

April 6, 2025

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 222

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *How Great Thou Art* No. 227

***Call to Worship** Ps. 126

When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.

Those are sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,

will return the songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

***Hymn of Praise** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 216

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:12

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, We confess to you this morning that we were born with corrupt hearts that are obsessed with sin. This original sin is the seed of all other sins, and has depraved and poisoned all the faculties and powers of soul and body, and defiles even our best thoughts and actions. We are guilty before you and fully deserving of your wrath and damnation. But we do not claim our own righteousness, but the righteousness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, our Father, because of your great love and mercy that You have shown for in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Only Son, Jesus Christ, and restore to each one of us here the joy of your salvation. Renew in us O Lord a right spirit that is fully fixed upon the Lord Jesus Christ and enable us to serve you with greater love, stronger devotion, and a passion that surpasses all understanding. In Jesus' powerful name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Col. 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name No. 352

Hymn of the Month

Scripture Reading

1 Sam 19:18-24

(Pew pg. 242/LP pg. 305)

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 291

***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** *In Christ Alone* No. 265

1. Explanation is Necessary for Understanding

2. Understanding is Needed for Growth

3. Growth is Essential for Community

Questions:

1. What did the pastor mean when he said that, “Divine revelation is not enough”? Explain.
2. Three groups of people were mentioned in the sermon today: doctrinalists, pietists, and culturalists. How are they similar? Different?
3. Why does Peter preach a sermon to those gathered in Cornelius’ house? What is the difference between preaching and lecturing? Explain
4. How can you continue to grow in your knowledge of, commitment to, and walk with Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music

Rock of Ages

No. 452

Just As I Am

No. 453

***Hymn of Response**

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

No. 439

***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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 429

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

Musician AM

Emily Thevenin

Musician PM

Cathy Reed

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 4/6	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 5 PM	Sunday School Worship AM Service – LORD’s Supper Worship PM Service
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WED 4/9	1 PM	PM Care Group
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SUN 4/13	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship AM Service – Palm Sunday No Worship PM Service Shepherding Groups Meet
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Songs for Next Week

Psalm 47 A

<i>Man of Sorrows</i>	No. 352
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<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	No. 276
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Serving the Lord

	4/6/25	4/13/25	4/20/25
Nursery During Sunday School	Connie Eenigenburg	Calla Bailey	Felicia Armstrong
Nursery During AM Service	Lily Goodman & Karen Carleton	Lorrie Martin & Cordie Armstrong	Andrea Tummond & Grace Martin
Nursery During PM Service	Grace Martin	N/A	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Robbin Kern	Connie Eenigenburg
Treats/ Clean	Sign up at welcome desk	Sign up at welcome desk	Sign up at welcome desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ed Ross	Ben Armstrong
Elder	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg
Deacon	Jason Lash	Ken Erickson	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	Yon Lindborg	N/A	N/A

Announcements

***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.

***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.

***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.

EVENING WORSHIP

5:00 p.m.

Prelude 350.....“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Call to Worship

+Hymn 520..... “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

+Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 21

+Hymn Psalm 21 B

Prayer of Intercession.....Elder led

Reading of God’s Word..... Joshua 7

Preaching of God’s Word.....Andrew Gretzinger

+HymnPsalm 51 C

+Benediction

***Doxology**..... No. 567

Postlude 438.....“I Love to Tell the Story”

+The congregation will stand at these times