# September 25, 2022

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

Prelude Selection by Musician

**Choral Arrangement** 

Psalm 134: Behold, Bless the Lord
David R. Erb

**Welcome and Announcements** 

\*Call to Worship Ps. 51:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

# \*Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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#### \*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Reading of the Law

Psalm 119:137-144

(Pew pg. 515/LP pg. 646)

# **Prayer of Confession**

O Heavenly Father, we come to you as broken cisterns unable to hold water. We confess to you that we have forsaken You, the fountain of living water for the countless promises that the world has made, each one leaving us more detached from your glory and more alone in our sin and suffering. Our Father forgive us for all of our sins. Wash us clean in the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord. And restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Heal our brokenness, mend in us our foolishness, and incline our hearts to hear only Your promises. Redirect the steps of our feet unto your Law, and guide us back to those living waters we so desperately need. Fill us yet again, we pray, in Jesus name and for His sake. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 51:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea, plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now; wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress; I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face; I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.

Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice; from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me; thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee; Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love; touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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**Scripture Reading** 

Acts 20:1-38 (Pew pg. 929/LP pg. 1160)

WSC # 23-26

(pg 870 in Trinity Hymnal)

Q. 23. What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer?

A. Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

- Q. 24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?
- A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.
- Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?
- A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.
- Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?
- A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

**Prayer of Intercession** 

Offering

Selection by Musician

\*Doxology No. 731

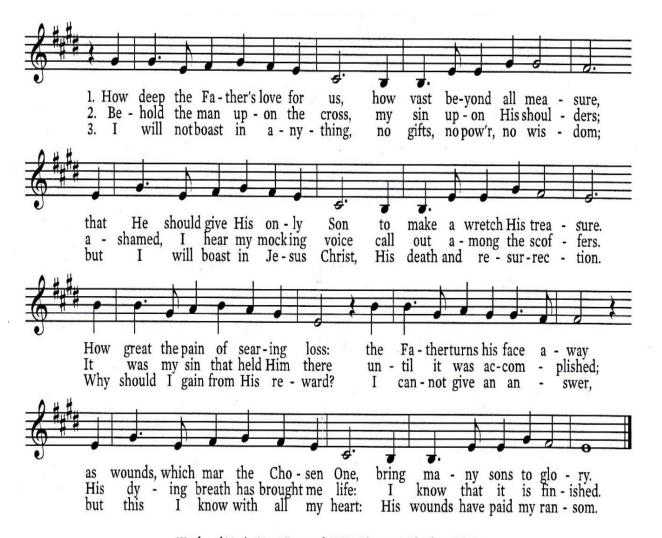
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn of Preparation

### How Deep the Father's Love



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Sermon

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- a. Longing for it
- b. Fear of the unknown
- c. Ready and even Willing to embrace
- 2. Life
- . Jesus loved you more than he loved his own life.
  - 3. Living Well

### Questions:

- 1. How are we to long for heaven? What will it be like?
- 2. What are some ways that you see our modern society trying to rid death from its mind and memory?
- 3. What does Paul say fruitful work is to look like in this life? What does this mean for you?
- 4. Paul uses the word 'deliverance in v. 19. What is he being delivered from? Other than sin, what does the Gospel deliver you from?

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight, Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r: raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 Intercessory Prayer Emily Thevenin Andrew Gretzinger Erin Alderson, Adalyn Collins, Angela Collins, Cassy Erickson, Jenni Gretzinger, Val Lash, & Andrea Tummond

#### Weekly Calendar

Sunday School Worship Service	9:20 AM	SUN 9/25
Sunday School Worship Service – LORD's Supper	9:20 AM	SUN 10/2
Family Night	6:00 PM	WED 10/5

**Serving the Lord** 

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	9/25	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/6		
AM Nursery	Yon	Lucy	Kathleen	Deanna	Alice	Lucy	Angela		
	Lindborg	Hrivnak	Gretzinger	Curtis	Lindborg	Hrivnak	Collins		
Greeters	Lash	Martha	Dar	Hrivnak	Phyllis	Robbin	Lindborg		
	Family	Liechty	Stam	Family	Sederberg	Kern	Family		
Treats/ Clean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Up									
Audio	Grayden	Ben	Grayden	Ben	Joel	Josh	Grayden		
	Lash	Armstrong	Lash	Armstrong	Tummond	Alderson	Lash		
Elder of the	Andrew	Bruce	Chris	Jim	Yon	Andrew	Bruce Hrivnak		
Week	Gretzinger	Hrivnak	Erickson	Martin	Lindborg	Gretzinger			
Deacon of the	Craig	Ben	Ben	Jason	Craig	Ben	Jason		
Week	Curtis	Armstrong	Armstrong	Lash	Curtis	Armstrong	Lash		
Communion	N/A	Bruce	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg		
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#### **Announcements**

- Officer Nomination: All nominators due today. 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.
- Bahnsen Institute at Mid-America: October 21, 2022
  Location: Mid-America Reformed Seminary (229 Seminary Dr. Dyer, IN 46311)
  Registration: Seating is limited, so register at this link if you plan on attending. General admission is \$25, for students it is \$10, and children under 15 are free.

  (eventbrite.com/e/fall-2022-bahnsen-institute-apologetics-conference-tickets-358957931837)
- > **Sunday School Refreshments:** Sign up at the welcome desk if you want to bring treats for visiting before and after Sunday School.