

August 28, 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. 27:1

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

***Hymn of Praise**

How Firm a Foundation

No. 94

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.”

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Psalm 119:105-112

(Pew pg. 514/LP pg. 645)

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.

² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* No. 87

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 17:16-34

(Pew pg. 926/LP pg. 1156)

WSC #17-18

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. 18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Sermon

Philippians 1:3-8 (Pew pg. 980/LP pg.1221)

1. Love...
 - a. ...that grows the heart. (vv. 3-4)
 - b. ...that extends our fellowship. (vv. 3-4)
 - c. ...unites us through the Gospel. (vv. 5, 7-8)

2. Joy...
 - a. ...restores our vision. (v. 4)

 - b. ...sanctifies our lives. (v. 6)

Questions:

1. How can you keep your heart from growing cold towards your brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ? What are some things that can cause us to grow cold towards our church family? Are there ways we can prevent this from happening? How?
2. What does it mean to you to be a partner in the gospel? What did Paul mean by this in Philippians?
3. What's the source of true and lasting joy? How does this differ from what the world perceives and calls happiness?
4. What does it mean to be sanctified? Are there some practical ways that you can be doing this individually? How about as a church?

***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

Selection by Musician

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

**Piano
Intercessory Prayer**

Emily Thevenin
Bruce Hrivnak

Weekly Calendar

SUN 8/28	10:30 AM	Worship Service
SUN 9/4	10:30 AM	Worship Service – LORD’s Supper
TUES 9/6	5:30-6:30 PM	Choir Practice
WED 9/7	6:00 PM	Family Night
SUN 9/11	9:20 AM	Sunday School – Special Guest
	10:30 AM	Missionary Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	8/28	9/4	9/11
AM Nursery	Angela Collins	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Lindborg Family	Erin Alderson	Arlene Lanenga
Treats/ Clean Up	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond
Elder of the Week	Bruce Hrivnak	Chris Erickson	Jim Martin
Deacon of the Week	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	Chris Erickson	N/A

Announcements

- **Family Night:** Please sign up at the welcome desk for family night September 7th.
- **Choir Sign-up:** We would love to do a special choral piece for SUN 9/25. It will be a Psalm that is a Multiple-Part Cannon. No experience needed, all ages welcome. Practices 9/6 5:30-6:30PM & 9/15 5:30-6:30PM. If you have questions talk to Chris Erickson.
- **Missionary Reading Book Return:** If you still have a book, please return it to the book cart by Sunday, Sept. 4. If you want to extend the loan, see Bruce or Lucy Hrivnak.
- **Ladies Bible Study:** Please sign up if you are interested in attending a morning or evening bi-weekly weekday Bible study probably studying the Book of Acts. Sign-up is on the Welcome Desk. We will start mid-September. Questions - see Lucy Hrivnak.
- **Adult Sunday School Class:** We will be having a second adult class (in addition to The History of Christianity in Early America), titled Foundations of the Christian Faith. This is an inquirer's class – for those who want to know more about the foundations of the Christian faith, about what it means to be Presbyterian and reformed, and about Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Those interested in exploring church membership are encouraged to attend. Fliers with more info are available on the Welcome Desk. See Bruce Hrivnak for more information.
- **Missionary Visit – Sunday, Sep 11:** Missionaries Hugh and Martine will be with us that Sunday to share about their career ministry in France. They will present during the Sunday School hour (9:20 am), Hugh will preach, and then we will have a church lunch together. Please plan to attend and meet this dynamic couple. More details to follow.
- **Lunch with the Hugh & Martine:** We will have a carry-in lunch with the couple. Please plan to attend! Folks whose last names begin with A-L, please bring a main dish. Folks whose last names begin with M-Z, please bring a salad and/or dessert. Water and rolls will be provided. Thank you.
- **Walk for Life:** The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana is gearing up for their 34th Annual Walk for Life on Sat., Sept. 17th at Old Fairgrounds Park in Valparaiso. This is a great opportunity to come together to raise money for a wonderful cause. If you are unfamiliar with who The Women's Center is, they are a non-profit medical pregnancy center with 5 offices throughout Northwest Indiana. They offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing, STD treatment, and life groups to women who are thinking about or determined to abort their unborn child. By walking, you are not only supporting their centers, you are helping mothers and families choose LIFE for their unborn babies. If you're interested in walking, you can capture the QR code for more information or go to <https://friendsofthewc.org/news-and-events>. They hope to see many of us there.
- **Save the date:** The beloved hayride needs to change locations this year, but we still hope to have this event. Save the date for Sep 23 @ 5:30 PM. Details to be announced.
- **Hymn Sing in IL:** Saturday Night Hymn Sing - In My Heart There Rings a Melody!! Miss those good old hymns like these and others? Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Thorn Creek Reformed Church located at 1875 E. 170 th Street, South Holland, IL. For more information, please contact any member of Men of A-Chord or Justin Rich at iamrich4@sbcglobal.net.