

July 7, 2024

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Lord I Need You

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

In Christ Alone I Place My Trust

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 106:1-2; 47-48

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise? Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

No. 230

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:7

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our sinful thoughts, our sinful words, and our sinful deeds. Our sicknesses and diseases derive from Adam's sin and our own. We often forget your love and your commandments; we often grieve and quench your Spirit. But O Father, we cry to you for mercy; for saving faith; for cleansing faith; for healing faith for our souls. Help us to glory in the promises of your gospel, that we may live in freedom from condemnation. Help us to walk according to your precepts, that we may live in your light and love. All this we pray on the basis of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

2 Pet. 3:11-12

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

Hymn of ThanksgivingI Lay My Sins on Jesus*

No. 454

Scripture Reading

1 Sam. 2:1-11

(Pew pg. 225/LP pg. 284)

Heidelberg Catechism Q81-82

pg. 886

81. Q. Who should come to the Lord's table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

82. Q. Should those be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they profess and how they live that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's wrath upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Come Christians Join to Sing

***Doxology**

No. 567

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**

Sermon

Serving Others: Selfless

Galatians 5:13-17 (Pew pg.975/LP pg. 1215)

1. The Way of Freedom (vv. 13-15)

2. The War for Freedom (vv. 16-17)

Questions:

1. How have you heard or seen Christian freedom misused or abused in the church?
2. Why is loving others such a solid evidence for faith in Christ Jesus? How can we love others better? What practical steps can we take to improve our service?
3. How are sanctification and service connected? Why is sanctification absolutely necessary for our service to the Lord?
4. Why do we only talk about Christian platitudes in the church? Why don't we talk about our struggles, weaknesses, and challenges more? How does talking about our struggles help us to grow in faith?

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!**

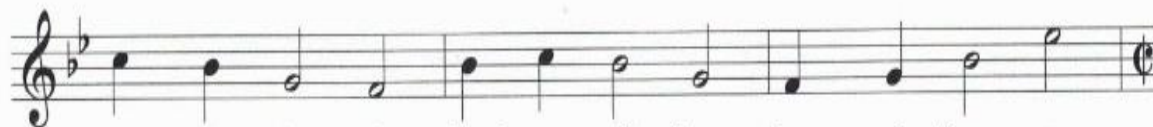
Music: *Rock of Ages / Just as I Am*

***Hymn of Response**

Heaven's Gift



1. When far from God and lost in sin I took God's book and
2. That gift Christ won at dread-ful cost: pro - pi - ti - a - tion
3. Now in Christ's right - eous - ness a - lone I stand be - fore God's
4. Christ paid the price to set me free: His blood poured out on
5. All mer - it, boast - ing set a - side, by faith a - lone I'm



looked with - in, I found a gift from heav - en's throne, a
for the lost. My sub - sti - tute, con - demned He died, and
awe - some throne, and grasp what on - ly God could do: be
Cal - vary's tree. Now noth - ing as my own I'll call, for
jus - ti - fied. Be - fore the throne I take my place and



right - eous - ness from God made known.
turned God's wrath from me a - side.
just and jus - ti - fi - er too.
all is Christ's and Christ my all.
rest in God's a - maz - ing grace.

***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

Even So Come

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

Musician

Emily Thevenin

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

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| SUN 7/7 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service- LORD’s Supper |
| THUR 7/11 | 6:30 PM | Men's Bible Study @ GSPC (Ch. 10 in our Ephesians study) |
| FRI 7/12 | 6-8 PM | Mini Conference |
| SAT 7/13 | 9 AM – 12 PM | Mini Conference |
| SUN 7/14 | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 4 PM | Martin Shepherding Group (@ Curtis Home) |

Serving the Lord

| | 7/7/24 | 7/14/24 |
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| Nursery During Sunday School | N/A | N/A |
| Nursery During Service | Grace Martin & Beth Siderius | Deanna Curtis & Angela Collins |
| Greeters | Judy Rogers | Robbin Kern |
| Treats/ Clean | N/A | N/A |
| Audio | Ben Armstrong | Grayden Lash |
| Elder | Yon Lindborg | Jim Martin |
| Deacon | Ken Erickson | Jason Lash |
| Communion Prep | Yon Lindborg | N/A |
| Officer on Duty | Jim Martin | Craig Curtis |

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.
- **Mini Conference:** The Session of GSPC is proud to present "Spiritual Conversations: Building Blocks for Evangelism", a mini conference on July 12-13. Dr. Ted Powers, MNA Mid-West will be helping us understand and apply the Gospel to our everyday conversations with friends and neighbors. This conference kicks off Friday night with pizza at 5:30 pm and teaching starting at 6pm. We'll reconvene Saturday morning @ 8:30 am with a continental breakfast and teaching @ 9 am. A \$5 donation is suggested. We hope to see you there!
- **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. It is so encouraging to read of God's work around the world and through the centuries. It can help grow our faith. Questions? - Please see Holly Savage.