

July 24, 2022

*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**

Ps. 108:1-4

¹ My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! ² Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! ³ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. ⁴ For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

*Hymn of Praise

Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
me His glo - rious love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Psalm 119:65-72

(Pew pg. 513/LP pg. 644)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to grow in grace and to put off the sin that so easily ensnares us. We praise you that Jesus Christ came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance, and had the power on earth to forgive sin; that he came to save his people from their sins. Help us in our repentance and soften our hearts still, that we might decrease, but Christ might increase. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 108:12-13

¹² Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! ¹³ With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 103

Tune: Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

1 Bless the Lord, my soul;
my whole heart
2 Ever bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul; forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.
3 Who forgives all thy
transgressions,
Thy diseases all Who heals;
4 Who redeems thee from
destruction,
Who with thee so kindly deals.

Who with love and mercy crowns thee,
5 Satisfies thy mouth with good,
so that even like the eagle
thou art blessed with youth renewed.
6 In His righteousness Jehovah
Will deliver those distressed;
He will execute just judgment
In the cause of all oppressed.

7 He made known His ways
to Moses,
And his acts to Isr'el's race;
8 Tender, loving is Jehovah
Slow to anger, rich and grace.
9 He will not forever chide us
Nor will keep his anger still,
10 Has not dealt as we offended
Nor requited us our ill.

11 For as high as is the heaven,
Far above the Earth below,
Ever great to them that fear Him
Is the mercy He will show.
12 Far as east from west is distant
He has put away our sin;
13 Like the pity of a father
Has Jehovah's pity been.

Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-35 (Pew pg. 923/LP pg. 1153)

WSC # 6-9

(pg 849 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 6. How many persons are there in the godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

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

How 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;
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.”

1. Marriage by Design

2. Marriage After the Fall

3. Marriage Restored

Questions:

1. Marriage is a public institution. Explain the significance of this in today's world.
2. What is the end goal of marriage? How do we know?
3. What does the pastor mean when he says that marriage is work? How do you work at your marriage?
4. How does understanding the creation days of Genesis 1-2 as non-literal effect our understanding of marriage?

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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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

Selection by Musician

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

**Piano
Intercessory Prayer**

Emily Thevenin
Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

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| SUN 7/24 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service VBS Prep Church VBS Skit Dress Rehearsal |
| TUE 7/26 | 1:00 PM | Senior Bible Study |
| THUR 7/28 | 11:00 AM | Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon (All Welcome) |
| MON 25- FRI 29 | 6 PM | VBS Week |
| SUN 7/31 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service Budget Update Meeting |

Serving the Lord

| | 7/24 | 7/31 | 8/7 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| AM Nursery | Jenni Gretzinger | Kathleen Gretzinger | Deanna Curtis |
| Greeters | Lash Family | Dar Stam | Hrivnak Family |
| Treats/ Clean Up | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Audio | Josh Alderson | Grayden Lash | Ben Armstrong |
| Elder of the Week | Andrew Gretzinger | Chris Erickson | Jim Martin |
| Deacon of the Week | Craig Curtis | Ben Armstrong | Jason Lash |
| Communion Prep | N/A | N/A | Jim Martin |

Announcements

- **Budget Update Meeting :** Mark your calendar for Sunday July 31. After church there will be a congregational meeting about our updated budget.
- **Friendship Families:** Friendship Families (FF) is a ministry of several local churches in which families and individuals are matched with an incoming international student at Valparaiso University. You can invite the student you're matched with over for a meal, to play a game, etc. There are also FF group activities. This is a great way to show the love of Christ to students from all over the world! Consider being a part of this ministry! Several families in the church have done this in past years. If interested or if not sure, consider attending an information meeting on Sun., July 31 after church to find out more about the program. See Bruce or Lucy Hrivnak if you are interested or have questions.
- **Senior Bible Study:** Scheduled for Tues July 26 @ 1pm. The study will meet at church and go over Revelation 2.
- **Service Project in Black Oak:** On Saturday, August 6, we will be participating in a work project at the Old Firehouse Community Center in the Black Oak section of Gary. This is a ministry that we have supported for many years and have done some projects there in the past. Plans are to leave from the church at 8 am and return ~4 pm. More details will be forthcoming. Adults and youth 12 and older are invited to join. Please see Ben Armstrong to let him know if you would like to participate and if you have questions.
- **Missions Summer Reading Program and Ice Cream Social:** Books are on the cart in the narthex. Please consider signing out a book! We will have a time to share what we've read at an Ice Cream Social at the church on Sat., Aug. 13 at 3 pm. Questions? Please see Holly Savage or Lucy Hrivnak.
- **Pianist Needed:** If you know of anybody who might be interested please let us know by emailing us at info@goodshepherdpcanet.net.