

November 20, 2022

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prelude

Selection by Musician

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 51:14-17

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 115

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:7

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, your righteousness exalts us to your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in you plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear your assuring voice; that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you have been made sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 51:7-12

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Heaven's Gift

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Rom. 3:22



1. When far from God and lost in sin I
 2. That gift Christ won at dread-ful cost: pro -
 3. Now in Christ's right - cous - ness a - lone I
 4. Christ paid the price to set me free: his
 5. All mer - it, boast - ing set a - side, by

took God's book and looked with - in, I found a gift from
 pi - ti - a - tion for the lost. My sub - sti - tute, con -
 stand be - fore God's awe - some throne, and grasp what on - ly
 blood poured out on Cal - vary's tree. Now noth - ing as my
 faith a - lone I'm jus - ti - fied. Be - fore the throne I

heav - en's throne, a right - cous - ness from God made known.
 demned he died, and turned God's wrath from me a - side.
 God could do: be just and jus - ti - fi - er too.
 own I'll call, for all is Christ's and Christ my all.
 take my place and rest in God's a - maz - ing grace.

Scripture Reading

Acts 26:1-12 (Pew pg. 935/LP pg. 1167)

WSC # 39-40

(pg 871 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Selection by Musician

***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**

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea,
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

1. Perfection

2. Perseverance

3. Prizes

Questions:

1. Have you ever encountered somebody who claims perfectionism in this life? How do you respond to them?
2. Why does Paul use the term “brothers” in v. 13? How do we use this term today?
3. What is the prize that Paul hopes to attain in v. 14? How would you explain to a friend that Paul is not talking about works righteousness here?
4. What does maturity as a Christian look like for you? Explain.

***Hymn of Response** *How Great Thou Art*

No. 44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. **Refrain**

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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

Selection by Musician

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

Piano

Cathy Reed

Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson

Weekly Calendar

SUN 11/20	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Thanksgiving Carry-In Hanging of the Greens (Decorating the church for Advent)
SUN 11/27	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
WED 11/30	11:00 AM	Viking Luncheon (All Welcome)
THUR 12/1	9:30AM	Ladies Morning Study **Reading not required Please join us!
SAT 12/3	TBA	Youth Group Christmas Eve Play Casting
SUN 12/4	9:20 AM 10:30 PM Following Worship Service	Sunday School Worship Service – LORD’s Supper Luncheon & Michigan City Messiah
MON 12/5	6:00 PM	Women’s Christmas Eve Choir Practice
WED 12/7	6:00 PM	Family Night

Serving the Lord

	11/20	11/27	12/4
AM Nursery	Alice Lindborg	Lucy Hrivnak	Yon Linborg
Greeters	Phyllis Sederberg	Cherie Lee Yonker	Arlene Lanenga
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign	Up	Sheet
Audio	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Chris Erickson

Announcements

- **Carry-In today:** Join us, even if you didn't bring a dish, we would love to sit down together with grateful hearts. After the meal, many hands make light work, as we set up for advent season.
- **Christmas Eve Women's Choir:** Please sign up the welcome desk if you want to be a part. All ages welcome!
- **Vikking Luncheon:** This month it will take place on Wed., Nov 30 at 11 AM at the Viking Chilli Bowl. All welcome to this time of fellowship.
- **Looking for Room to Rent:** VU Student Kate in area Jan 2023 - Aug 2023. I'm currently reaching out to see if there might be anyone in the church community willing to rent out a room for the duration of the time that I'm here for. Including paying rent, I'm also more than willing to contribute to chores around the house, yardwork, and or music and German lessons for those that need it. I am fluent and have 15+ years of experience playing the piano and composing. In addition, I'm also an experienced pianist and can accompany/ sub for church services if that is needed. I would be more than happy to help! If anyone is interested, they are more than welcome to email me at kate.eisenhutt@valpo.edu.
- **Church directory addendum:** If you are new to Good Shepherd or your contact information has changed, please complete an addendum worksheet/ available in the narthex.
- **Women's Evening Bible Study:** There is an evening Women's Bible Study at the church from 6:30-8:00 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We are studying the book of Acts. For information, contact Karen Carleton or Erin Alderson.