vv. 10-11)
 - c. Do NOT give what we don't have or may get. (vv. 3, 14)
3. Though giving is essential in the Christian life, it must be willing (v. 10-15)
 - a. Spiritual abundance (vv. 10-14)
 - b. Divine rewards (v. 15)

Questions:

1. Practically speaking, what are some good indicators of how committed someone is to God? How does a person's financial commitments reflect what is in their heart?
2. What role does faith play in giving? Is making a "faith pledge" (pledging to give to a ministry a number that you don't think you can ever achieve) a good model for giving? Why or why not?
3. Why does it seem like some churches have trouble finding people in financial need? How does hospitality help lend itself to giving?
4. What divine rewards do we reap from our financial giving? Think about whom you're ultimately giving to. Will what you give to Jesus ever be squandered? How do you know?

***Hymn of Response**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 164

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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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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***Postlude**

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

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Piano
Intercessory Prayer

Paige Meczyssine
Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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- Budget &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

	1/24	1/31	2/7
AM Nursery	Ashley S.	Yon L.	Kathleen
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson

Announcements

- **Church Leadership Meetings:** The Session meets the first Tuesday of every month and the Deacon's meet the third Tuesday of each month. If ever there are any concerns, questions, or needs, please do not hesitate to contact Yon Lindborg, Clerk of Session (yonedfarm@gmail.com) or Jim Martin, Clerk of the Diaconate (jim@jimandlorrie.com) with these matters, and we will always do our best to address them in a timely and biblical manner.
- **The Women's Center:** Baby bottles need to be returned by **Feb 7th**.
- **Valentine's Marriage Seminar:** Mark your calendars for Sat **Feb 13**. Sign-up at Welcome desk.
- **Congregational Meeting {Budget & Vision}:** There was an error in printing and the wrong minutes were included in the budget packet. Please pick up the 2020 notes at the Welcome Desk.
- **Missionary visit:** On Sunday, Feb 7, missionary Norlan De Groot will be visiting with us and speaking about his work during the Sunday School hour. Norlan is headquartered in the US (Iowa) and works with MINTS International Seminary, which provides theological training courses over the internet. Norlan is involved in curriculum development and also travels as the SE Asia Coordinator to help set up study centers and oversee their work. Please join us to hear about this work of God around the world as well as to encourage and pray for Norlan.