

November 1, 2020

*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.

**Prelude**

*Just As I Am  
Jesus Paid It All*

arr. Vandervliet  
arr. DeCou

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 33:1-5

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

No. 295

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;  
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

## Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:14-20

### Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, 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 we pray, Amen.

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 33:20-22

<sup>20</sup> We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.<sup>21</sup> In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. <sup>22</sup> May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

### \*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**

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism 89-90**

Q. 89 How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

**A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.**

Q. 90 How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual unto salvation?

**A. The Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend there- unto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

No. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take His servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Sermon**

Guarding That Which Is Most Important

Acts 6:1-7

Outline

Questions:

1. How important is mercy ministry (serving tables in Acts 6) to the life of the church? How do we see this importance expressed in Acts 6:1-7? Is there anything more important? What and why?
2. Is the office of Deacon a spiritual office? Why or why not?
3. Is there any significance to all the Deacons ordained in Acts 6 being all men? What modern day application does this have? Are there other Scripture passages that would affirm an all male Diaconate?
4. What is the primary role of preaching to a church? Why is this so important?

**\*Hymn of Response**

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

No. 650

I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me:  
on the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

CHORUS:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With His blood He purchased me;  
on the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
in His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave. (CHORUS)

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell. (CHORUS)

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with Him to be. (CHORUS)

**\*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**

*For All The Saints*

arr. Burkhardt

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

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**Keyboard**

Sandy Schoon

**Intercessory Prayer**

Nelson Schoon

**Guest Pastor**  
**Communion**

Patrick Gretzinger  
Andrew Gretzinger

## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 11/1</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises</b>
	9:15 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service &amp; Lord's Supper</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
<b>TUE 11/3</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Choral Ensemble</b> (Schoon Home)
<b>SUN 11/8</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises</b>
	9:15 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
	11:30 AM	<b>Schoon Care Group</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> (Mission Focus)

## Serving the Lord

	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Nelson	Lindborg	Hrivnak	Nelson	Lindborg
Communion	Gretzinger	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Communion Helper	Kathleen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Announcements

- **Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner:** We will be having a carry-in lunch after the morning worship service Sunday, November 22. We will enjoy fellowship and have an opportunity as a church family to thank God for His goodness. Pastor Andrew will lead the devotions after the meal. Everyone should please bring a main dish. Those members whose last name falls alphabetically between A-K should also bring a salad and those families between L-Z should also bring a dessert. This is a good time to invite your friends to the worship service and fellowship! Please talk to Jenni Gretzinger if you have questions.
  
- **30 Days of Prayer for World Missions:** We will be participating this month in MTW's 30 Days of Prayer for the World Missions. You will find a prayer calendar in the bulletin this morning listing a daily prayer request. Please take the time to pray for these daily. Today is being marked as the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** – a day in which we pray for believers who suffer simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord.
  
- **Missions Prayer Meeting:** Next Sunday, Nov 8, 6-7 pm, we will focus our monthly prayer meeting on Missions. The commission of Jesus to go to all the nations is still a mandate to the church, and prayer is a means that God uses to advance his kingdom. We will have prayer requests from our supported missionaries and ministries to guide our prayers. Please join us for this special hour of prayer.
  
- **Special Choral Ensemble Practice:** The Choral Ensemble will have its first rehearsal this Tuesday evening, November 3rd, at 7 p.m. at the Schoon home (since the church is a polling place). Come join us!