

February 23rd, 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

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

Moments of Meditation *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Larson

“To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.”

1 Timothy 1:17

***Call to Worship** Psalm 127:1-2

***Hymn of Praise** *Trust and Obey* No. 672

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word,
what a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away;

not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
can abide while we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove, the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-15
Pew Bible Page 368

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 127:3-5

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the
man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks
with his enemies in the gate.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

He Will Hold Me Fast

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Westminster Shorter Catechism 23 - 24

Q. 23 What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and
of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Q. 24 How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

**A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and
Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

arr. Vandall

He Will Hold Me Fast

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

fast; When the tempter would prevail. He will hold me
 fast; Precious in His holy sight. He will hold me
 fast; Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me

fast. I could never keep my hold. -
 fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
 fast. Raised with Him to endless life. -

Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold;
 Promises 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.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Sermon

Christian Parenting

Luke 2:39-52
Pew Bible Page 1592

Sermon Outline

1. Imparting Wisdom

2. Responsibilities of Children

3. Responsibilities of Parents

4. Responsibilities of the Covenant Community

Sermon Text for Next Sunday, March 1: Luke 3:1-14

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. The ordinary means of grace are prayer, Word (esp. the preached Word), and sacraments. How do these means of grace help build up our children to be wise? How do they build up parents to be wise? Other members of the congregation?
2. What does Colossians 2:3 teach us about the wisdom of Christ?
3. Why did Joseph and Mary leave Jesus in Jerusalem? Were they guilty of child neglect? Was Jesus wrong not to let them know he was staying? Was it just an accident? What do you think?
4. Do we underestimate the spiritual insight of young people? Why or why not?
5. Mary and Joseph left the carpentry shop and sought to worship God. How far does the way we spend our time reflect our spiritual priorities?

***Hymn of Response**

A Christian Home

No. 719

Tune: Finlandia

O give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
where Christ is Head and Counselor and guide;
where every child is taught His love and favor
and give his heart to Christ, the crucified:
how sweet to know that though his footsteps savor,
his faithful Lord is walking by his side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
who always place their hope and trust in Him;
whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim:
a home where each finds joy in serving others,
and love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.

O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
their bonds of love no enemy can sever,
if Thou art always Lord and Master there:
be Thou the center of our least endeavor -
be Thou our guest, our hearts and home to share.

***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**

I could Sing of Your Love Forever

arr. Larson

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

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Piano

Denise O’Neal & Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg, Elder

Serving the Lord

	2/23	3/01	3/08
AM Nursery	B. Hrivnak, Emily S.	F. Armstrong, Krystal T.	B. Schoon, Aaron L.
Greeters	Lindborg	Hale/Grass	Lanenga
Treats	Schoon	Lindborg	Lash
Serve/Cleanup	Schoon	Lindborg	Lash
Audio	J. Martin	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Schoon

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 2/23	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Schoon Care Group
	12:30 PM	Communicants Class
MON 2/24	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
WED 2/26	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
THUR 2/27	11:30 AM	Brunch at Viking Chili Bowl
SAT 2/29	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Bridal Shower for Elyssa O'Neal
SUN 3/01	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

Important Upcoming Events

THUR 3/05	6:00 PM	First Financial Peace University Class
SAT 4/04	10:00 AM	Kara O'Neal's Bridal Shower

Announcements

☞ **A New Volunteer Schedule:** A volunteer schedule starting with March 1 responsibilities and going through June 28 has been posted to the church's website. A copy is also available on the table in the narthex. If you need to trade with someone, please make this arrangement yourself and then email the church office so that an accurate schedule can be listed in the bulletin each week. Thanks to all who have volunteered!

☞ **Brunch Fellowship:** Meet for brunch this Thursday, February 27, at 11:30 am at the Viking Chili Bowl (105 E Morthland Drive, Valparaiso). Everyone welcome!

☞ **2020 Church Directory:** For those families who indicated on the sign-up sheet that they would like a copy of the 2020 Directory, you can pick it up on the table in the foyer. For those who did not order one, you can find the updated directory on the church's website. Click on MEMBERS found on the Home Page and log into your account (if you have forgotten your login information or never received a username and password, please call or email Sandy at the church office and she will reset the password for you). Once logged in, click on MEMBER DIRECTORY and then on the link "Click here for a downloadable copy of the directory." Please contact Sandy if you would still like a hardcopy of the directory. A special thanks to Lorrie Martin who took pictures of those members who requested an updated picture.

☞ **Meals for Stechly:** A Meal Train is being created for Ashley and Matt Stechly. Once Ashley returns home from the hospital after having their baby, you will receive a link via an email to sign up to take them a meal.

☞ **Bridal Shower:** The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Elyssa O'Neal this Saturday, February 29, at 10 am. It will be held at our church building. Elyssa is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond.

☞ **Sunday School Teacher Needed:** A PreK – K teacher is needed. If you are interested in volunteering to teach this class either full or part-time, please contact Pastor Andrew or the church office.

☞ **Bridal Shower:** The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Kara O'Neal on Saturday, April 4, at 10 am. It will be held at our church building. Kara is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Amazon.

☞ **Audio Volunteers:** More volunteers are needed to run the sound system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in being trained for this important responsibility for the worship services, please contact Jim Martin.

☞ **Dave Ramsey Class:** Good Shepherd is hosting its fourth installment of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting next 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!