

July 14, 2024

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 216

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:8-11

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 Cor. 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Hymn of ThanksgivingI Lay My Sins on Jesus*

No. 454

Scripture Reading

1 Sam. 2:12-26

(Pew pg. 226/LP pg. 284)

Heidelberg Catechism Q83-85

pg. 886

83. Q. What are the keys of the kingdom?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both of them open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

84. Q. How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

A. According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of Christ's merit, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

85. Q. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ: Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and who, after repeated personal and loving admonitions, refuse to abandon their errors and evil ways, and who, after being reported to the church, that is, to those ordained by the church for that purpose, fail to respond also to the church's admonitions—such persons the church excludes from the Christian community by withholding the sacraments from them, and God also excludes them from the kingdom of Christ. Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church.

Prayer of Intercession

Questions:

1. What's more important about our views of the end times, our preparedness or our ability to know the smaller details? What are some ways you have seen folks majoring in minors when it comes to end times? Why is this unhelpful?
2. In what ways do we see Jesus' absolute authority in this passage? Explain.
3. Why do true believers, who are forgiven of all their sins, still have to stand in judgment?
4. On what basis are the righteous to be judged? The unrighteous?

***Hymn of Response**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

No. 230

***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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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

Musician

Intercessory Prayer

Cathy Reed

Jim Martin

Weekly Calendar

SUN 7/14

10:30 AM

Worship Service

SUN 7/21

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	7/14/24	7/21/24
Nursery During Sunday School	N/A	N/A
Nursery During Service	Deanna Curtis & Angela Collins	Robbin Kern & Andrea Tummond
Greeters	Robbin Kern	Phyllis Sederberg
Treats/ Clean	N/A	Sign up at desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Ed Ross
Elder	Jim Martin	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong

Announcements

- **Martin Shepherding Group:** July Meeting Cancelled.
- **Treats & Refreshments:** Although Sunday School is over for the summer, we would like to continue the refreshments before the service. The sign-up sheet is back on the welcome desk.
- **Missions Summer Reading Program:** Books will be on a cart in the narthex and include reading at three levels: (1) elementary, (2) middle school, and (3) young adult/adult. Also available will be a booklet in which to record your book title/name of missionary and something that you learned from the book. We will aim to have the ice cream social before school starts in the fall to share what we have read. Questions? - Please see Holly Savage.
- **Save the Date:** Next Family Night Aug 14th. Sign-up sheet on the welcome desk.