

February 14, 2021

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

Offering

Please put tithe in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins.
(Mark on memo line if designating for a specific fund i.e. Deacon's Fund.)

Prelude

Selected Music by PM

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 49:1-2

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, spreading His wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him!

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:1-18

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, do what you must do to work true repentance in our hearts for our sins. We confess that we take our own sin far too lightly, that we are far too casual in our attitudes and thoughts about the sins that we commit daily. You are a God who is all holy, and who cannot have sin in your sight. We throw ourselves upon your great mercy and ask that you not cast us out of your sight, even though we deserve this. We thank you that in your love and mercy that you let our sin fall upon your only son, Jesus, and it was Him that was cast away, and not us. Father, forgive us of our sins, not because of what we have done or not done; forgive us because of what Jesus has done and not done. He fulfilled your Law perfectly on our behalf, all the while without sinning. We thank you for this gift of salvation and ask that you continue to help us sin less and less. For it's in Jesus name that we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 49:5-9

⁵ Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me— ⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? ⁷ No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him— ⁸ the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough— ⁹ that he should live on forever and not see decay.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

No. 108

Whate'er my God ordains is right:

his holy will abideth;

I will be still, whate'er he doth,

and follow where he guideth.

He is my God; though dark my road,

he holds me that I shall not fall:
wherefore 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 hath sent;
his hand can turn my griefs away,
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.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
yet am I 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.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism 6-7

Q6. How many persons are there in the godhead?

A. **There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

Q7. What are the decrees of God?

A. **The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.**

Prayer of Intercession

*Hymn of Preparation

The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head.
 for through Your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of wood. This the
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the
 won through Your self - less love! This the



1,2,3. pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the
 4. pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us. What a



blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 life, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

1. Inheritance...v. 2, 11, Romans 8:14-17; Gal 3:23-29
 - a. Changed legal status
 - b. Abundant wealth...
 - c. Being well adjusted

2. Access...vv. 5-9
 - a. Love
 - i. Intimacy and confidence
 - b. Time...
 - c. Protection

3. Certainty...vv. 12-13
 - a. New identity...no longer a slave, but a son
 - b. The cross
 - c. Confidence

Questions:

1. How often do you pray? Day? Week? Month?
2. What hinders you from praying?
3. A lot of us are hindered by our past. How does knowing God as your father begin to heal past wounds?
4. How certain are you of the effectiveness of your prayers? Does prayer even really work? How does the opening petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father..." give you confidence in prayer

***Hymn of Response**

Fairest Lord Jesus

No. 170

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

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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**

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

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Piano

Intercessory Prayer

Paige Mecyssine

Bruce Hrivnak

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 2/14	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)
MON 2/15	6:30 PM	Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group (Zoom)
WED 2/17	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Meets at Church)
FRI 2/19- SAT 2/20		MTW Missions Conference (Free Online)
SAT 2/20	10:00 AM	Deanna's Baby Shower (Gretzinger Home)
SUN 2/21	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)
	12:15 PM	Schoon Care Group (Schoon Home)

Serving the Lord

	2/14	2/21	2/28	3/7	3/14
AM Nursery	Cordie	Felicia	Ashley	Lorrie	Kathleen
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Gretzinger	Hrivnak	Nelson	Lindborg
Deacon of the Week	Jason	Jim	Matt	Jason	Jim

Announcements

- **Church Leadership Meetings:** The Session meets the first Tuesday of every month and the Deacon's meet the third Tuesday of each month. If ever there are any concerns, questions, or needs, please do not hesitate to contact Yon Lindborg, Clerk of Session (yonedfarm@gmail.com) or Jim Martin, Clerk of the Diaconate (jim@jimandlorrie.com) with these matters, and we will always do our best to address them in a timely and biblical manner.
- **Book Table:** The resources vary and are there for whatever needs you may have. Feel free to take any books you need. If you wish to give a donation to the church in gratitude or to restock for the future please mark it clearly for book table
- **MTW Missions Conference (Virtual): February 19–20, 2021 (Fri eve, Sat – free):** Our world is in upheaval but the work of making disciples of Christ is ever before us. Now more than ever, we witness His hand at work and celebrate the assurance that His story continues. You'll hear stories from around the world, experience workshops that will challenge your views on missions, and catch a glimpse into the future as we anticipate how God will grow His kingdom through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our partners. You can join in virtually from home and listen to the talks that interest you, but you need to register in advance. More info at mtw.org/vmc . See Bruce Hrivnak (219-242-0149) with questions.
- **Biblical Counseling:** Shepherd's Way Biblical Counseling Center of Holland is hosting a conference on Depression on April 16th . In a world of sin and suffering, depression is an ongoing reality. The Coronavirus pandemic has exposed a pandemic of depression within our communities. Come and hear Dr. David Murray offer a word of hope from a biblical perspective. The conference will be in Holland, MI. Registration information will be forthcoming so save the date.