

May 14, 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**

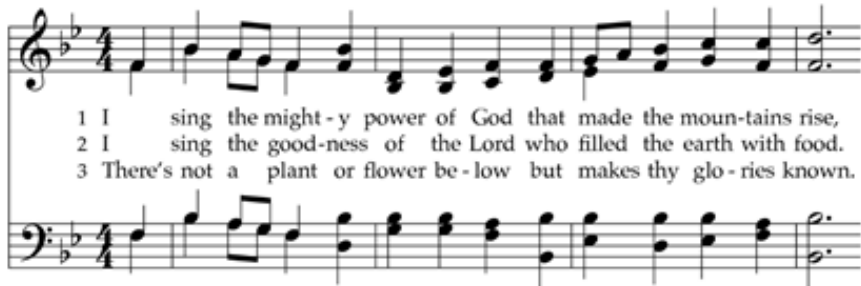
Psalm 16:8-11

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

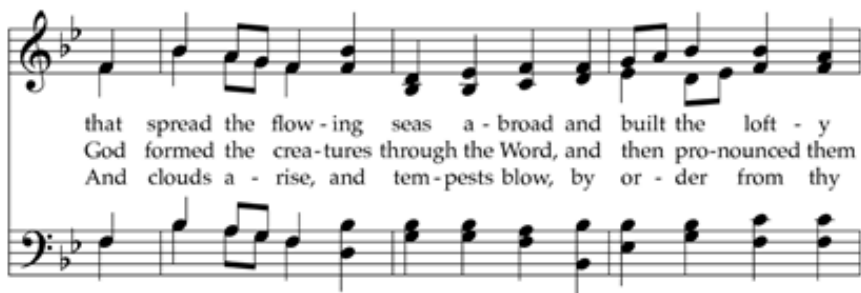
\*Hymn of Praise

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

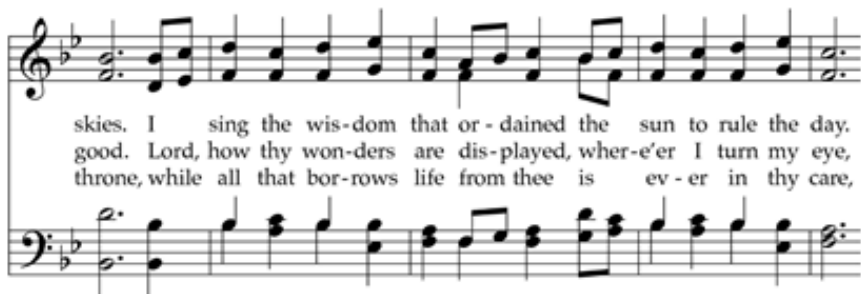
# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



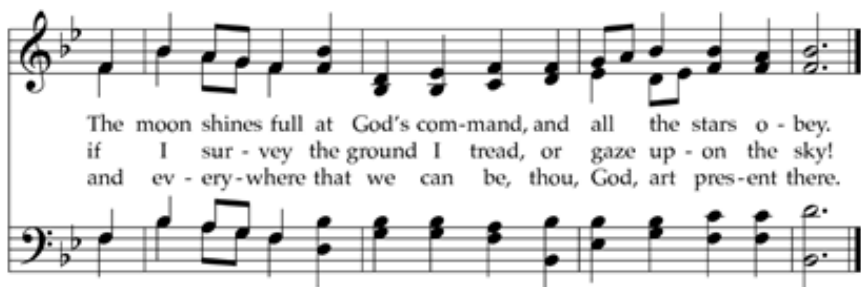
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn

## **\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Nehemiah 9:16-25

(Pew pg. 405/LP pg. 505)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature: prone to evil, slothful in good. From that nature has come a multitude of shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us because we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. In His blessed name we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 16:4-7

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

## **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

No. 30

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## **Scripture Reading**

Mark 8:1-10

(Pew pg. 843/LP pg. 1053)

**Q. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?**

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

**Q. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?**

A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

**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**

*Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your  
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes, in the  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

## Sermon

1 John 5:13-21

(Pew pg. 1023/LP pg. 1269)

1. Prayer
  - A. Prayer as communion with God
  - B. Prayer for others above ourselves
  - C. What is the sin that leads to death?
  
2. Protection
  - A. Who is “he who was born of God”?
  - B. ...from disobedience and sin.
  - C. ...the evil one.
  
3. Promise
  - A. from the true God.
  - B. of eternal life.
  - C. Idols...what they are NOT, and what they are...

### Questions:

1. What is prayer? How often do you pray? How can you improve your prayer life?
2. How does Christ protect his people? What does Christ protect you from?
3. On what does our salvation rest upon? Why can your salvation never fail?
4. What does it mean to say that, ‘all idolatry is sin, but not all sin is idolatry’?

**\*Hymn of Response**    *Psalm 16* Tune: *Not What My Hands Have Done/ Leominster* Words from Trinity Psalter

On Next Page (Large Print available at Welcome Desk)

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O my God;

I put my trust in You.

LORD, I confess, You are my Lord;

No good have I but You.

<sup>2</sup> The godly ones on earth,

Those holy in Your sight,

<sup>3</sup> The noble and majestic ones,

Fill me with great delight.

<sup>4</sup> Their sorrows multiply

Who after idols seek.

To them I'll no blood offerings make;

Their names I'll never speak.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD the portion is

Of my inheritance.

He fills my cup, my lot prepares,

Secures to me His grants.

<sup>6</sup> The lines that fell to me

Enclose a pleasant site.

The heritage that I received

To me is a delight.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD Who guides

With counsel that is right.

My heart within me He directs

To teach me in the night.

<sup>8</sup> I always keep the LORD

Before me, Him to see.

Because He is at my right hand

I never moved shall be.

<sup>9</sup> Thus gladness fills my soul;

My joy must be expressed

With my whole being, for my flesh

Securing finds its rest.

<sup>10</sup> My soul You will not leave

In death's dark pit to be.

Corruption You will not permit

Your Holy One to see.

<sup>11</sup> The path of life You'll show;

Of joy You hold great store.

Before Your face, at Your right hand,

Are pleasures evermore.

**\*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**  
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**Intercessory Prayer**

Cathy Reed  
Grayden Lash  
Yon Lindborg

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>SUN 5/14</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> (Children & Adult)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	Following the service	<b>VBS Meeting</b>
<b>TUE 5/16</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Women's Evening Bible Study</b> (Carleton's House)
<b>SAT 5/20</b>	Details TBA	<b>Missions Conference</b>
<b>SUN 5/21</b>		<b>Missions Conference</b>
	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> (Last Sunday School – Mission Focus)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>FRI 5/26</b>	6-7:30	<b>Youth Group Amazing Race Event</b>
<b>SUN 5/28</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> (Children & Adult)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>MON 5/29</b>	11:00	<b>Carleton Memorial Service</b> (All Welcome)



## Serving the Lord

	5/14	5/21	5/28
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Lucy Hrivnak	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger
<b>Greeters</b>	Dar Stam	Martha Lietchy	Hrivnak Fam
<b>Treats/ Clean Up</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Audio</b>	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Announcements

**\*Committee sign-up LAST DAY:** We encourage members and non-members alike to sign up for a committee (be careful not to over commit yourself, doing everything is impossible). If you were on the committee in the past please re-sign up. Today is the last day for sign ups.

**\*VBS Meeting TODAY:** VBS is coming up in June. Those interested in helping please stay after the service for a short meeting.

**\*GSPC Mission Conference,** May 20-21 (see details in bulletin insert)

Main speaker will be the Rev. Tom Nachtergaele, career missionary in Belgium

Saturday: 8:30 am – noon; 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 – 11:30 am; 5:00 – 7:30 pm

This promises to be a wonderful time of hearing about what God is doing around the world, learning how we can support missions, and worshipping the God of salvation. We urge you all to attend whatever sessions you are able.

**\*Stagl Family Prayer & Financial Support:** Franz and Kelli Stagl are communing members of Good Shepherd and their children, Elijah and Grace are non-communing members. Franz has just completed his first year of seminary training at Mid-America Reformed Seminary and is beginning a pastoral internship with the leadership at GSPC. We would ask that you continue to pray for them in their training and if you feel led to financially support them in any amount, that you designate your gifts to the Stagl Seminary Fund. The Stagl's are yet another way that we are seeing God's blessing at GSPC as the Lord raises up this next generation of Godly men to serve, lead, and build His Church. Thank you for your support in this most worthwhile endeavor.

**\* Church Work Day:** The Building & Grounds Committee has scheduled a Church Work Day for Saturday, May 27th from 8am until Noon. Several projects are being scheduled, including but not limited to, mulching the playground and grounds, painting, window washing, carpet cleaning, tree trimming, playground maintenance, and many more. So wear your 'grubbies', bring a step ladder and bucket if you have them, and maybe a shovel or two. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office (info@goodshepherdpc.net) or John Campbell (johnsgto70@gmail.com). Suggestion would be to bring a small step ladder, window washing rags and cleaner, shovel, steel rake, gloves, and a mindset that this is called FUN.

**\*Hospitality Need:** MA one of our missionaries coming for the Conference needs a place to stay on Friday, 5/19. If anyone has a spare room they'd be willing to offer her, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bruce Hrivnak (bruce.hrivnak@valpo.edu) or the Church Office (info@goodshepherdpc.net) at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

**\*Summer Family Event:** Save the date! Good Shepherd youth group family picnic and kayaking trip to New Buffalo Beach on June Saturday June 17th, 2023 . Pack your own lunch, and join us for an adventure. Please Sign-up at the welcome desk.

**\* Background checks-** Anyone involved with children's ministry (Sunday School, Youth Group, VBS, etc) needs to get a background check from Cassy (hard and e-copies available) due by June 4th.

**\* Memorial Service for Carleton family:** The memorial service for Karen's Mom will be at church on Memorial Day at 11:00. The whole church family is invited to attend. She would appreciate it so much if as many who can make the time to do so would come.