

September 3, 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. 134:1-2

¹ Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! ² Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

***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; 31-37 (Pew pg. 809-810/LP pg. 1010-1011)

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against
you, you only, we have sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your
judgment. Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our
mothers conceive us. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach us wisdom in the secret heart. Purge us with hyssop,
and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us
hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide
your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean
hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. In the name of
Jesus Christ, our redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 134:3

³ May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 30

Find in Red Trinity Hymnal

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1-13

(Pew pg. 849/LP pg. 1060)

The Apostles' Creed

pg. 845 in Red Trinity Hymnal

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

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***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**

The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
bear - ing the awe - some weight of _____ sin.
quakes as its Mak - er bows His _____ head.
for through Your suf - fring I am _____ free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of _____ wood. This the
crown - ing Your blood - stained _____ brow. This the
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry _____ cry. This the
won through Your self - less _____ love! This the



1,2,3. pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the
4. pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us. What a



blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at _____ the cross.
life, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at _____ the cross.

Sermon

Jonah 4:6-11

(Pew pg. 775/LP pg. 972)

1. Attitudes of the heart

2. God's Grace

3. God's Pity

4. Postlude

Questions:

1. How does Jonah's anger over this plant reflect how blind we often are to our own sin?
2. What is the purpose behind God questioning his people? What does Jonah learn from God's three questions to him in Chapter 4?
3. Jonah ends up isolated at the end of the book. Why is isolation never the final answer to life's problems and questions? What are some biblical examples that help us understand this point?
4. What does the Book of Jonah teach us about God's sovereignty? God's holiness? God's grace?

The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music: Selections from the Hymnal

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***Hymn of Response**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 252

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

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

Musician

Cathy Reed

Intercessory Prayer

Jim Martin

Weekly Calendar

SUN 9/3	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 9/6	6 PM	Family Night (All Welcome)
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
THUR 9/14	9:30 AM	Morning Women's Study
	6:30 PM	Men's Study
		Sunday School
SUN 9/17	9:20 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	
	After Service	Ireland Mission Meeting (Brown Bag Lunch)

Serving the Lord

	9/3	9/10
AM Nursery	Cassy Erickson & Angela Collins	Beth Siderius & Robbin Kern
Greeters	Martha Lietchy	Connie Eenigenburg
Treats/ Clean Up	N/A	Sign up at welcome desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Jim Martin	Yon Lindborg
Deacon of the Week	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong
Communion Prep	Jim Martin	N/A
Officer on Duty	Chris Erickson	Craig Curtis

Announcements

- **Lord's Supper:** Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Participation is open to all who are trusting in Christ for salvation, living a life of repentance from sin, and in good standing with a Christian church. Please see page 3 of the bulletin for more information.
- **Elder/Deacon Nominations:** 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 this week is a sheet with the qualifications for the offices of elder and deacon, along with a place to nominate new church officers. 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. 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 or any current elders if you have any questions about this.

- **Shepherding Groups:** Begin Sunday Sept 10. Details listed below. If you have questions talk to the elder in charge.

❖ **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

- **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.