

September 13, 2020

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

Prelude

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
This is my Father's World*

arr. Wyrzten
arr. Kauflin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 27:4

***Hymn of Praise**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 167

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace her I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resounds:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 8:20-32

Prayer of Confession

Our Heavenly Father, forgive us for we have fallen short of your glory and sinned against you. We admit that we have done things this week that you commanded us not to do and we admit that there were things that you called us to do that we have not done. Have mercy upon us we pray, and forgive us of all our unrighteousness. Narrow is the way that leads to life and we confess that this is a road that we do not always desire to walk. Help us to walk it more and more. Fill us with joy as we abide in your ways, so that others might see us and be pointed to Christ Jesus, our guide and our strength. Lead us on, we pray, in Jesus name, amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 27:1-2

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 27 vv1-6

Trinity Psalter

Tune: *Rejoice The Lord is King*

No. 310

¹The LORD's my shining light
And my salvation sure;
Who can fill me with fright
Or move my heart secure?
The LORD's my stronghold ever near;
Of Whom then shall I stand in fear?

²When adversaries came
To eat my flesh away,
Those wicked tripped in shame,
And fell to their dismay.
³Though hosts surround,
I will not quail;
And still I trust, though war assail.

⁴ My one desire has been,
Still to the Lord I'll pray,
That all my days within
The LORD's house I may stay,
The LORD's own beauty admire,
And in His temple to inquire.

⁵ When troubles fill my day,
When fears and dangers throng,
Securely hid I'll stay
In His pavilion strong.
He'll hide me in His tent always;
And high upon a rock me raise.

⁶ My head shall lifted be
Above my enemies.
Within His tent with glee
I'll offer sacrifice.
With shouts of joy my song
I'll bring;
There praises to the LORD I'll sing.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 72-73

Q. 72 What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. **The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.**

Q. 73 Which is the eighth commandment?

A. **The eighth commandment is, *Thou shalt not steal.***

Prayer of Intercession

* **Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Jesus Paid It All

No. 308

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me, your all in all."

REFRAIN:

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. **REFRAIN**

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim--
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. **REFRAIN**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. **REFRAIN**

Sermon

A Tale of Two Healings

Luke 8:40-56

Outline

1. Law
2. People
3. Doubt

Discussion Questions:

1. What place, if any, does the ceremonial law hold in the lives of believers today? Are there things that we can learn and apply to our lives from the ceremonial law? What are they?
2. What lengths did the woman in Luke 8:40-56 go to in order to try and be healed? Do you see similar desperation in our world today? What can be done about it?
3. How did the people in this narrative respond to Jesus? Were they eager to see him? Are there practical ways that you can help peak people's interest in Jesus? Are people eager to know about Jesus after they meet you? Why or why not?
4. Is doubt a good thing? Describe a situation where it might be helpful to doubt? Is it ever a viable end position to take? In other words, shouldn't doubt always be a means to an end, never an end in itself? Explain.

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
Those He saves are His de - light. Christ will hold me
For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me

fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail. He will hold me
fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight. He will hold me
fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied. He will hold me

fast. I could nev - er keep my hold. -
fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
fast. Raised with Him to end - less life. -

Through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en cold;
Prom - is - es shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost.
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight,

He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Sa - vior loves me

so. He will hold me fast.

***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.

***Postlude**

This Little Gospel Light of Mine

arr. Kolander

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

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Piano & Organ

Sandy Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 9/13	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)
	11:30 AM	Youth Bible Study
SUN 9/20	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	9/13	9/20	9/27
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	Nelson
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Gretzinger	Nelson	Lindborg

Announcements

- **Ministry Sign-up Sheets:** Due to low interest, volunteer/ministry team sign-up sheets have been extended by two weeks. If you have not turned one in please leave it at the table in the narthex or email the church. Last call for all forms Sunday, **Sept 27**.
- **Youth Bible Study:** is set to resume (this Sunday) Sunday, September 13. We will meet the first and third Sunday of the month at the Gretzingers' directly following worship. Lunch will be provided. This year we will be looking at the subject of community...what it is, how do we act/interact within a community, and how we are to act/react to a world that is growing increasingly hostile to Christianity. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings with their students.
- **Apple Cider Event: Saturday, October 24th,** the church will hold the apple cider making event with the press provided by the Lash family. For now we are asking that you start collecting empty 1 gallon or 1/2 gallon milk jugs, making sure they are washed and rinsed really well. Keep the lids but do not store them on the jugs. As the event approaches, we will have a sign-up sheet for those attending and a sign-up sheet for food. We are really looking forward to having this again and hope you are, too. Please start thinking about friends you want to invite as well. This is a great opportunity for fellowship at the church.

- **Missions:** The Women's Center of NWI will be holding its annual Walk for Life and Golf 'fore' Life on Saturday, **September 19**. This is an easy way for you and your family to walk and save a life at the same time! Even if you can't walk on that date, you can walk on your own. The walk will take place at the Old Fairgrounds Park on McCord in Valparaiso, along with other locations in NWI. Please see the flier on the table in the narthex for more information or the Women's Center's website.

- **Offering:** Since the offering plate is not being passed at this time, please place your tithe in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter for worship. If you forget before the service, the plate will remain for a short after the service. Otherwise, your deposit may take a week or so to process. You may also mail your tithe to the church.

- **Activities of Interest:** Please email the church for more information.
Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser **Sat Oct. 10**
VU Lecture on Archeology in Antiquity **Mon Sept 21**