

April 24, 2022

*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**

Psalm 7:17

¹⁷ I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Christians Join to Sing

No. 302

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Matthew 5:21-26

(Pew pg. 810/LP pg. 1011)

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps 7:10-12

¹⁰ My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. ¹¹ God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. ¹² If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow;

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Grace

(Song Sheet available at welcome desk)

Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Verse 2

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

Chorus

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 3

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner **Chorus**

Verse 4

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour **Chorus x2**

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Scripture Reading

Acts 8:1-25

(Pew pg. 916/LP pg. 1143)

Heidelberg Catechism (HC) 3-5

3.Q. From where do you know your sins and misery?

A. From the law of God.

4. Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

5. Q. Can you keep all this perfectly?

A. No, I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbour.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Amazing Grace Performed by Liam Gretzinger

*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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 457

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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Sermon

Esther 8:3-9:1

(Pew pg. 414/LP pg. 518)

Notes:

***Hymn of Response**

Psalm 23

Insert

***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

Selection by Musician

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

Piano/Organ/Guitar

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer/Guest Preacher

Patrick Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 4/24	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:45 AM	Directory Photos (Last Chance)
WED 4/27	6:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
THURS 4/28	11:00 AM	Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon (All Welcome)
SUN 5/1	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 5/4	6:00 PM	Family Night

Serving the Lord

	4/24	5/1	5/8	5/15
AM Nursery	Lucy Hrivnak	Felicia Armstrong	Deanna Curtis	Yon Lindborg
Greeters	Cherie Lee Yonker	Arlene Lanenga	Lucy Hrivnak	Dar Stam
Treats/ Clean Up	<i>Sign up</i>	<i>at the</i>	<i>welcome</i>	<i>desk</i>
Audio	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Jim Martin	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Patrick Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Bruce Hrivnak	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon of the Week	Jim Martin	Jason Lash	Jim Martin	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	N/A	Yon Lindborg	N/A	N/A

Announcements

- **Congregational meeting April 27:** All members, please plan to attend this important annual meeting in the life of our church. We will use the time to review various ministries of our church and to elect church officers. Booklets are on the Welcome Desk. This is a great opportunity for our younger communicant members to further participate in the life of the congregation. Please contact Jim Martin or Bruce Hrivnak if you would like a ride to this important meeting.
- **Farewell Card:** Our pianist, Paige, has an exciting job opportunity in another city and will be relocating in May. We want to thank her for the giving of her talents to our worship services. There is a card out on the welcome desk that we invite you to sign that will be given to her on her last Sunday, which will be next week, May 1st.
- **Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon:** Thurs April 28, there will be a luncheon at Viking Chili Bowl all welcome!
- **Family Night:** Wednesday May 4, we will be gathering for family night- food, fellowship, psalm singing, and prayer. Please sign up at the welcome desk if you plan to attend. All ages welcome!
- **Pianist Needed:** If you know of anybody who might be interested please let us know by emailing us at info@goodshepherdpcanet.net.