

February 4, 2023

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Broken Vessels

Houston & Myrin

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

All Creatures of Our God and King Erickson

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 134:1-3

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 134



New King James Version
3-part canon

Psalm 134
A Song of Ascents.

David R. Erb, 2007

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves. The first three staves are vocal lines, and the fourth is a bass line for guitar accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Be - hold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD! *Lift up your hands in the sanc - tu - ar - y, And bless the LORD. *The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!'. The guitar accompaniment uses the following chords: G, G, D, Em, G/D, C, G/D, D, G.

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:3

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 760)

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.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* No. 253

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

(Pew pg.554/LP pg. 697)

The Nicene Creed

pg. 846 in Trinity Hymnal

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Jesus Thank You

Sczebel

*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 *Before the Throne of God Above*



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
me His glo - rious love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

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

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music	<i>Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed</i>	No. 254
	<i>Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners</i>	No. 498
*Hymn of Response	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	No. 460
*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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 38

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

Musician

Chris Erickson

Musician

Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer

Jim Martin

Weekly Calendar

SUN 2/4	9:20 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service – LORD's Supper Shepherding Groups (Details in Announcement)
WED 2/7	6 PM	Family Night (All Welcome)
THUR 2/8	6:30 PM	Men's Study
SUN 2/11	9:20 10:30 AM After Service	Sunday School Worship Service Audio Team Meeting (Red Room)
TUE 2/13	5 PM	Women's Evening Study
WED 2/14	1 PM	PM Care Group

Serving the Lord

	2/28	2/11
AM Nursery	Kathleen Gretzinger & Robbin Kern	Cassy Erickson & Grace Martin
Greeters	Connie Eenigenburg	Dar Stam
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash
Elder of the Week	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	Chris Erickson	N/A
Officer on Duty	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin

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.
- **Welcome a new baby to our congregation:** The rosebud in the front of the church today is to commemorate the birth of Anna Elizabeth Stagl, born @ 12:16 am on January 28, 2024 to Franz and Kelli Stagl. Little sister to Eli and Grace. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
- **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.
- **Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible Study meets this Thursday @ 6:30pm at the church. We will be studying the Book of Ephesians for 12 weeks. We are also looking to do a few things differently this time around, so if you 've never been before, this is a great time to get involved in our study, prayer time, and fellowship.
- **Feb Family Night:** If you plan to come please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Feb Shepherding Groups**

* **North Group (Gretzinger/Armstrong)**
 Sunday 2/4 After Church at Gretzinger Home.
 ***East (Lindborg/Erickson)**
 Sunday 2/4 After Church (Brown Bag Lunch).
 ***South/West (Martin/Curtis)**
 Details to be announced.