

September 18, 2022

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prelude

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Praise the Lord Almighty*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 23:5-6

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ 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 Praise**

Come, Christians Join to Sing

No. 302

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Psalm 119:129-136

(Pew pg. 515/LP pg. 646)

Prayer of Confession

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. None of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent! We come to Christ, who has promised that in him we shall find rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from you. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 23:1-4

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ 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.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 23

Insert

Scripture Reading

Acts 19:21-40 (Pew pg. 928/LP pg. 1159)

WSC # 21-22

(pg 870 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

Grayden Lash

***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

1. Estimating the Gospel
 - a. Providence

 - b. Imperial Guard

2. Overestimating God's People

3. Underestimating God

Questions:

1. From where is Paul writing Philippians? What is looming over his head? In your opinion, how well is he handling this?
2. Who was the Imperial Guard? Why was it significant that they were hearing the Gospel?
3. How do the doctrines of divine providence and the sovereignty of God go hand in hand? How does it change your outlook knowing that a sovereign God is in complete control of all of your life?
4. Does Paul's statement in v. 18 give you confidence in your battle with the flesh? How so? Why are God's people sometimes the hardest to love?

***Hymn of Response** *For All the Saints*

No. 358

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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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Selection by Musician

Postlude

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

**Piano & Organ
Intercessory Prayer**

Chris Erickson
Yon Lindborg

Weekly Calendar

SUN 9/18	9:20 AM	<p style="text-align: right;">Sunday School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – History of Christianity – Foundations – Grade Specific
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
SAT 9/24	5:30 PM	<p>Hayride (Erickson’s House)</p>
SUN 9/25	9:20 AM	<p>Sunday School Worship Service</p>
SAT 10/1		<p>Group Service Project (Age 8 & up welcome)</p>
SUN 10/2	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	<p>Sunday School Worship Service – LORD’s Supper</p>

Serving the Lord

	9/18	9/25	10/2
AM Nursery	Deanna Curtis	Yon Lindborg	Lucy Hrivnak
Greeters	Cherie Lee Yonker	Lash Family	Martha Liechty
Treats/ Clean Up	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Jim Martin	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	Bruce Hrivnak

Announcements

➤ **Officer Nomination:** 1 more week for folks to nominate

September is the month that we nominate men to serve as officers in the church. The actual election of officers takes place at our April congregational meeting, thus allowing time for training as needed. Included in the bulletin during the month of September is a sheet with the qualifications for the offices of elder and deacon, along with a place to nominate new church officers (a copy is attached). Nominations will close on Sunday, September 25. This year, only one current officer finishing his three-year terms in April:

Bruce Hrivnak (elder), finishing his first term and eligible for re-election;

In addition, Jason Lash served two consecutive terms as deacon and then agreed to serve this additional year to assist in the transition as two new deacons were elected. He will now have the next year off from serving. This will leave us with two deacons.

Please prayerfully consider which men might be qualified or progressing in that direction and consider nominating them. There is space on the form for this. 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 by September 25, and you can also speak to him if you have any questions about this.

➤ **Adult & Youth Sunday School Classes:** Classes begin today. All are welcome!

➤ **Hayride:** We so look forward to this year's hayride. It will be held at the Erickson Home (7487 S. 700 W. Union Mills, IN 46382-9622) at 5:30 PM. Ask Chris if you need directions. Please bring your own chairs, meat, buns, & hotdog sticks, and bug repellent. If you want to sign up for a side at the welcome desk. Lemonade, water, condiments, and tableware provided. It is a great event to invite friends!

➤ **Service Project at Heart City Church:** On Saturday, October 1, we will be participating in a work project at Heart City Church in Elkhart. This is a church plant that we currently support. Plans are to leave from the church at 7:30 am and return by 4 pm. We will be assisting them in painting the sanctuary. We are anticipating the need for 14 volunteers or more to expedite the work. The youth group is planning to assist with this project and we would like to invite others to participate if interested. Please see Ben Armstrong to let him know if you would like to participate and if you have questions.

➤ **Yon Surgery Update:** Alice & Yon want to thank you for the prayer leading up to his knee surgery. His surgery went well, no complications. Please continue to pray for his recovery.