

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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** *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* arr. Wolaver

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Moments of Meditation** *Be Unto Your Name* arr. Tornquist

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 111:1-6

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* No. 571

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:  
from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:  
ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;  
where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:  
to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;  
he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

Malachi 2:17-3:4  
Pew Bible Page 1489

### **Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, help us to be content with whatever you send our way. You truly are a good God, able and willing to give good things to your people. We confess that we are more than willing to take the good things from your hand, but not to receive the hand which gives them. Forgive us for our pride, for our dissatisfaction, and for our constant desire for more and more. Help us to be content with knowing that you are who you are, and that in your Son, Jesus, we have everything we could possibly want and more. Allow us this week the opportunity to give of our time, our talents, and our money, in ways that will be honoring and pleasing to you. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 111:7-10

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy

and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

No. 650

I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me:  
on the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

CHORUS:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With His blood He purchased me;  
on the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
in His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave. (CHORUS)

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell. (CHORUS)

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with Him to be. (CHORUS)

**Westminster Shorter Catechism 17 - 19**

Q. 17 Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

**A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.**

Q. 18 Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate where into man fell?

**A. The sinfulness of that estate where into man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.**

Q. 19 What is the misery of that estate where into man fell?

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

*Grace Greater Than our Sin*

arr. Shackley

\*Hymn of Preparation

*A Debtor to Mercy Alone*

No. 463

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I  
The work which his good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com -  
My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e -  
sing; nor fear, with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to  
plete; his prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed  
rase, im - pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble  
bring. The ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to  
yet. Things ffu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or a -  
grace. Yes, I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is  
do; my Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.  
bove, can make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.  
giv'n; more hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

## **Sermon**

John the Baptizer

Luke 1:5-25  
Pew Bible Page 1587

### Sermon Outline

1. Ordinary Life
2. Out of the Ordinary
3. Extraordinary Results

**Sermon Text for Next Sunday, February 9: Luke 1:26-38**

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. The Christian life is many things, but is it exciting? Should it be so? How do you think most young people today view Christianity? Is this an accurate view?
2. Do angels still appear to us today? Have you ever seen one?
3. How can you honor and serve God in/with the ordinary moments of life?
4. What are some things that you've always dreamed about having? Would you be okay if these dreams were never realized? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever been called to persevere in prayer? Share a bit about that experience and how that changed you personally.

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The bread set apart is gluten free.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper, however, for those who prefer,  
grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray.

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Love of God*

**See next page**

**\*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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Smith

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

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**Piano**

Denise O'Neal

**Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew Gretzinger, Pastor

## Love of God



Love of God, re - vealed in won - der by the works of a Mak - er's  
Love of God, re - vealed in frail - ty through the gift of a ser - vant  
Love of God, what price - less treas - ure o - ver all this world af -



hand; Seas that roar with thun-d'rous splen - dour, fields that  
King; Sov-'reign pow'r robed in hu - man - i - ty, prince of  
fords. To be His and His for - ev - er this my



whis - per at His com-mand. All the joys of life we cher - ish are God's gra-cious  
peace crowned with suf - fer - ing. Oh, what love, that calls hu - man - i - ty to kneel at the  
glo - ry and my re - ward! May this love, be - yond all know - ing, so cap - ture my



sign: We are chil - dren of His prom - ise, heirs of mer - cy and grace di-  
cross and ex - change our sin's fu - til - i - ty for the joy of a Fa - ther's  
soul that I'm filled to o - ver - flow - ing with a pas - sion for Him a -



vine. Un-fail - ing love, from Heav - en's throne, that sought me out and brought me  
love.  
lone!



home. My song of praise shall ev - er be: \_\_\_\_\_ The Fa - ther's love for me.

## Serving the Lord

	2/02	2/09	2/16
AM Nursery	L. Martin, Grace M.	L. Hrivnak, Krystal T.	L. Martin, Grace M.
Greeters	C.L. Yonker	DeGroot	Hrivnak
Communion Helper	Grayden L.	-----	-----
Treats	O'Neal	Lash	Hrivnak
Serve/Cleanup	O'Neal	Lash	Hrivnak
Audio	J. Martin	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Gretzinger	Schoon	Stoltzfus



## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 2/02</b>	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord's Supper
	12:30 PM	Communicants Class
	5:00 PM	Youth Bible Study
<b>TUES 2/04</b>	6:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
<b>WED 2/05</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>SAT 2/08</b>	6:00 PM	Stoltzfus Care Group
<b>SUN 2/09</b>	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Communicants Class
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

### Important Upcoming Events

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



### February Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 <sup>th</sup>	Reuben McAuley	5 <sup>th</sup>	Velma Grass	11 <sup>th</sup>	Cherie Lee Yonker
15 <sup>th</sup>	Felicia Armstrong	18 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis Sederberg	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Melissa Stoltzfus
24 <sup>th</sup>	Dean Lauer	28 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Terpstra		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Pete & Arlene Lanenga's anniversary				

## Announcements

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be received at the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **The Annual Corporation Meeting:** The annual meeting was held this past Wednesday and the 2020 budget was presented and approved. Session Updates were also presented by Pastor Andrew. This included his reading parts of the Sabbath Day Encouragement statement outlined by the Session (see the insert in this bulletin for additional information). It was also noted that a new committee is being introduced called the *Youth and Family Committee* and the goal is for parents and interested members in the congregation to disciple and encourage the children and youth in our congregation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Andrew ([andrew.gretzinger@goodshepherdpcanet.net](mailto:andrew.gretzinger@goodshepherdpcanet.net)) and/or Jenni Gretzinger ([jengretz@hotmail.com](mailto:jengretz@hotmail.com)). And finally the Session has been working on our current membership role and it was noted that last year there were 91 members for the proposed askings on the Mission's Budget and this year there are 69 members. Continue to pray for Good Shepherd as we work together to advance God's work here in this church and community.

☞ **Directory Pictures:** If you indicated that you would like your picture taken for the 2020 Church Directory, please meet in front of church immediately after the service. Lorrie Martin has graciously agreed to take your picture.

☞ **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 after church today 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.

☞ **2020 Church Directory:** There are several copies of updated directories on the table in the narthex. This will be the last week for you to 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 you want in the directory, please attach it to an email and send it to the church office sometime this week. 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.

☞ **Ladies' Bible Study:** The next Ladies' Bible Study will begin this 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.

☞ **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 as the deadline is next 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.

☞ **Friendship Family Square Dance:** On Saturday, February 8 at 5:30 pm here in Valpo, there will be a square dance for international students and their Friendship Families. You are invited also if you'd like to interact with some international students. See Bruce or Lucy Hrivnak for more information.

☞ **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.