

March 23, 2025

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* No. 244

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 249

***Call to Worship** Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

As the mountains around Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous,

for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

Do good, o LORD, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel.

***Hymn of Praise** *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 212

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our gracious heavenly Father, we acknowledge our transgressions. Our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgments. All our righteousness is as filthy rags; we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is none among us who calls upon your name as we should, nor any that stirs himself to take hold of you. Be merciful to us, O Lord. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Turn us from our wayward paths. Search us and try our ways; draw us unto you, and let your lovingkindness and your truth continually preserve us, to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him alone we approach you, for whose sake we would forsake our sins and walk in righteousness. In the blessed name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

Sermon

Acts 10:1-8

(Pew pg. 918/LP pg. 1146)

1. God-fearers
2. Angelic intervention
3. Continued obedience

Questions:

1. What was a God-fearer? What did they believe? What hindered them from being included in the covenant community?
2. Read the description of the cherubim in Ezekiel 10:1-14. Is this something that you would be glad to meet? Why or why not?
3. Why is it so hard for us to change our minds where we think we are right? It takes angelic intervention and a cohort of devout Gentiles to change Peter's heart. Are there areas of your heart that need changing towards certain people? Explain.
4. If our obedience to God does not earn our salvation, then what is the proper motivation for obeying God's commands? Explain your answer.

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

No. 478

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 572

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

Christ for the World We Sing

No. 420

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

Musician AM

Musician PM

Intercessory Prayer

Emily Thevenin

Chris Erickson

Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 3/23

9:20 AM

10:30 AM

5 PM

Sunday School

Worship AM Service

Worship PM Service

THURS 3/27

11 AM

Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon (All Welcome)

SUN 3/30

9:20 AM

10:30 AM

5 PM

Sunday School

Worship AM Service

Worship PM Service

Serving the Lord

	3/23/25	3/30/25	4/6/25
Nursery During Sunday School	Felicia Armstrong	Andrea Tummond	Connie Eenigenburg
Nursery During AM Service	Beth Siderius & Nora Jones	Cordie Armstrong & Neliz Hill-Ortiz	Lily Goodman & Kathleen Gretzinger
Nursery During PM Service	Grace Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger	Grace Martin
Greeters	Jane Erspamer	Lash Family	Judy Rogers
Treats/ Clean	N/A	Sign up at welcome desk	Sign up at welcome desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Elijah Tummond	Joel Tummond
Elder	Yon Lindborg	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin
Deacon	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

***Building and Grounds Committee Meeting:** We would like to meet for a short time after the morning worship service on Sunday, March 30th. This will be focused on discussing projects to add to the list for an upcoming church workday and planning how best to use our time and resources. We will be meeting in one of the available classrooms immediately after the service.

***Church Spring Workday:** While the weather tries to decide which way it is going to turn, we will forge ahead with our belief in the coming of spring. Many of you are likely thinking of your own projects around the house, but the Church could use some aid as well. Please pencil onto your calendars a church workday for Saturday, April 12th 8-noon with a rain date of April 26th.

***Youth Group:** The 1st Friday's will be from 6-7pm and will only be for ages 12+. Location to be determined by Ben Armstrong. 1st Meetup will be April 4th.

***Easter Choir:** Easter Seasonal Choir and also a sign-up sheet in the narthex for it. Practices will be after church every Sunday until our actual performance at the beginning of the service on Easter Sunday.

***Deacon Fund:** As a reminder for planning your giving for the year, the Deacons manage a fund that is used to help those in need in our church. You may make contributions to this fund by adding 'Deacon Fund' to the memo line of your check or labeling an envelope containing cash. A separate fund is also disbursed as support to the Stagl family as Franz completes his final semester at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. You may make contributions to this fund by adding "Stagl Seminary Fund" to the memo line of your check or labeling an envelope containing cash.

***Church Social:** Save the date of Saturday, April 26 on your calendar. There will be a trip to the Valparaiso University Chapel to attend a Sousa Festival concert given by the Valparaiso University Community/Concert Band at 4 pm. More details will be supplied as the date approaches.

EVENING WORSHIP

5:00 p.m.

Prelude 526.....“He Leadeth Me”

Call to Worship

+**Hymn 158**..... “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”
Hymn of the Month

+Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 19

+**Hymn** Psalm 19 B

Prayer of Intercession.....Elder led

Reading of God’s Word..... Joshua 5:1-12

Preaching of God’s Word.....Franz Von Stagl

+**Hymn 415**.....“We Gather Together”

+Benediction

***Doxology** No. 567

Postlude 405“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

+The congregation will stand at these times