

September 4, 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*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Ps. 91:1-2

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

No. 310

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;

when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n;

the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God’s right hand till all His foes submit,

and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,

and take His servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Psalm 119:113-120

(Pew pg. 515/LP pg. 646)

## Prayer of Confession

O Holy Father, often do we approach you with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are far from worship. We offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us our sins! Cleanse us and give unto us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many. In his holy name do we come to you. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 91:14-16

<sup>14</sup> "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. <sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

## \*Hymn of Thanksgiving

## Heaven's Gift



1. When far from God and lost in sin I took God's book and  
2. That gift Christ won at dread-ful cost: pro - pi - ti - a - tion  
3. Now in Christ's right - eous - ness a - lone I stand be - fore God's  
4. Christ paid the price to set me free: His blood poured out on  
5. All mer - it, boast - ing set a - side, by faith a - lone I'm

looked with - in, I found a gift from heav - en's throne, a  
for the lost. My sub - sti - tute, con - demned He died, and  
awe - some throne, and grasp what on - ly God could do: be  
Cal - vary's tree. Now noth - ing as my own I'll call, for  
jus - ti - fied. Be - fore the throne I take my place and

right - eous - ness from God made known.  
turned God's wrath from me a - side.  
just and jus - ti - fi - er too.  
all is Christ's and Christ my all.  
rest in God's a - maz - ing grace.

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 18:1-28 (Pew pg. 927/LP pg. 1157)

**The Apostles' Creed**

(pg 845 in Trinity Hymnal)

**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**

*Psalm 91*

Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

<sup>1</sup> Who with God Most High finds shelter  
In th' Almighty's shadow hides.

<sup>2</sup> To the Lord I'll say, " My Refuge!"  
In my God my trust abides.

<sup>3</sup> From the fowler's snare He'll save you,  
From the deadly pestilence;

<sup>4</sup> Cover you with outspread pinions,  
Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth your shield and buckler;

<sup>5</sup> You will fear no ill by night,  
Nor the shafts in daylight flying,

<sup>6</sup> Nor disease that shuns the light,  
Nor the plague that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> At your side ten thousand fall;

<sup>8</sup> You will only see this judgment  
Which rewards the wicked all.

<sup>9</sup> You have made the Lord your refuge,  
God Most High your dwelling-place;

<sup>10</sup> Nothing evil shall befall you;  
In your tent no scourge you'll face.

<sup>11</sup> He will angels charge to keep you,  
Guard you well in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> In their hands they will uphold you  
Lest your foot a stone should graze.

<sup>13</sup> You shall trample serpents, lions,  
Tread on all your deadly foes.

<sup>14</sup> For his love to Me I'll save him,  
Keep him, for My name he knows;

<sup>15</sup> When he calls Me I will answer,  
Save and honor him will I.

<sup>16</sup> I will show him my salvation,  
with long life will satisfy.

1. Prayer is:
  - a. A privilege
  - b. A problem
  
2. Wise Love
  - a. What is it?
  
  - b. Outcomes of wise love:
    - i. Approving Excellence
  
    - ii. Becoming Righteous
  
    - iii. Glorifying God
  
3. How It's Done:
  - a. Jesus Christ leads by example
  
  - b. If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million of enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference; He is praying for me." –Robert Murray McCheyne

Questions:

1. What hinders your prayer life?
2. How have you misunderstood the biblical concept of love? What is 'wise love'?
3. Why do we tend to squirm when the words "righteous" and "holy" are used? How do we subtly rebel against righteous and holy living?
4. What is the Day of Christ that Paul mentions in 1:10? How does this day motivate us towards sanctification?

## 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

*Blessed Assurance*

No. 693

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight:  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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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.

Music & Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>SUN 9/4</b>	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service – LORD’s Supper</b>
<b>TUES 9/6</b>	5:30-6:30 PM	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>WED 9/7</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Family Night</b>
<b>THUR 9/8</b>	6:30 PM	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> (chap 7, Acts 9:32-12:25, Gospel to Gentiles)
<b>SUN 9/11</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School – Special Guest</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Missionary</b>
	11:45 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
		<b>Carry-in Lunch</b>
<b>TUES 9/13</b>	1:00PM	<b>Senior Bible Study</b>

**Serving the Lord**

	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger	Deanna Curtis	Yon Lindborg
<b>Greeters</b>	Erin Alderson	Arlene Lanenga	Cherie Lee Yonker	Lash Family
<b>Treats/ Clean Up</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Audio</b>	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Chris Erickson	Jim Martin	Yon Lindorg	Andrew Gretzinger
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Chris Erickson	N/A	N/A	N/A

## 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.
- **Officer Nomination:** 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 Sunday School Class:** We will be having a second adult class (in addition to The History of Christianity in Early America), titled Foundations of the Christian Faith. This is an inquirer's class – for those who want to know more about the foundations of the Christian faith, about what it means to be Presbyterian and reformed, and about Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Those interested in exploring church membership are especially encouraged to attend. Fliers with more info are available on the Welcome Desk. See Bruce Hrivnak for more information.
- **Missionary Visit – Sunday, Sep 11:** Missionaries Hugh and Martine will be with us that Sunday to share about their career ministry in France. They will present during the Sunday School hour (9:20 am), Hugh will preach, and then we will have a church lunch together. Please plan to attend and meet this dynamic couple.
  - For the carry-in lunch: Folks whose last names begin with A-L, please bring a main dish. Folks whose last names begin with M-Z, please bring a salad and/or dessert. Water and rolls will be provided. Thank you.
- **Walk for Life:** The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana is gearing up for their 34th Annual Walk for Life on Sat., Sept. 17th at Old Fairgrounds Park in Valparaiso. Details on Insert. See Lucy Hrivnak for more info.