

September 10, 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. 148:1-4

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

***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; 38-42 (Pew pg. 809-810/LP pg. 1010-1012)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have not obeyed your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 148:5-6

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶ And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

No. 100

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Scripture Reading

Mark 13:14-37

(Pew pg. 849/LP pg. 1061)

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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**

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1 What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2 The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3 No fate I dread I know I am forgiven

The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Sermon *Job, Satan, and God* Job 1:1-5 (Pew pg. 417/LP pg. 520)

1. Introductory Matters

a. Setting

b. Style

c. Author

2. A Hermeneutic of Mystery

a. The certainty of suffering

b. The pride of life

c. The deep will of God

3. The Character of Job

Questions:

1. Job was not an Israelite. What questions does this pose for us as Bible believing Christians? How does salvation coming to a non-Israelite foreshadow the coming of Christ?
2. What does it mean to allow for mystery in our understanding of God and His ways? How does this affect how we read the Bible?
3. Why is it important to be prepared for suffering in this life? What are some practical ways we can be preparing our children/grandchildren/great grandchildren for this harsh reality?
4. Job is an extremely wealthy man who is obviously very blessed by God. How do you know that you're not worshiping God only because of the blessings he bestowed upon you?
5. How prevalent is the idea that "God owes me something" in the minds of most Christians today? How do we see this attitude reflected in the Church today?
6. We don't talk much about a person's character anymore. Why is that? What can we learn about Job's character from the first 5 verses of this book?

***Hymn of Response**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

No. 585

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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

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

Musician

Chris Erickson

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 9/10	9:20 AM	Sunday School RESUMES
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
		Shepherding Groups Begin (Details Below)
TUE 9/12	6-8 PM	Evening Women's Study
WED 9/13	1 PM	Senior Care Group/ PM Group
	6 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
THUR 9/14	9:30 AM	Morning Women's Study
	6:30 PM	Men's Study
SUN 9/17	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	After Service	Ireland Mission Meeting (Brown Bag Lunch)

Serving the Lord

	9/10	9/17	9/24
AM Nursery	Beth Siderius & Robbin Kern	Andrea Tummond & Lorrie Martin	Grace Martin & Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Connie Eenigenburg	Robbin Kern	Lash Fam
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at	at	welcome desk
Audio	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Chris Erickson
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jim Martin

Announcements

- **Directory Photos Today:** The new directory is getting close to ready! Lorrie is taking photos today, if you need a photo (either updated or brand new) see Lorrie Martin after the service. If today does not work, still see her to discuss another possible date.
- **Sunday School:** Resumes today! Please sign up for treats at the welcome desk.
- **Youth Group:** Congregation of all ages please pick up our newsletter and take a look at how we want to connect old and young and train up the next generation! Event calendar included as insert.
- **Annual Hayride:** We so look forward to this year's hayride on Sept 23rd. It will be held at the Erickson Home (7487 S. 700 W. Union Mills, IN 46382-9622) at 5 PM. Ask Chris if you need directions. Please bring your own chairs, meat, buns, & hotdog sticks, and bug repellent. Sign up for a side at the welcome desk. Lemonade, water, condiments, and tableware provided. It is a great event to invite friends!
- **Elder/Deacon Nominations:** September is the month that we nominate men to serve as officers in the church. Extra copies will be at the welcome desk as well. Nominations will close on Sunday, September 24. Please prayerfully consider which men might be qualified or progressing in that direction and consider nominating them. You should first secure their agreement to the nomination. All nominees must be active members in good standing with GSPC, as must all nominators. The signed forms should be given to elder Yon Lindborg, and you can also speak to him or any current elders if you have any questions about this.

➤ **Shepherding Groups**

- ❖ **North Group 5:15-6:15pm @ Gretzingers** (group members will bring light snacks) Address: 2607 Shannon Dr. Valparaiso, IN 46383
- ❖ **South/West Group 12:30-2pm @ Martins** (sandwiches provided) Please RSVP via email: jim@jimandlorrie.com Address: 3354 Badger Ct Valparaiso, IN 46838 (about 4 miles south of the Church just off sturdy road)
- ❖ **East Group 5pm @ C&C Ericksons** (hot dogs, buns, and beverages provided/group members will bring a side or dessert) Please RSVP via email: cassandra.santner@gmail.com Address: 7487 S 700 W Union Mills, IN 46382
- ❖ **PM Group**
The PM group will meet on the second Wed of the month at 1 PM at the church. However, you are encouraged to participate in other groups as well.

➤ **Women's Bible studies**

- Morning women's Bible study will be held every other Thursday at 9:30 beginning Sept. 14th. Babysitting will be provided.
- Evening women's Bible study will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm at church beginning Tuesday, September 12. Ladies can still sign up at the desk in the Narthex. Any questions? Call Karen Carleton# 847-624-5615.