

January 26th, 2020

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

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Prelude

Fantasy on "He Leadeth Me"

arr. Thygerson

"I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.
You guide me with Your counsel and afterward You will receive me to glory."
Psalm 73:23 & 24

Welcome and Announcements

Moments of Meditation

Be Still, My Soul

No. 689

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:1-6

***Hymn of Praise**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Congregation on bold print

Psalm 119:1-24
(Hymnal page 829)

Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart.

They do nothing wrong; they walk in His ways.

You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying Your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all Your commands.

I will praise You with an upright heart as I learn Your righteous laws.

I will obey Your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to Your word.

I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands.

I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

Praise be to You, O Lord; teach me Your decrees.

With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth.

I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways.

I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word.

Do good to Your servant, and I will live; I will obey Your word.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law.

I am a stranger on earth; do not hide Your commands from me.

My soul is consumed with longing for Your laws at all times.

You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from Your commands.

Remove from me scorn and contempt, for I keep Your statutes.

Though rulers sit together and slander me, Your servant will meditate on Your decrees.

Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we have no one else to turn to but you. We confess that our ways are far from blameless and that our steps have wandered from your law. Forgive us, for we have brought shame this week to ourselves and to the witness we have proclaimed. Forgive us, O Lord, for the sin that we commit each day and for the sin we cling tightly to in our hearts. Help us to know the forgiveness that we have, only in your son Jesus, and may we know the freedom of a life lived for you. Remove from us the scorn and contempt that we sometimes feel for you and for others, and may we meditate on your decrees this week; that your promises to us are always ‘yes’ and ‘amen’ in Jesus Christ. Comfort us now through these glorious promises. We pray them now, in Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Come to the Waters

Boice



1. Come to the wa - ters, who - ev - er is thirst - y;
2. Come to the Riv - er that flows through the ci - ty,
3. Come to the Foun - tain with - out an - y mon - ey;
4. Come to the Well of un - mer - it - ed fa - vor;
5. Come to the Sav - ior, the God of sal - va - tion.



drink from the Foun - tain that nev - er runs dry.
forth from the throne of the Fa - ther and Son.
buy what is giv - en with - out an - y cost.
stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.
God has pro - vid - ed an end to sin's strife.



Je - sus, the Liv - ing One, of - fers you mer - cy,
Je - sus the Sav - ior says, "Come and drink deep - ly."
Je - sus the gra - cious One, wel - comes the wea - ry;
Je - sus is such a com - pas - sion - ate Sav - ior.
Why will you suf - fer the Law's con - dem - na - tion?



life more a - bun - dant in bound - less sup - ply.
Drink from the pure, in - ex - haust - i - ble One.
Je - sus, the self - less One, died for the lost.
Draw from the grace that flows free - ly from him.
Take the free gift of the wa - ter of life.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 15 - 16

Q. 15 What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 16 Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Behold the Lamb

arr. Shackley

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us - and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.

***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.

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Sermon Outline

1. Luke's motivation

2. Luke's audience

3. Luke's goal

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Why do we have four Gospels? Would the world be a worse place if there were no Gospel of Luke?
2. Who was Luke and why did he write this? Who was Luke's intended audience? How does one's intended audience influence the content of what is being written?
3. What is an apostle? What requirements are there for being an apostle? Are there still apostles today? Why or why not?
4. Luke was a physician by trade. Why would this be a good prerequisite for writing history?

***Hymn of Response**

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.

***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**

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Jerry Ray

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

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Piano
Intercessory Prayer

Sandy DeGroot
Yon Lindborg, Elder

Serving the Lord

	1/26	2/02	2/09
AM Nursery	C. Tuitman, Alanna T.	L. Martin, Grace M.	L. Hrivnak, Krystal T.
Greeters	Stoltzfus	C.L. Yonker	DeGroot
Treats	Lindborg	O'Neal	Lash
Serve/Cleanup	Lindborg	O'Neal	Lash
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Schoon

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 1/26	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Opening Exercises Sunday School Classes Worship Service Youth Bible Study
MON 1/27	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
WED 1/29	6:30 PM	Annual Corporation Meeting
SAT 2/01	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUN 2/02	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	Opening Exercises Sunday School Classes Worship Service Communicants Class Youth Bible Study

Important Upcoming Events

SAT 2/15	5:30 PM	Newlywed Game & Dinner
THUR 3/05	6:00 PM	First Financial Peace University Class

Announcements

☞ **The Annual Corporation Meeting:** This annual meeting will be held this Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 pm. The 2020 budget will be presented and voted on. **Please pick up a budget booklet today on the table in the foyer (one per family).** All members should plan to attend this important meeting. If you would like a ride to the meeting, please email or call the church office.

☞ **2020 Church Directory:** There are several copies of updated directories on the table in the narthex. Please review the information listed for your family and make any corrections necessary in one of the directories. Especially check your cell phone numbers and your email addresses. **Put a check by your name on the Sign-up sheet to let Sandy know that your information is correct and/or you have made corrections.** You can also indicate on this sheet if you want a physical/printed directory or prefer to get it from the church's website. Since the directory is available on the church's website under "Members," you can type in your *User Name* and *Password* to view and download the 2020 Directory once it is updated. Also, many of the pictures are very outdated. If you have an updated picture, please send an email to the church office this week with a new picture attached. If you do not have an updated picture, Lorrie Martin has consented to take your family picture starting next week after church. Mark on the sheet if you would like Lorrie to take your picture. Contact Sandy DeGroot if you have questions. Every family who requests a physical copy of the new directory will receive one within the next few weeks.

☞ **Baby Bottles:** The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana is having its annual fundraiser. Please fill the baby bottles that are available in the narthex with change, bills, or a check, and pray for the child named inside. Please return the bottles to the box in the narthex by Sunday, February 9.

☞ **Bridal Shower:** The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Elyssa O'Neal on February 29 at 10 am. It will be held at our church building. More information to come.

☞ **Communicants Classes:** While children of believers are considered part of the visible church, they are non-communing members (do not participate in the Lord's Supper) until they personally own and profess faith in Jesus. If your child is interested in taking this class, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The six classes are scheduled for next Sunday, February 2 through March 8 at 12:30 pm at the Gretzinger's house. At least one parent is expected to accompany the child(ren) to the class.

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study:** The next Ladies' Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, February 5. They will be studying *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges. Christianbook.com's summary states, "Does trusting God come easily to you - until adversity strikes? Amid troubles and tribulation do you sometimes doubt whether He cares? Exploring three essential truths about God - His complete sovereignty, His infinite wisdom, and His perfect love." See Jenni Gretzinger, Lucy Hrivnak, or Valerie Lash if you have any questions.

☞ **Dave Ramsey Class:** Good Shepherd is hosting its fourth installment of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 pm. This 9-week biblically-based class teaches individuals and families how to budget, payoff debt, save for retirement, and give responsibly. Please contact Jason or Valerie Lash if you have any questions. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, the online link to register is: <https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1109171?c=ccf>. Hope to see you there!

☞ **Newlywed Game and Dinner:** Save the date of Saturday, February 15, for an evening of fellowship at the church from 5:30-7 pm. Dinner will be served with the Newlywed Game to follow. The cost will be \$10 each (a fancy pizza meal). Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. More details to follow.

☞ **Social Media:** Check out *Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Valparaiso* on Facebook and Instagram. "Like us" on Facebook and "Follow us" on Instagram so more people will become aware of our church and what we have to offer to the community.