

September 17, 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. 23:1-3

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*How Firm a Foundation*

No. 94

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**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Matthew 5:1; 43-48

(Pew pg. 809-811/LP pg. 1010-1012)

**Prayer of Confession**

Most merciful God, we sadly admit that we have transgressed your law in many ways. Particularly, we have been people of little faith; worrying about what we shall eat, what we shall wear, what we shall do with tomorrow's problems. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness as you have commanded. O Lord, forgive your people! O Lord, deliver us from evil worry and lead us to see you as our refuge and strength; our ever present help in times of trouble. O Lord, increase our faith, that we may rest in your providence and care and thereby show to the world that you are our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our mighty Redeemer we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 23:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me  
 Those He saves are His de - light. Christ will hold me  
 For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me

fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail. He will hold me  
 fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight. He will hold me  
 fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied. He will hold me

fast. I could nev - er keep my hold. -  
 fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
 fast. Raised with Him to end - less life.

Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold;  
 Prom - is - es shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost.  
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight,

He must hold me fast.  
 He will hold me fast.  
 When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Sa - vior loves me

so. He will hold me fast.

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:1-11

(Pew pg. 850/LP pg. 1061)

**Heidelberg Catechism #2**

**Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?**

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

**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**

*Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right*

No. 108

**Find in Red Trinity Hymnal**

1. Avoiding Wrong Answers

2. Allowing for Mystery

3. Anticipating Ultimate Answers

Questions:

1. Why do we try so hard to come up with answers to the “why” question of suffering? What does this reveal about our hearts?
2. What are the two answers that worldly wisdom gives us about God’s sovereignty and suffering? Explain how each of them is unbiblical.
3. How do we know the limits of the mysteries of God? Where do we draw the lines and how?
4. What is the ultimate answer to suffering and the sovereignty of God? Explain.

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Psalm 22*

Insert

**\*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**

Emily Thevenin

**Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew Gretzinger

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>SUN 9/17</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
	After Service	<b>Ireland Mission Meeting (Brown Bag Lunch)</b>
<b>SAT 9/23</b>	5PM	<b>Hayride at Erickson House</b>
<b>SUN 9/24</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>TUE 9/26</b>	6-8 PM	<b>Evening Women's Study</b>
<b>THUR 9/28</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Morning Women's Study</b>
	11 AM	<b>Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon (All Welcome)</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>Men's Study</b>
<b>FRI 9/29</b>	6-9 PM	<b>Family Worship Conf Day 1 (Dinner &amp; Childcare Provided)</b>
<b>SAT 9/30</b>	9 AM - 12 PM	<b>Family Worship Conf Day 2 (Childcare Provided)</b>

**Serving the Lord**

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

## Announcements

- **Running Club:** We are thinking about starting a fellowship group that would meet on Saturday mornings at the church to run together, and hold each other accountable for personal goals. We will also have a group that will walk if you are not up to running. All you have to do is be interested, we will help you with the rest. If you are interested there will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome desk. Talk to Jason if you have questions.
- **CEF Chili Cook-off:** Oct 13<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Chili cook-off for Child Evangelism Fellowship. This year is special because they have a \$10,000 matching grant fundraiser! This is a free event, but seating is limited. This event is a great way to discover more of the many ways to be a part of this vital work of God! Talk to Cathy if you have questions.
- **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!
- **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.