

December 10, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24



Prelude

Mary Did You Know Arr. Snyder

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1-4

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

***Hymn of Praise**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

No. 218

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:7-15

(Pew pg. 150/LP pg. 188)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is the truth; namely, that if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayer before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. But, O Lord, since you commanded us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits—of which there are none—but for the sake of the merits of our Lord, Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in your mercy alone. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray, Amen.

⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 200
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Scripture Reading Luke 1:28-56 (Pew pg. 855/LP pg. 1067)

Heidelberg Catechism #27-28

27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Silent Night by Gruber

***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**

What Child Is This

No. 213

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Sermon

The Promise

Isaiah 59:14-21 (Pew pg. 619/LP pg. 777)

1. The World

2. The Man of God

3. The Promise

Questions:

1. What are the biggest challenges facing the Church today? Explain.
2. In what ways are these challenges the same as they have always been? In what ways are they different?
3. What was going on in Isaiah's day that made him write like this?
4. How do we begin to see the fulfillment of God's promised Kingdom in our day and age?

***Hymn of Response** *Once in Royal David's City* No. 225
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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

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

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

Musician

Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Advent Readers

Dale & Connie Eenigenburg

Weekly Calendar

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| SUN 12/10 | 9:20 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | After Service | Youth Choir Practice (20 mins in the blue room) Adult Choir Practice (20 mins in blue room) |
| | Details in announcements | Shepherding Groups (N & E) |
| WED 12/13 | 1 PM | Senior (PM) Group |
| FRI 12/15 | 6 PM | High School Christmas Party (Dinner Provided – gift exchange and Christmas sweater) |
| SAT 12/16 | 10:30 AM | Cookie Exchange (Brunch Provided) |
| SUN 12/17 | 9:20 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | After Service | Youth Choir Practice (20 mins in the blue room) Adult Choir Practice (20 mins in blue room) |
| | Details in announcements | Shepherding Group (SW) |
| TUES 12/19 | 6PM | Women’s Evening Study |
| THURS 12/21 | 9:30 AM | Women’s Morning Study |
| SUN 12/24 | 6:30 PM | Men’s Study No Sunday School |
| Christmas Eve | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 5 PM | Christmas Eve Service |
| SUN 12/31 | | No Sunday School |
| New Year’s Eve | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 5 PM | Hymn Sing |

Serving the Lord

| | 12/10 | 12/17 | 12/24 | 12/31 | 1/7 |
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| AM Nursery | Robbin Kern & Andrea Tummond | Deanna Curtis & Lorrie Martin | Beth Siderius & Cordie Armstrong | Grace Martin & Robbin Kern | Cassy Erickson & Angela Collins |
| Greeters | Judy Rogers | Connie Eenigenburg | Dar Stam | Martha Lietchy | Robbin Kern |
| Treats/Clean Up | Sign up at desk | Sign up at desk | Sign up at desk | Sign up at desk | Sign up at desk |
| Audio | Ben Armstrong | Josh Alderson | Grayden Lash | Joel Tummond | Ben Armstrong |
| Elder of the Week | Andrew Gretzinger | Yon Lindborg | Jim Martin | Chris Erickson | Yon Lindborg |
| Deacon of the Week | Craig Curtis | Ben Armstrong | Craig Curtis | Ben Armstrong | Craig Curtis |
| Communion Prep | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Yon Lindborg |
| Officer on Duty | Chris Erickson | Craig Curtis | Ben Armstrong | Jim Martin | Chris Erickson |

Announcements

- **Shepherding Groups: Meet TODAY (except SW group)! Details below.**

- ❖ **North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong)**
Sunday Dec 10th after church at Gretzinger house.
- ❖ **South/West (Martin/Curtis)**
Sunday Dec 17th at 4:00pm at the Martin residence.
- ❖ **East (Lindborg/Erickson)**
Sunday Dec 10th at 2:15pm, at Lindborg Home.

- **Christmas Cookie Exchange:** December 16th @ 10:30 am at the church. Brunch provided. Bring as many cookies as you would like to exchange. You can come even if you don't bring cookies! Please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Youth Group:** High School will have their own Christmas party and dinner on Dec 15th @ 6 PM (white elephant included and parents welcome). Please wear a Christmas sweater (ugly or festive)!
- **Choir:** The youth group Christmas Choir practice today. The adult choir will also meet today briefly following the youth practice in the blue room.
- **Next Hymn Sing:** Save the date- our next hymn sing will be on Dec 31st (new year's eve). Hymn request sheet on the welcome desk.
- **Poinsettia Sign up:** If you want to purchase a poinsettia in memorial for Christmas Eve please sign up at the welcome desk and pay by cash or check labeled Poinsettia.