March 19, 2023

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

Prelude Selection by Musician

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Ps. 91:1-2

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

*Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 53

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*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:16

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but I am sinful, miserable, and blind. My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to you; break it, wound it, mold it. Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it and flee from it. Grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, and that to depart from you is to lose all good. I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, yet I daily violate and condemn its precepts. All those sins I mourn, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance. Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving work of Jesus Christ on my behalf. In his great name, I trust. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 91:14-16

¹⁴ "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

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

Psalm 91

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.
⁷ At your side ten thousand fall;

- ⁷ At your side ten thousand fall; ⁸ 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
- 11 He will angels charge to keep you,
 Guard you well and all your ways.
 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,
 Save and honor him will I.

¹⁶ I will show him my salvation, With long life will satisfy.

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-20 (Pew pg. 840/LP pg. 1048)

WSC #77-78

(pg 875 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Selection by Musician

*Doxology No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

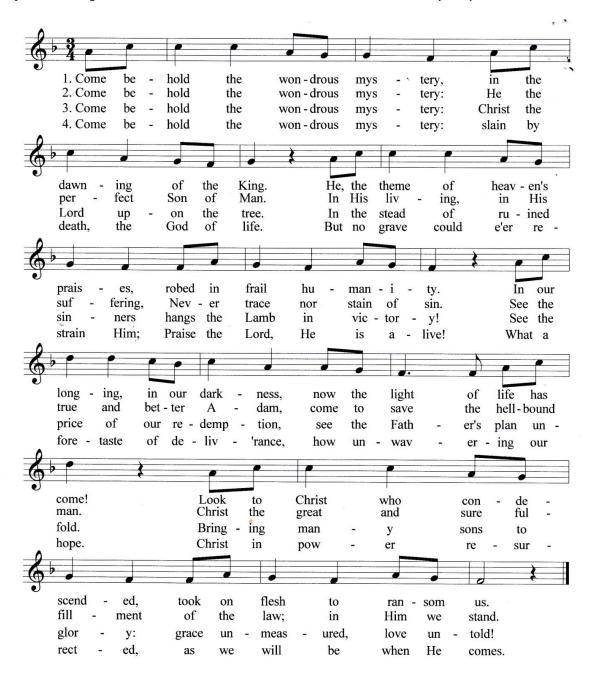
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving



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1. A Poem of Assurance

2. Little Children, Fathers, and Young Men

3. The Common Denominator

Questions:

- 1) What is "assurance of salvation"? Is this something we always experience fully as Christians?
- 2) What assurance does John give the children? Why do we need to be assured of this?
- 3) What assurance does John give the fathers? Why do we need to be assured of this?
- 4) What assurance does John give the young men? Why do we need to be assured of this?

*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. Hymns from $Trinity\ Hymnal$ used by permission of Great Commission Publications.

Selection by Musician **Postlude**

* Congregation: Please stand as able.

Piano Cathy Reed

Piano Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer Bruce Hrivnak

Weekly Calendar

SUN 3/19	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School (Children, Adult, & Inquirers) Worship Service
TUE 3/21	6:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study (Carleton's House)
THUR 3/23	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Acts 21:17-25:12)
SUN 3/26	9:20 AM	Sunday School (Children, Adult, & Inquirers)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	3/19	3/26	4/2
AM Nursery	Megan Jones	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Martha Liechty	Lindborg Fam	Dar Stam
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up	at the	Welcome Desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Bruce Hrivnak	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Chris Erickson

Announcements

- ➤ Youth Group: Due to scheduling conflicts March Madness will be rescheduled, details to be announced.
- **Easter Choir:** LAST DAY TO SIGN UP

We will have a special Easter choir piece on <u>April 9th</u>. Before then, we will have a few practices (starting this week), a mix of weeknights and Sundays after church... you don't have to make every practice. Parts and music will be emailed out. We will be singing "The Day of Resurrection", a hymn, to the Ellacombe tune, in 4 parts. Beginners and experienced singers alike are welcome! Please sign-up at the welcome desk. Ask Chris if you have any questions.

- ➤ **CEF NWI Banquet:** Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is a Bible-centered organization whose purpose is to evangelize children with the Gospel and to establish disciples in the Word and in a local church for Christian living. They are having a banquet on March 30th. Pastor Andrew is the speaker and the meal is paid for. There are plenty of open seats. It is a fundraiser, so RSVP at https://www.cefnwi.org/Events/
- April Annual Congregational Meeting: Scheduled for Wed, April 26 at 6 pm. Members, please save the date.
- Committee Reports Due: Each church committee (Youth, Christian Ed, Hospitality & Fellowship, Missions & Evangelism, Worship, Building & Grounds) should submit an annual report of its activities and plans, to be included in the document for the April Congregational meeting. These are due to the church office by Mon, April 3rd at noon.