

November 26, 2023

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

**Prelude**

*Holy Spirit* Arr. Bernadine Johnson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

*We Gather Together*

**\*Call to Worship**

Ps. 16:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Psalm 16*

Tune: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Words in Trinity Psalter

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O my God;  
I put my trust in You.  
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord;  
No good have I but You.  
<sup>2</sup> The godly ones on earth,  
Those holy in Your sight,  
<sup>3</sup> The noble and majestic ones,  
Fill me with great delight.

<sup>4</sup> Their sorrows multiply  
Who after idols seek.  
To them I'll no blood off'rings make;  
Their names I'll never speak.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD the portion is  
Of my inheritance.  
He fills my cup, my lot prepares,  
Secures to me His grants.

<sup>6</sup> The lines that fell to me  
Enclose a pleasant site.  
The heritage that I received  
To me is a delight.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD Who guides  
With counsel that is right.  
My heart within me He directs  
To teach me in the night.

<sup>8</sup> I always keep the LORD  
Before me, Him to see.  
Because He is at my right hand  
I never moved shall be.

<sup>9</sup> Thus gladness fills my soul;  
My joy must be expressed  
With my whole being, for my flesh  
Securing finds its rest.

<sup>10</sup> My soul You will not leave  
In death's dark pit to be.  
Corruption You will not permit  
Your Holy One to see.

<sup>11</sup> The path of life You'll show;  
Of joy You hold great store.  
Before Your face, at Your right hand,  
Are pleasures evermore.

## **\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**      Matthew 5:1; 7:24-29      (Pew pg. 812/LP pg. 1014)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 16:7-8

<sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving

*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.

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 16:1-8

(Pew pg. 853/LP pg. 1065)

## **Heidelberg Catechism #26**

### **26. Q. What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?**

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Offering**

*Blessed be the Tie That Binds*

### **\*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**

*Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right*

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Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er He does,  
And follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road;  
He holds me that I shall not fall;  
And so to Him I leave it all,  
And so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path,  
I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He has sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away;  
And patiently I wait His day,  
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true, each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;  
And pain and sorrow shall depart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
Yet I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall;  
And so to Him I leave it all,  
And so to Him I leave it all.

**Sermon** *Patience of Job* James 5:7-12 (Pew pg. 1013/LP pg. 1258)

1. Steadfastness

2. Sovereignty

3. Faith

4. Assessment

Questions:

1. How can we say that Job was steadfast despite his deeming impatience with God and his three friends?
2. In what ways do difficult circumstances serve as fertile soil for God to increase our faith in Him?
3. We are largely unaware of the opposition that faces us as Christians. In what ways can we understand Satan's personal attack against Job as an encouragement rather than a discouragement?
4. How does the revealed will of God give us comfort despite His secret will remaining hidden?

**\*Hymn of Response**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

No. 691  
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**

*Blessed Assurance*

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

**Musician**

Emily Thevenin

**Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew Gretzinger

**Weekly Calendar**

**SUN 11/26**

9:20 AM

**Sunday School**

10:30 AM

**Worship Service**

After Service

**Decorate Church for Advent**  
(Food Provided)



**SAT 12/2**

Details will be sent out

**Youth Christmas Catechism Bowl**

**SUN 12/3**

9:20 AM

**Sunday School**

10:30 AM

**Worship Service – LORD's Supper**

After Service

**Youth Choir Practice**  
(20 mins in the blue room)



## Serving the Lord

	11/26	12/3
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Kathleen Gretzinger & Lorrie Martin	Cassy Erickson & Grace Martin
<b>Greeters</b>	Martha Lietchy	Joan Veenstra
<b>Treats/ Clean Up</b>	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
<b>Audio</b>	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Andrew Gretzinger	Jim Martin
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Jim Martin
<b>Officer on Duty</b>	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson

### Announcements

- **Viking Chili Luncheon:** Due to the holidays, the luncheon will not be held in November and December. However, it will resume like normal on the last Thursday of January 25, 2024.
- **Christmas Cookie Exchange:** Save the date – December 16<sup>th</sup>. More details to come, but this is always a wonderful time in the holiday season we'd love for you to join us!
- **Youth Group:** Please have your students review Westminster shorter catechism questions #1-15 for our catechism bowl on Dec 2. Details will be communicated to parents soon.

High School will have their own Christmas party and dinner on Dec 15 (white elephant included and parents welcome). RSVP for by talking with Cassy.

- **Choir:** The youth group Christmas Choir practices start next week. No singing experience required, all who are interested please join us next Sunday. Just 20 mins in the blue room.
- **Next Hymn Sing:** Save the date- our next hymn sing will be on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> (new year's eve). Hymn request sheet on the welcome desk.