

April 6, 2025

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Psalm 19 B

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 212

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join To Sing

No. 379

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:13

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

O Holy Father, often do we approach you with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are far from you. We offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Cleanse us from our manifold sins and grant unto us the mind and heart of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. We praise you that he came and gave his life as a ransom for many. In his glorious name do we come to you this day. 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**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name No. 352

Hymn of the Month

Scripture Reading

1 Sam 20:1-23

(Pew pg. 243/LP pg. 305)

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 249

***Doxology**

No. 567

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**

Psalm 47 A

1. Dealing with Misunderstanding

2. What is a Christian?

3. How God Guides

Questions:

1. What might have happened had Peter NOT gone to the Jerusalem church with his report? How do we sometimes allow misunderstandings fester and cause division in our personal lives and in the life of the church? Explain.
2. What is repentance? What isn't repentance? How can you tell the difference in a person? Explain using Scripture.
3. Why was it so hard for some to accept the Gentiles as part of God's people? What traditions do you have individually or do we have corporately as a church that might impede our spiritual growth?
4. How does God typically guide us? How do we sometimes struggle with things like providence, obedience, and/or conviction?

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus Paid It All

No. 276

***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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

No. 374

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

Musician AM

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson

Weekly Calendar

SUN 4/13

9:20 AM

10:30 AM

Sunday School

Worship AM Service – Palm Sunday

No Worship PM Service

Shepherding Groups Meet

FRI 4/18

6PM

Good Friday Service

SUN 4/20

No Sunday School

No Sunrise Service

10:30 AM

Worship AM Service – Easter Sunday

No Worship PM Service

Announcements

***Church Social:** Saturday, April 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. LAST DAY to sign up at the welcome desk. Talk to Ken or Marianna Erickson for more details.

***Shepherding Groups:**

If you do not have a group and wish to join talk to Andrew or one of the elders to be included.

Gretzinger Group – Talk to Pastor Andrew for details

Lindborg Group – Talk to Yon for details

Martin Group – 4 PM @ Martin House

Erickson Group – 4 PM @ C&C Erickson House

***Congregational Meeting:** The April Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 30th @6:00 pm. Please plan to attend if you are a member. Non-members are welcome to attend, but cannot vote.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive, review, and discuss committee reports, to (re)elect church officers, to discuss the general health and future of our church, and to promote the ministries of the church carried out through committees.

This is a good time to think about how you can serve the body. There will be committee signups at the welcome desk. It is our desire that each member who is able will serve on a committee. There is wisdom to not serve on more than you have time for realistically. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve God and the congregation in the coming year and fill out the form. Sign up whether you were on the committee in the past or new this year.

*** Easter Announcements**

Memorial Lilies - Sign up at the welcome desk.

Good Friday Service – Join us for our Good Friday Service at 6 PM.

***Youth Group:** The next Youth Group will be the last Friday of April since the 3rd Friday is Good Friday. It will be held at the church from 6-8pm on April 25th.