

April 16, 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. 103:11-14

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 103

Tune: Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

¹ Bless the Lord, my soul;
my whole heart

² Ever bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul; forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.

³ Who forgives all thy
transgressions,

Thy diseases all Who heals;

⁴ Who redeems thee from
destruction,

Who with thee so kindly deals.

Who with love and mercy
crowns thee,
⁵ Satisfies thy mouth with good,
So that even like the eagle
Thou art blessed with
youth renewed.

⁶ In His righteousness Jehovah
Will deliver those distressed;
He will execute just judgment
In the cause of all oppressed.

⁷ He made known His ways
to Moses,

And His acts to Isr'el's race;

⁸ Tender, loving is Jehovah
Slow to anger, rich and grace.

⁹ He will not forever chide us
Nor will keep His anger still,

¹⁰ Has not dealt as we offended
Nor requited us our ill.

¹¹ For as high as is the heaven,
Far above the Earth below,
Ever great to them that fear Him
Is the mercy He will show.

¹² Far as east from west is distant
He has put away our sin;

¹³ Like the pity of a father
Has Jehovah's pity been.

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Prayer of Confession

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand?
We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. None of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from you. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 103:8-10

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Nothing but the Blood

No. 307

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Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-44

(Pew pg. 841/LP pg. 1051)

WSC # 85-86

(pg 875 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 85. What doth God require of us that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

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**

***Hymn of Preparation** *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Verse 1 What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2 The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3 No fate I dread I know I am forgiven

The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Sermon

1 John 3:11-24

(Pew pg. 1022/LP pg. 1268)

1. Law is Love

- a. Cain

- b. Do not be surprised (v. 13)

2. Love Gives

- a. Laying down our lives...what does that mean, what does that look like?

- b. Deed and truth (v. 18)

3. Heart Knowledge

- a. God knows everything (v. 20)

- b. Keeping God's commandments (v. 24)

Questions:

1. How does the Law of God show us God's great love for us? How does it show us how we are to love God and our neighbors?
2. Why are we so reluctant to give to others? How can we become less reluctant in our giving?
3. How does your heart accuse you? What must you remember when it does?

***Hymn of Response**

Amazing Grace!

No. 460

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***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

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

Intercessory Prayer

Piano

Andrew Gretzinger

Emily Thevenin

Weekly Calendar

SUN 4/16	9:20 AM	Sunday School (Children, Adult, & Inquirers)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
TUES 4/18	6:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study (Carleton's House)
THURS 4/20	9:30 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Conclusion)
SUN 4/23	9:20 AM	Sunday School (Children, Adult, & Inquirers)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	4/16	4/23	4/30	5/7	5/14
AM Nursery	Megan Jones	Alice Lindborg	Megan Jones	Megan Jones	Lucy Hrivnak
Greeters	Arlene Langeega	Phyllis Sederberg	Lash Fam	Lindborg Fam	Dar Stam
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at	Welcome	Desk	to help	with treats
Audio	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jim Martin	N/A

Announcements

- **Upcoming Congregational Meeting Details:** There is a packet of reports on the welcome desk if you want to look over it in advance.

If you need a ride for the meeting please email or call the church, we don't want anyone to miss out.

Members of all ages are strongly encouraged to attend. Non-members are welcome to come as well, but will not be able to vote.