May 1, 2022

This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

*Hymn of PraiseHow Firm a FoundationHow firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!What more can He say than to you He has said,to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; Selection by Musician

No. 94

Psalm 22:25-26

the flame shall not hurt you: I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to His foes; the soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Reading of the Law

Matthew 5:27-32

(Pew pg. 810/LP pg. 1011)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come to you today as people who would rather govern our own lives than submit to your rule and shepherding. Instead of bowing down in reverence, full of awe and wonder that you, the almighty King and creator of the universe should stoop so low to love and care for us, we often treat you as a servant who should do our bidding and meet all our desires. Instead of honoring the wonderful and merciful Father that you are to us, we run from your goodness and love toward the false and dangerous hopes of our desires and idolatries. Our inability to discipline our wandering ways results in incredible brokenness in our lives and relationships: our families, friends, and coworkers have often become the recipients as well as the source of our sin and pain. Forgive us of all these sins, all our foolishness, and all our rebellion against your holy name. Wash us clean by the blood of your victorious Son, Jesus Christ. In whose name we now pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 22:27-28

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving	Psalm 22	Insert
Scripture Reading	Acts 8:26-40	(Pew pg. 917/LP pg. 1144)
The Apostles' Creed		(pg 845 in Trinity Hymnal)
Prayer of Intercession Offering		Selection by Musician
* Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		No. 731

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above



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1. The Mountain of the LORD (4:1-5)

2. The Kingdom Comes (4:6-8)

3. Now and Then (4:9-5:1)

Questions:

- 1. What does the phrase "latter days" refer to in the Bible? How has it been misunderstood historically?
- 2. What does the temple ultimately represent to God's people? Has it always reperesented this to God's people? Even in the OT?
- 3. How does the concept of God's Kingdom fit in to your theology? Is the Kingdom of God something that is past, present, future, all of the above, none of the above? Explain.
- 4. What is the cost of victory in battle? What is the cost of victory over your sins? How does this sustain you in your day to day struggles?

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: Selections from the Hymnal

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*Hymn of Response Jesus Paid It All

No. 308

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small, child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me, your all in all."

REFRAIN: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. **REFRAIN**

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim--I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. **REFRAIN**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. **REFRAIN** Hymns from *Trinity Hymnal* used by permission of Great Commission Publications.

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

Postlude

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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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Selection by Musician

* Congregation: Please stand as able.

Piano Intercessory Prayer Paige Mecyssine Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 5/1	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 5/4	6:00 PM	Family Night
FRI 5/6	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Youth Group
SUN 5/8	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
SUN 5/15	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	TBD	New Officer Ordination

Serving the Lord

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

Announcements

- Lord's Supper: Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Participation is open to all who are trusting in Christ for salvation, living a life of repentance from sin, and in good standing with a Christian church. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for more information.
- Officer Election Results: New Officer Elections were held at the Congregational Meeting Wednesday night. By overwhelming majority - Yon Lindborg was elected to his second term as elder. While Jim Martin and Chris Erickson were elected to their first. The Deaconate also received two new members - Ben Armstrong and Craig Curtis. There will be a special time to welcome them on May 15. Details to be announced.
- ➤ Youth Group : Save the date May 6th! Time is 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Dinner is included. There will be a lesson and game time.
- 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 <u>info@goodshepherdpca.net</u>.