

January 28, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Knowing You

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Section of Prelude Songs

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 97:1-4

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

***Hymn of Praise**

How Firm A Foundation

No. 94

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 (Pew pg. 151/LP pg. 190)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, You are a God who creates and sustains. Your works in creation are displayed all around us, leaving us without excuse, for your eternal power and divine nature radiate from all around us. And yet, we confess that our hearts have grown cold within us. For we know You, but we do not honor You as God or give thanks to You for the good things You give. We confess that we are growing futile in our thinking, and our foolish hearts grow darker the more we persist in our sin. Father, would you be so pleased to extend your mercy to us yet again, and blot out all our sins and iniquities. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, and Him alone, turn away your wrath from us, and renew our hearts again. And we ask that your Holy Spirit would continually remind us this week of Jesus resurrection, for in this miraculous act we have assurance that you are pleased to forgive us all our sins. Lead us onward now, we pray, in Jesus powerful name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Romans 5:6, 8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died
for us.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Psalm 103 (Tune: Jesus What a Friend for Sinners)*

1 Bless the Lord, my soul;
my whole heart
2 Ever bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul; forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.
3 Who forgives all thy
transgressions,
Thy diseases all Who heals;
4 Who redeems thee from
destruction,
Who with thee so kindly deals.

Who with love and mercy crowns thee,
5 Satisfies thy mouth with good,
so that even like the eagle
thou art blessed with youth renewed.
6 In His righteousness Jehovah
Will deliver those distressed;
He will execute just judgment
In the cause of all oppressed.

7 He made known His ways
to Moses,
And his acts to Isr'el's race;

8 Tender, loving is Jehovah
Slow to anger, rich and grace.
9 He will not forever chide us
Nor will keep his anger still,
10 Has not dealt as we offended
Nor requited us our ill.

11 For as high as is the heaven,
Far above the Earth below,
Ever great to them that fear Him
Is the mercy He will show.
12 Far as east from west is distant
He has put away our sin;
13 Like the pity of a father
Has Jehovah's pity been.

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Pew pg.554/LP pg. 697)

Heidelberg Catechism #40-42

40. Q. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble Himself even unto death?

A. Because of the justice and truth of God satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.

41. Q Why was he buried?

A. His burial testified that He had really died.

42. Q. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

A. Our death is not a payment for our sins, but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

White as Snow

Mark Yandris

***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

In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world, by dark - ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depchs of
ones He came to save. 'Till on the cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the depth of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

1. True Doctrine

2. True use of the law

3. True Love

Questions:

1. Do you enjoy talking about deeper matters of doctrine and theology with other people? Why or why not? What are some ways that we can engage in deeper, spiritual conversations with others?
2. Why does Paul place such a strong emphasis on truth and true teaching?
3. Does teaching the truth require the tearing down of falsehood? How can you do this gently, respectfully, yet firmly?
4. What eventually happened to Timothy's congregation in Revelation 2:2?

***Hymn of Response**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

No. 353

***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

Jesus, Name Above All Names
Follow Me Michael Crockett

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

Musician
Intercessory Prayer

Cathy Reed
Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 1/28	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
TUE 1/30	5 PM	Women's Evening Study
WED 1/31	6 PM	Congregational Meeting
THUR 2/2	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Study
	9:20	Sunday School
SUN 2/4	10:30 AM	Worship Service – LORD's Supper Shepherding Groups - North
WED 2/7	6 PM	Family Night (All Welcome)
THUR 2/8	6:30 PM	Men's Study

Serving the Lord

	1/28	2/4
AM Nursery	Beth Siderius & Cordie Armstrong	Kathleen Gretzinger & Robbin Kern
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Connie Eenigenburg
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	Chris Erickson
Officer on Duty	Craig Curtis	Yon Lindborg

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.
- **Feb Family Night:** If you plan to come please sign up at the welcome desk.

➤ **Feb Shepherding Groups**

<p style="text-align: center;">* North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong) Sunday 2/4 After Church at Gretzinger Home</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*East (Lindborg/Erickson) Sunday 2/4 After Church (Brown Bag Lunch).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*South/West (Martin/Curtis) Details to be announced.</p>
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- **February CS Lewis Play:** Theatre at the Center in Munster, IN is showing Lewis on stage February 17th and 18th.