

February 25, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24

**Prelude**

*10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord* Myrin & Redman

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

*Psalm 118*

**\*Call to Worship**

Ps. 57:9-10

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

No. 248

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**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Exodus 20:8-11 (Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Rom. 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**      *Psalm 121A*      Find in New Hymnal (Brown)

**Scripture Reading**      Ecclesiastes 5:1-7      (Pew pg.555/LP pg. 698)

**The Heidelberg Catechism Q#46-47** Find in New Hymnal (Brown) Pg. 872

**46. Q. What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?**

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

**47. Q.. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?**

A. Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

**Offering**

*Seek Ye First*

Arr. Erickson

**\*Doxology**

No. 567

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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**

*Speak , O Lord*

No. 172

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1. Prayer

2. Desires

3. One Mediator

**Questions:**

1. Why is it such a challenge to grow in the area of prayer? What are some things that get in the way of your prayer life?
2. In what ways is a lack of prayer in your life a spiritual problem? What are some tools that the Bible gives us for combatting these spiritual conditions?
3. What does it mean that God desires all people to be saved? What does this tell you about God? How does this verse spur us on towards evangelism?
4. Why is the Gospel so offensive to so many? What does this tell us about our approaches to evangelism and the ways that we give offense to some?



## **Serving the Lord**

	2/25	3/3/24
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Andrea Tummond & Beth Siderius	Cassy Erickson & Kathleen Gretzinger
<b>Greeters</b>	Robbin Kern	Lash Family
<b>Treats/ Clean Up</b>	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
<b>Audio</b>	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Jim Martin
<b>Officer on Duty</b>	Craig Curtis	Yon Lindborg

### **Announcements**

- **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.
- **Child Evangelism Fellowship Showers of Blessing! – CEF 2024 Banquet & Fundraising Event:** There are sponsor sheets on the welcome desk if you wish to help fund the efforts of the chapter or sponsor a table at the event. More details on the insert. Talk to Cathy if you want to know more.
- **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.