

September 24, 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. 62:1-2

¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. ² He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

***Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 38

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***Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

Reading of the Law

Matthew 5:1; 6:1-4

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

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God and Father, we cherish the blessed memory of the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that in the ordinary means of grace of word, prayer, and sacraments you will so work in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, that with true confidence we might give ourselves up more and more unto Him. Empower us to no longer live in our sins, knowing that He lives in us, and we in Him. May we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace. May we not doubt that You will forever be our gracious Father, who does not impute the guilt of our sins to us, and who provides us with all that we need for body and soul, as your dear children and heirs. Grant us Your grace, that we may take up our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our sins, and in all tribulation look unto Christ who is faithful to nourish and cleanse us with His body and blood, who is true God and true man. In his holy name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 62:5-8

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 121

Tune: Dundee (Red Hymnal #128) Words Trinity Psalter

¹ I to the hills will lift my eyes.
From whence shall come my aid?
² My safety cometh from the Lord
Who heav'n and earth has made.

³ Thy foot He'll not let slide,
nor will
He slumber that thee keeps
⁴ Lo, He that keepeth Is-ra-el,
He slumbers not nor sleeps.

⁵ The Lord thee keeps; the Lord
thy shade
On thy right hand doth stay;
⁶ The moon by night thee shall
not smite,
Nor yet the sun by day.

⁷ The Lord shall keep thee
from all ill;
He shall preserve thy soul.

⁸ The Lord as thou shalt go
and come
Forever keeps thee whole.

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:12-31

(Pew pg. 850/LP pg. 1062)

Heidelberg Catechism #3-5

3. Q. From where do you know your sins and misery?

A. From the law of God.

4. Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

5. Q. Can you keep all this perfectly?

A. No, I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbour.

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**

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes, in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

1. What Happened to Job

2. What is Darkness?

3. What We Learn From It

Questions:

1. Could someone use the third chapter of Job appropriately to justify desperate feelings about the futility of life? Why or why not?
2. Considering the context of Job's lament, why should we sympathize with his suffering?
3. Why do you think C.S. Lewis said it would be more dangerous to believe false things about God than to disbelieve in God?
4. What events in Christ's life help us to see that He is sympathetic to us in our weaknesses?

***Hymn of Response**

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide No. 402
Find in Red Trinity Hymnal

***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

Cathy Reed

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

SUN 9/24	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
TUE 9/26	6-8 PM	Evening Women's Study
THUR 9/28	9:30 AM	Morning Women's Study
	11 AM	Viking Chili Bowl Luncheon (All Welcome)
	6:30 PM	Men's Study
FRI 9/29	6-9 PM	Family Worship Conf Day 1 (Dinner & Childcare Provided)
SAT 9/30	9 AM - 12 PM	Family Worship Conf Day 2 (Childcare Provided)
SUN 10/1	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 10/4	6 PM	Family Night (All Welcome)
FRI 10/6		Ligonier Conf (Youth)
SAT 10/7		Ligonier Conf (Youth)
SUN 10/8	9:20 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
		Shepherding Groups (Details to come)
WED 10/11	1 PM	Senior Care Group/ PM Group

Serving the Lord

	9/24	10/1
AM Nursery	Grace Martin & Kathleen Gretzinger	Cordie Armstrong & Deanna Curtis
Greeters	Lash Fam	Phyllis Sederberg
Treats/ Clean Up	Welcome desk	Sign up Sheet
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Grayden Lash
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Jim Martin
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	Yon Lindborg
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Elder/Deacon Nominations:** DUE Today! If you ran out of time, please speak with a current elder.
- **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 13th is the 5th 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.
- **New Directory:** New Directory Rough Draft on the Welcome desk. Please check your information. Initial if all correct. Write in changes as necessary.

Prayer for the Church

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints... Ephesians 6:18b

Member(s) of the Week- **Jason & Val Lash**

(**Grayden, Aaron, Ethan**)

Missions –Wessel (France) & GL Presbytery & General PCA Details on Insert

- ❖ Prayer for Family Worship Conference.
- ❖ Prayer for a lasting impact on our community and faithful discipleship of members and congregation.
- ❖ Prayer for fruitful ministry of churches from our Presbytery
 - Michiana Covenant (IN) – Pray for: pastors Peter, Joel, and Elliott as they preach and teach; Michiana Covenant Academy (beginning our 16th year of providing classes for home schoolers); wisdom for our elders and deacons.
 - Faith Presbyterian (MI) – Pray for fruitful outreach into our local area. Pray for our membership classes that begin Oct 1. Pray that the Lord would raise up men to become future officers at FPC .

- ❖ An added note from Dan Millward:
We want to thank you greatly for the outpouring of love, prayer, and support as we have had to walk a devastating road of losing our beloved daughter Jennifer, mother of 8. And as your prayers have been heartfelt and practically efficacious for our whole family, we would ask for continued prayers in the days ahead for Tim and Asher’s continued healing, and for all of us, Jenn’s immediate family, as we are struck with a whole other set of hard realities as we move forward, back into daily life—school, home, church, and work, yet without Jenn!
Thank you again! Much Love in Christ!

Pray for Church-Supported Missionaries

Tracy & Joy Dager - Middle East
Norlan DeGroot - MINTS - Seminary Extension
Joel Irvin - Heart City Church (plant) – Elkhart, IN
Satoshi & Cally Kawachi - Europe
Luke & Amanda McAuley - Kenya
Emad & Michelle Mikhail - Egypt
Gaurav & Sara Misra - Central Asia
Tom & Catalina Nachtergaele - Belgium
John & Cathy Rug - Chile
Hugh & Martine Wessel – France
Covenant College (PCA) - Lookout Mt., GA
Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary (Prison)
First Contact - Valparaiso, IN
Mid-America Reformed Seminary - Dyer, IN
Mission to North America (PCA)
Mission to the World (PCA)
The Old Firehouse Community Center - Gary, IN
The Women’s Center - Valparaiso, IN

If you have prayer requests for the bulletin please tell Cassy or email the church (info@goodshepherdoca.net).

Pray for our Elders & Deacons

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