

January 7, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 22:3-5

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

***Hymn of Praise**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 167

Find in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

(Pew pg. 151/LP pg. 189)

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, You have given us hearts of flesh and we confess this day that we feel our sins. They bite and gnaw and terrify us. Where shall we go? We will look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although our faith is weak, we look to you and find assurance, for you have promised, "He that believes in me shall have everlasting life." Our consciences are burdened and our sins make us tremble, but you have said: "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven and I will raise you up on the last day and you shall have eternal life." We cannot do any of this on our own. We come to you for help, through the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 22:19-21

But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 22

Insert

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

(Pew pg.552/LP pg. 695)

The Apostles' Creed

pg. 845 in Red Trinity Hymnal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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

Offering

The Light of the World is Jesus

*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 *Come to the Waters*



1. Come to the wa - ters, who - ev - er is thirst - y;
2. Come to the Riv - er that flows through the ci - ty,
3. Come to the Foun - tain with - out an - y mon - ey;
4. Come to the Well of un - mer - it - ed fa - vor;
5. Come to the Sav - ior, the God of sal - va - tion.



drink from the Foun - tain that nev - er runs dry.
forth from the throne of the Fa - ther and Son.
buy what is giv - en with - out an - y cost.
stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
God has pro - vid - ed an end to sin's strife.



Je - sus, the Liv - ing One, of - fers you mer - cy,
Je - sus the Sav - ior says, "Come and drink deep - ly."
Je - sus the gra - cious One, wel - comes the wea - ry;
Je - sus is such a com - pas - sion - ate Sav - ior.
Why will you suf - fer the Law's con - dem - na - tion?



life more a - bun - dant in bound - less sup - ply.
Drink from the pure, in - ex - haust - i - ble One.
Je - sus, the self - less One, died for the lost.
Draw from the grace that flows free - ly from him.
Take the free gift of the wa - ter of life.

Sermon *Poverty & Riches* 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (Pew pg. 967/LP pg. 1206)

1. Context is Key

2. A Worthy Example

3. Sacrifice is Essential

Questions:

1. How does Paul NOT quoting the Law to the Corinthian church on tithing actually make this exhortation all the more emphatic? Explain.
2. In what ways does Christ Jesus set an example for us in how we are to manage our finances? Explain.
3. Why do you think that there are not more books written today about the gift of giving and the benefits that we reap when we do give generously of our wealth?
4. What sacrifices are you willing to make this year for the sake of the church and the good of God's Kingdom?

The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Music

*Softly & Tenderly
Come for the Feast is Spread*

***Hymn of Response** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* No. 481
Find in Trinity Hymnal

***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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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

Musician

Cathy Reed

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 1/7	9:20	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – LORD’s Supper
		<u>Shepherding Groups</u> * North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong) After Church at Gretzinger Home. Come hungry.
WED 1/10	1PM	PM Care Group
	6 PM	Family Night
THUR 1/11	6:30 PM	Men’s Study
SUN 1/14	9:20	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	After Church	Brief Missions Meeting (IRE)
		<u>Shepherding Groups</u> *South/West (Martin/Curtis) At Stagl Home. *East (Lindborg/Erickson) After Church at Alderson Home. RSVP to email if wanting to partake in food..
TUE 1/16	6 PM	Women’s Evening Study
THUR 1/18	9:30 AM	Women’s Morning Study

Serving the Lord

	1/7	1/14
AM Nursery	Cassy Erickson & Angela Collins	Kathleen Gretzinger & Deanna Curtis
Greeters	Robbin Kern	Joan Veenstra
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Yon Lindborg	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	Yon Lindborg	N/A
Officer on Duty	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Lord's Supper:** Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Participation is open to all who are trusting in Christ for salvation, living a life of repentance from sin, and in good standing with a Christian church. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for more information.
- **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 next Sunday for pick up and review.
- **Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new study in the new year on Covenant Theology entitled "Understanding God's Unfolding Promises to His People". This is a basic guide to God's historical covenants. We will be using the book, "Covenants Made Simple" by Jonty Rhodes. Books are currently available to you at the welcome desk (\$12). This twelve week class will run through the end of March 2024. After that we will be embarking on another 12 week study on "The Temple of God", tracing this most wonderful building of God's Kingdom from Genesis to Revelation. So mark your calendars today! It's going to be a great time learning together.
- **Women's Bible Study:** New Books on welcome desk, \$10 each.
- **Jan Family Night:** Family night moved from 1/3 to 1/10 due to Gretzinger travels.
- **Shepherding Groups:** Details on Calendar.