

January 3, 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

*Be Thou My Vision
He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Kauflin
arr. Bennett
arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 43:5

*Hymn of Praise

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice

No. 533

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:1-30

Prayer of Confession

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taken from John Calvin's Genevan Liturgy, 1547

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 43:1-4

¹ Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men. ² You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy? ³ Send forth your light and your truth, let them lead me; let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. ⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

No. 498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

**REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. **REFRAIN**

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. **REFRAIN**

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. **REFRAIN**

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. **REFRAIN**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered unto Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you: I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
the soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Outline

1. Belonging
2. What It Looks Like
3. Why It Matters

Questions:

1. Have you ever felt like you didn't belong? Describe how it felt.
2. As you look at the unbelieving world around you, especially the younger generations, do you think that they have a sense of belonging anywhere? How do you think this makes them feel?
3. What does belonging to Jesus Christ mean to you? How has this changed your life? For the better/worse?
4. Because you belong to Christ, does this mean that you can belong elsewhere as well? Where or what are some places/things that you cannot belong to anymore now that you are in Christ?

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
Those He saves are His de - light. Christ will hold me
For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me

fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail. He will hold me
fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight. He will hold me
fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied. He will hold me

fast. I could nev - er keep my hold. -
fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
fast. Raised with Him to end - less life. -

Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold;
Prom - is - es shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost.
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight,

He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Sa - vior loves me

so. He will hold me fast.

***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.

***Postlude**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Ham

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

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Piano
Violin
Intercessory Prayer

Sandy Schoon
Chris Erickson
Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 1/3	10:30 AM	No Sunday School (Winter Break) Worship Service- LORD's Supper (available YouTube & Facebook)
MON 1/4	6:30 PM	Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group (Zoom)
SUN 1/10	9:15 AM	Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
AM Nursery	Cordie	Kathleen	Felicia	Cordie	Kathleen
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger

Announcements

- **Sunday School Classes:** Sunday School Classes start next week (Jan 10). Sign-up sheets and books can be found at the welcome desk.