

August 20, 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**

Ps. 134:1-2

¹ Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! ² Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise**

Psalm 134

New King James Version
3-part canon

Psalm 134
A Song of Ascents.

David R. Erb, 2007

Be - hold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands in the sanc - tu - ar - y, And bless the LORD.

The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!

G G D Em G/D C G/D D G

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law Matthew 5:1; 21-26 (Pew pg. 809-810/LP pg. 1010-1011)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, the great and awesome God who keeps the covenant of love with all who love you and obey you and keep your commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your righteous commandments and laws; we have not listened to your Word; we are a people of unclean lips who have forgotten our Christian heritage; we live in a nation of unrighteousness, where countless sins are committed for the sake of convenience. Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor upon this congregation and the land in which we live. Send your Spirit to turn us from our evil ways. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear our prayer; forgive our sin; heal our land. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 134:3

³ May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

No. 455

Find in Red Trinity Hymnal

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:28-34

(Pew pg. 848/LP pg. 1059)

The Apostles' Creed

pg. 845 in Red Trinity Hymnal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

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***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**

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.

Sermon Jonah 3:6-10 “*Tragedy Averted*” (Pew pg. 775/LP pg. 971)

1. Biblical Repentance
 - a. Mourning over sin
 - b. Turning from sin
 - c. Turning to God in renewed faith

2. How Repentance works...
 - a. The Word of God
 - b. The Mercy of God
 - c. The Grace of God

3. God’s Repentance?

Questions:

1. How can you tell if someone is truly repentant or not? What are you to do if you are unsure? Explain.
2. What is the difference between mercy and grace? Why does it matter?
3. Can God change his mind? What does the Bible mean when it speaks of God in these ways?
4. How important was Jonah’s experience to his witness? How important is your life experience to your witness?

***Hymn of Response**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 164

Find in Red Trinity Hymnal

***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.

Musician

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 8/20

9 AM

Worship Committee Meeting

10:30 AM

Worship Service

3-5 PM

Summer Reading Ice Cream Social

THUR 8/31

11 AM

Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon

(All Welcome)

6:30 PM

Men's Bible Study

SUN 9/3

10:30 AM

Worship Service

WED 9/6

6 PM

Family Night

(All Welcome)

Serving the Lord

	8/20	8/27
AM Nursery	Grace Martin Lorrie Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Joan Veenstra	Arlene Langea
Treats/ Clean Up	N/A	N/A
Audio	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Missions Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Social:** We are wrapping up our summer reading program of missionary and prominent Christians' biographies. Please return books on or before Aug 20th. We will have the ice cream social and share what we have learned from 3-5pm on Aug 20th. Questions? - Please see Holly Savage.
- **Sunday School:** Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 10 @ 9:20 am. The Adult class will be embarking on a 13 week study of A.W. Pink's classic work, "The Attributes of God". Copies of the book are available on the Welcome Desk for \$10.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Women's Bible Study is preparing to begin a new 8-week study from Ligonier Ministries entitled "Contentment". If interested, please sign up at the welcome desk or contact Valerie Lash or Karen Carleton for more info.
- **Youth Conference:** Calling all youth in 7th Grade or higher!!! A group of us are planning to attend this year's Always Ready Youth Conference in Detroit on October 6-7. This event is put on by Ligonier Ministries and focuses on teaching young people to defend their faith. We'll plan to leave after school on Friday, October 6, spend the night, and attend the all day event before driving home Saturday evening. The cost of the event is only \$35 per person, plus your food. Parents, students, chaperones, or anyone else interested should contact Pastor Andrew.