

December 18, 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. 9:1-2

¹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. ² I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Hymn of Praise

Tune: *Joy to the World*

Trinity Psalter
Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650

Psalm 98

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.
George Frederick Handel, 1742
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

D A D G A D

1. ¹O sing a new song to the LORD for won - ders he has done, his
2. ²The great sal - va - tion wrought by him Je - ho - vah has made known. His
3. ³He mind - ful of his grace and truth to Is - rael's house has been. The

right hand and his ho - ly arm the vic - to - ry have won, the
jus - tice in the na - tions' sight the Lord has clear - ly shown, the
great sal - va - tion of our God all ends of earth have seen, all
the vic - to - ry have

A D D A D

vic - to - ry have won, the vict'ry, the vic - to - ry have won.
Lord has clear - ly shown, the Lord, the Lord has clear - ly shown.
ends of earth have seen, all ends, all ends of earth have seen.
won.
the vic - to - ry have won.

4. ⁴O all the earth, sing to the LORD
and make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to him;
sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5. ⁵With harp make music to the LORD;
with harp a psalm O sing!
⁶With horn and trumpet raise a shout
before the LORD, the King.

6. ⁷Let seas in all their vastness roar,
the world, its living horde.
⁸Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
their joy before the LORD!

7. ⁹Because he comes, he surely comes
the judge of earth to be!
With justice he will judge the world
all men with equity.

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:14

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,

We humbly bow before you, casting ourselves upon your mercy and asking you to forgive us of all our sins. Many times and in many ways we have sinned against you this week in thought, word, and deed. Countless times we have not done what you in your law requires us to do, and countless times more we have done what your law forbids us to do. We stand before you this morning weak and helpless, unable to save ourselves and in great need of rescue. We praise you, our Father, for working out our salvation for us in sending Jesus to live in perfect obedience to your law, to die a death we deserved, to be raised again from the dead to secure our salvation, and ascended to your right hand to make continual intercession on our behalf. Continue your sanctifying work in each of our lives that we would love holiness, always seek repentance for our sins, and become more and more like your son, Jesus Christ. It is in his powerful name that we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 9: 5-8

⁵ You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. ⁶ The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished. ⁷ But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, ⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 28:1-16 (Pew pg. 937/LP pg. 1170)

WSC # 45-46

(pg 872 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 45. Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

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

*Hymn of Preparation *Away in a Manger*

No. 204

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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1. The Marvelous Acts of God

2. Our Response

3. The World Responds

Questions:

1. What similarities do you see between Psalm 98 and Mary's magnificat in Luke 1:46-55? Write them out. Do you think that Mary had this Psalm in mind when writing?
2. Psalm titles and headings, although not inspired, are still helpful. Why do you think that Psalm 98's heading is so simple, reading simply, "a psalm"? How does this psalm serve as a guide to our understanding of how we are to approach God in worship?
3. What do the lyre, horn, and trumpet mean in this psalm? Are we being unbiblical by not having these instruments in our regular public worship?
4. How does Jesus' first coming point us to his second coming?

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
and He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

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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
Intercessory Prayer

Cathy Reed
Jim Martin

Weekly Calendar

SUN 12/18	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service After Worship Service Women's Choral Practice
MON 12/19	6:00-7:30 PM	Youth Drama Practice
FRI 12/23	6:00 PM	Dress Rehearsal Both Youth & Women's Choir
SAT 12/24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Youth gather in blue classroom and 4:45 PM)
SUN 12/25	9:30 AM	No Sunday School Worship Service
SUN 1/1	10:30 AM	No Sunday School Worship Service – LORD's Supper
	3:00-8:00 PM	New Year Party @ Gretzinger Home

Serving the Lord

	12/18	12/25	1/1	1/8
AM Nursery	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger	Angela Collins
Greeters	Martha Lietchy	Lash Fam	Lindborg Fam	Phyllis Sederberg
Treats/ Clean Up	welcome	desk		
Audio	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash
Elder of the Week	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon of the Week	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Jim Martin	N/A

Announcements

- **Artificial Poinsettias in the Narthex:** We are clearing out some items from the attic that haven't been used in a while. Please take one or more of the artificial poinsettias that have been placed around the Welcome Center. What is leftover today will be taken to a resale shop tomorrow.

- **No Dec Viking Luncheon:** No Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon this month, stay tuned to emails and announcements to see when it resumes.

- **Women's Choir practice 12/18:** We will run through the song briefly after church. We will do this in the Sunday school classroom that has the piano in it (halfway down the office hallway).

- **Christmas Day Service:** Our Christmas Day worship service will happen at 9:30 AM. Make sure you mark this change of time.

- **Sunday School:** No Sunday School on 12/25 & 1/1.

- **New Year's Party:** Mark your calendars for 1/1 from 3:00-8:00 PM. Details to be announced.

- **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. Please submit these by the end of the calendar year.

- **Email:** Email is the best way to keep in contact about upcoming events and possible winter weather. Please talk to Cassy or email info@goodshepherdpcanet.net to be included.