

March 17, 2024

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

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***Call to Worship** Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** *Psalm 118* Find in Hymnal

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law Exodus 20:14 (Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, instead of being quick to listen, we are quick to defend ourselves. Instead of seeking to love others, we demand to be heard by others. We see countless needs all around us and yet we despise serving others in our hearts and are insistent upon being served. Our hearts are far from you and in need of your Spirit's conviction. Convict us in our pride, O Lord, and create in each one of us humble and peacemaking spirits. Convict us in our selfishness, O Lord, and create in each one of us the love of Christ Jesus. For without Him, we are nothing, but in Him, we are everything and have everything. Help us now to use our gifts for Your service and to love those who are unlovely. In Jesus powerful name we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace 2 Chron 30:9

For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery: He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery: Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery: slain by

dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav - en's
per - fect Son of Man. In His liv - ing, in His
Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the
strain Him; Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a

long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has
true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un -
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

come!
man. Look to the Christ who con - de -
fold. Christ the great and sure ful -
hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur -

scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
glor - y: grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!
rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 6:1-6

(Pew pg.556/LP pg. 699)

Heidelberg Catechism Q50-52

pg. 880 Hymnal

Q 50. Why the next words: “and sits at the right hand of God”?

A. Christ ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father governs all things.

Q 51. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and preserves us from all enemies.

Q 52. How does Christ’s return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?

A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Jesus is All The World to Me

***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**

The Church's One Foundation

No. 404

Find in Hymnal

Sermon

1 Tim 3:8-13(Pew pg. 992/LP pg. 1235)

1) Deacons are men who desire to serve

a) Living the Christian life in an exemplary way

b) Modeling tangible, Christian love

2) Deacons hold fast to the truth of the Gospel

a) They meet certain qualifications...

3) Deacons are living examples of Christ's love

a) Command and lead the congregation in service

b) Help the church to demonstrate Christian love

Questions:

1. What are some of the challenges to serving in the Church?
2. A lot of us have a passion for service, but it dries up. What are ways that we can keep and increase a passion to serve?
3. Are there any qualifications for Deacon that surprise you? What are they and why do they surprise you?
4. How do you love those who are closest to you? Why is this such a great challenge?

***Hymn of Response** *O God, to Us Show Mercy*

Insert

***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

Rock of Ages

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

Musician

Cathy Reed

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 3/17	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	After Church	Choir Practice
THUR 3/21	6:30 PM	Men's Study
SUN 3/24	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	After Church	Choir Practice
	5PM	Hymn Sing
TUE 3/26	5PM	Women's Evening Study
THUR 3/28	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Study
	11 AM	Viking Luncheon (All Welcome)
FRI 3/29	6 PM	Good Friday Service
SAT 3/30	10 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
SUN 3/31		No Sunday School
		No Sunrise Service
	10:30 AM	Easter Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24	4/7/24
Nursery During Sunday School	Cassy Erickson	Felicia Armstrong	Connie Eenigenburg	Karen Carleton
Nursery During Service	Beth Siderius & Lorrie Martin	Andrea Tummond & Kathleen Gretzinger	Cordie Armstrong & Grace Martin	Angela Collins & Nora Jones
Greeters	Connie Eenigenburg	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy	Jane Erspamer
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at welcome desk	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Ed Ross	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash	Joel Tummond
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Chris Erickson	Jim Martin
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg
Officer on Duty	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Jim Martin	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Candy Donations:** Please bring individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, Candy collected in blue baskets on welcome desk.
- **Hymn Sing Save the Date:** Next Hymn Sing Sun. March 24 @ 5pm. Request songs on sign-up sheet at welcome desk.
- **Easter**
 - **Choir** – We are in desperate need of male voices. Join us today after the service in the blue room!
 - **Memorial Lilies** - Sign up at the welcome desk.
- **CEF Banquet:** Space is limited so don't wait to reserve your seats. And if you are planning to give there is a \$10,000 matching gift. If you have questions talk to Cathy.