

April 21, 2024

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

No. 375

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

No. 501

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 9:7-11

But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 110A

Trinity Psalter Hymnal

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Neh. 8:1-12

(Pew pg. 403/LP pg. 503)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have not loved you as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; and failed to honor your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed to preserve life; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of your great and all-powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Rev. 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

It Is Well with My Soul

No. 476

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 7:25-29 (Pew pg.557/LP pg. 700)

Heidelberg Catechism Q62-64

pg. 882

62. Q. Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

A. Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are all imperfect and stained with sin.

63. Q. How can our good works be said to merit nothing when God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

A. This reward is not merited; it is a gift of grace.

64. Q. But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

A. No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

***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

How Deep the Father's Love for us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,
2. Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
a - shamed, I hear my mocking voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,



as wounds, which mar the Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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1. Family dynamics in general

2. Family dynamics specifically

3. Church dynamics

Questions:

1. Why are family relationships influenced by age? How does the 5th Commandment, 'honor your father and mother', factor into this passage? Explain.
2. Can you think of other Bible verses that relate to widows and deal specifically with them and their care? Why is the Bible so concerned with the care of widows?
3. How does vv. 5-6 show us the lifelong pursuit of Christian discipleship?
4. What sins are older people especially susceptible to falling into? How can we begin to guard ourselves against these sins and temptations right now?

***Hymn of Response**

Trust & Obey

Insert

***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

Take My Life, Let It Be

No. 538

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

Musician

Cathy Reed

Musician

Beth Siderius

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 4/21

9:20 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Worship Service

After Church

MS/HS Bible Study

TUE 4/23

5PM

Women's Evening Study

WED 4/24

6PM

Congregational Meeting

THUR 4/25

9:30 AM

Women's Morning Study

11AM

Viking Luncheon

6:30 PM

Men's Study

SUN 4/28

9:20 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	4/21/24	4/28/24
Nursery During Sunday School	Cassy Erickson	Marianna Erickson
Nursery During Service	Andrea Tummond & Cordie Armstong	Cassy Erickson & Nora Jones
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Robbin Kern
Treats/ Clean	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Ed Ross
Elder	Yon Lindborg	Jim Martin
Deacon	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Ben Armstrong	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting:** This Wednesday @ 6PM. Packet on welcome desk.
- **Save the Date:** The Spring Church Work Day has been proposed for May 4th. The Building and Grounds committee appreciates the extra help. Please plan to volunteer. Email Craig if you plan to attend.
- **Calling all Actors/Actresses Want-to-bes:** If you are free on June 24-28 to be part of the VBS Jungle Themed Skit please sign up at the welcome desk. We need both men and women, all ages welcome. Have questions- talk to Cassy!

