

September 1, 2024

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Guide Me O Thou Great Shepherd

Arr. Melody Bober

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Before the Throne of God Above

Arr. Erickson

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 111:1-4

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name

No. 374

***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:1-4

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses.
We condemn ourselves and our evil ways,
with true penitence,
entreating that your grace may relieve our distress.
Be pleased to have compassion on us,
O most gracious God, Father of all mercies,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
And as you remove our guilt and our pollution,
grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit,
that acknowledging from our inmost hearts
our own unrighteousness,
we may be touched with sorrow
that shall work true repentance,
and that, mortifying all sins within us,
your Spirit may produce the fruits of
holiness and righteousness
well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From John Calvin's Genevan Liturgy, 1542)

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Titus 2:11-15

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Scripture Reading

1 Sam. 6:1-10

(Pew pg. 229/LP pg. 288)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

pg. 968

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Amazing Grace

***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**

***Hymn of Preparation**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

No. 351

Sermon

Acts 1:12-26

(Pew pg. 909 /LP pg. 1134)

1. Prayer

2. Judas

3. The Holy Spirit's Work

Questions:

1. Why did Judas need to be replaced among the apostles? Why do some claim that Judas “wasn’t quite as bad as some think he originally was”?
2. What are some connections between Jesus' ascension and our prayer lives? How do these realities affect our prayer lives?
3. What are some ways we start to see the Holy Spirit starting to work in the early church? How does the Holy Spirit change Peter? Was this expected? Why or why not?
4. Is it advisable to cast lots over big decisions in your life? Why or why not? Why was it okay for the Apostles to do this? Explain.

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: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / Jesus Paid It All*

*Hymn of Response

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 452

*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

There is a Fountain

Arr. Erickson

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

Musician

Chris Erickson

Musician

Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer

Jim Martin

Weekly Calendar

SUN 9/1

10:30 AM

Worship Service – LORD's Supper

Ireland Mission Update

WED 9/4

6 PM

Family Night

SUN 9/8

9:20 AM

Sunday School Resumes

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Shepherding Groups Meet

WED 9/11

1 PM

PM Group

Serving the Lord

	9/1/24	9/8/24
Nursery During Sunday School	N/A	Connie Eenigenburg
Nursery During Service	Cordie Armstrong & Nora Jones	Lorrie Martin & Grace Martin
Greeters	Cassy Erickson	Robbin Kern
Treats/ Clean	Sign up at desk	Sign up at desk
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash
Elder	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson
Deacon	Ken Erickson	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	Chris Erickson	N/A
Officer on Duty	Jason Lash	Yon Lindborg

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.
- **Family Night & Fall Festival:** Sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Evening Worship:** We are so excited to be starting an Evening Worship Service on September 15, 2024. Here are more details ...
 1. Start time is 5pm. End time is 6pm. We are going to be firm on this.
 2. Childcare is provided.
 3. Light refreshments will be served.
 4. Our goal right now is to hold evening worship every week, except for the 2nd Sunday of the month which is reserved for Shepherding Groups.
 5. We are starting a series on 1 Peter on Sunday Nights, which is a wonderfully encouraging book!