February 11, 2023

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

Prelude Lord I Need You

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Cornerstone Ps 91:1-4

*Call to Worship

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 92

*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:4-6

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God and Father, we cherish the blessed memory of the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that in his Supper you will so work in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, that with true confidence we might give ourselves up more and more unto him. Empower us to no longer live in our sins, knowing that he lives in us, and we in him. May we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace. May we not doubt that you will forever be our gracious Father, who does not impute the guilt of our sins to us, and who provides us with all that we need for body and soul, as your dear children and heirs. Grant us your grace, that we may take up our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our sins, and in all tribulation look unto Christ who is faithful to nourish and cleanse us with his body and blood, who is true God and true man. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving Psalm 91

Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Words from Trinity Psalter

Who with God Most High finds shelter
 In th' Almighty's shadow hides.
 To the Lord I'll I say, " My Refuge! " In my God my trust abides.
 From the fowler's snare
 He'll save you,
 From the deadly pestilence;
 Cover you with outspread pinions,
 Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth, your shield and buckler;
⁵ You will fear no ill by night,
Nor the shafts and daylight flying,
⁶ Nor disease that shuns the light,
Nor the plague that waste at noonday.

12 In their hands they will uphold you Lest your foot a stone should graze.

You shall trample serpents, lions,
 Tread on all your deadly foes.
 For his love to Me I'll save him,
 Keep him, for My name
 he knows;
 When he calls Me I will answer

When he calls Me I will answer,
Save and honor him will I.
I will show him my salvation,
With long life will satisfy.

At your side ten thousand fall;
 You will only see this judgment
 Which rewards the wicked all.

⁹ You have made the Lord your refuge, God Most High your dwelling-place; ¹⁰ Nothing evil shall befall you; In your tent no scourge you'll face. ¹¹ He will angels charge to keep you, Guard you well and all your ways.

The Heidelberg Catechism Q#43-44

43. Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with Him,so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to Him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.

44. Q. Why is there added: He descended into hell?

A. In my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by His unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which He endured throughout all His sufferings but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

It is Well With My Soul

*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.

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing No. 457

1. Spiritual Posturing?

2. 2 Kinds of Grace

3. Worst to First

Questions:

- 1. How do you know that Paul is not engaging in "Christian blabber" when he calls himself "the foremost sinner" in v. 15? What is he really talking about here and how can we benefit from this in the Church?
- 2. What two types of grace were mentioned in the sermon? How are they similar? Different? And how does it help clarify our speech to know the difference between the two?
- 3. Explain MERCY as a Biblical concept. Can you give some examples of God being merciful in the Bible? What are some practical ways that you can be merciful to your spouse, family members, children, fellow believers, liberals, pagans, NY Yankee fans, weird/awkward kids at school, and Democrats?
- 4. What did the pastor mean when he said that the worst sinners make the best Christians? What is the connection between sin and grace? How does Luke 7:44-49 relate to this?

The Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music: There is a Fountain filled With Blood/When I Survey the Wonderous Cross



He Will Hold Me Fast



*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

More Precious Than Silver

Worship Service

* Congregation: Please stand as able.

Emily Thevenin Musician **Intercessory Prayer** Chris Erickson

Weekly Calendar

SUN 2/11 Sunday School 9:20 10:30 AM **Worship Service** After Service **Audio Team Meeting** (Red Room) Women's Evening Study **TUE 2/13** 5 PM **PM Care Group WED 2/14** 1 PM **Women's Morning Study THUR 2/15** 9:30 AM Sun 2/18 9:20 **Sunday School**

Serving the Lord

10:30 AM

	2/11	2/18
AM Nursery	Cassy Erickson & Grace Martin	Deanna Curtis & Lorrie Martin
Greeters	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Joel Tummond
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson

Announcements

- ➤ Lord's Supper: Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Participation is open to all who are trusting in Christ for salvation, living a life of repentance from sin, and in good standing with a Christian church. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for more information.
- ➤ Sunday School Nursery: SS is in immediate need of nursery volunteers! The Christian Ed Committee hopes for at least 4 volunteers to make a rotation of 1/week through the SS year. Volunteers can talk to Franz or Lorrie.
- ➤ New Members Class: Good Shepherd will be offering our Inquirer's Class starting on Sunday, March 3 @ 9:20 am. This class offers newcomers a closer look at Good Shepherd: who we are, what we believe, and how we do things. Please contact Chris Erickson or Jim Martin for materials and more information.
- > Feb Shepherding Groups

* North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong)

Sunday 2/25 after church.

*South/West (Martin/Curtis)

Talk to Jim if you need details.