

May 2, 2021

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

**Prelude**

*I Need Thee Every Hour  
I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Arr. Vandall  
Arr. Bober

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 61:1-4

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

No. 353

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God: her walls before Thee stand,  
dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, Thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,  
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

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## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 20:12-21**

### **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.

(Taken from John Calvin's liturgy, Geneva, Switzerland, 1542)

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

**Psalm 61:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. <sup>6</sup> Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations. <sup>7</sup> May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him. <sup>8</sup> Then will I ever sing praise to your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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## **WCF 8.4**

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

## Offering

*Selection by CE*

### \*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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### \*Hymn of Preparation

*We Gather Together*

No. 363

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known:  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side:\_ all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:  
Thy name be ever prais'd!\_ O Lord, make us free!

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## Sermon

## Vigilance

Luke 12:35-48

1. The High Calling of Church Leadership
2. The High Calling of Church Membership
3. Living Your Life

### Questions:

1. What is required of leadership in the church? What do 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and 1 Peter say are the qualifications?
2. Can anyone formally lead in the church? Why or why not?
3. How does living life in expectation of Christ's second coming effect how we live?

## The Lord's Supper

*Sursum Corda*

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Music : Selections from Hymnal

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**\*Hymn of Response**

*How Deep the Father's Love*

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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**\*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**

*O Church Arise*

Arr. Getty & Townsend

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

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Piano/Guitar  
 Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson  
 Yon Lindborg

## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 5/2</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises &amp; Sunday School</b> (New Members & Kingdom of God)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
	12:30 PM	<b>Youth Group</b> (Gretzinger House)
<b>WED 5/5</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Women's Morning Bible Study</b>
<b>SUN 5/9</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises &amp; Sunday School</b> (New Members & Kingdom of God)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service – Lord's Supper</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
<b>MON 5/10</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group</b>
<b>TUE 5/11</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Senior Care Group</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>WED 5/5</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Women's Morning Bible Study</b>

### Serving the Lord

	5/2	5/9	5/16	5/23	5/30	6/6
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Felicia	Cordie	Yon	Ashley	Lorrie	Felicia
<b>Greeters</b>	Matt, Ash, Kyah	Alice	Phyllis	Dar	Martha	Lash Fam
<b>Treats</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Serve/Cleanup</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Audio</b>	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Hrivnak	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Jason	Matt	Jim	Jason	Matt	Jim
<b>Communion Prep</b>	5/2 Hrivnak	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/6 Yon

## Announcements

- **By The Hand Celebration, May 20:** GSPC will host a gathering for the By The Hand Club for Kids Virtual Celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry to youth in inner-city Chicago. Join us in celebrating this uplifting Christian ministry. Live streaming 7-8 pm, preceded by dinner at the church building, beginning 6 pm. A meal will be provided; please sign up today or next Sunday on the sheet on the welcome desk so we can have an accurate count. Contact Lucy or Bruce Hrivnak with questions (219-628-1854).
- **Missionary Visit May 16:** Kersten Kazen will be visiting Good Shepherd to share about the ministry that God is leading her to do in London, England. Kersten lives in the Chicago area and has worked in many aspects of crisis pregnancy ministry, presently serving as director of a center. She has been approved by MTW to work with the International Presbyterian Church congregation in West London, an area which has a large immigrant population. There she would direct their crisis pregnancy center and lead their women's and children's ministry. She will speak to the GSPC adult Sunday school classes.
- **Mother's Day:** Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Don't forget to honor you parents.