

March 1<sup>st</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**

*Lamb of God*

arr. Larson

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Moments of Meditation**

*Jesus Paid it All*

arr. Larson

“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said,  
‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”

John 1:29

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 19:1-6

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Nothing but the Blood*

No. 307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

REFRAIN:

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus. REFRAIN

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus. REFRAIN

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

REFRAIN:

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll reach my home - nothing but the blood of Jesus. REFRAIN

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-8

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### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Lord and our God, we come to you as your sons and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of your grace. We confess that we have sinned against you. We have broken your commandments. We have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We've not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. Yet you warn that whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point is guilty of all. We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under your curse and judgment. Have mercy upon us. O Lord, in Jesus name, blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquities; deliver us from blood-guiltiness. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west; cast all our sins behind your back and remember them no more. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 19:7-11

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

## \*Hymn of Thanksgiving

*For All the Saints*

No. 358

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism 25 - 26**

Q. 25 How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

**A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

Q. 26 How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

**A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

**Tithes and Offering**

*Jesus I Come*

arr. Thygerson

\*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.

Sermon Outline

1. God in Human History (vv. 1-3)
2. The Dawn of a New Era (vv. 4-6)
3. Repentance Proclaimed (vv. 7-14)

**Sermon Text for Next Sunday, March 8: Luke 3:15-22**

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Why does Luke take the time to place the Gospel within the sphere of human history? What does this mean for you and for me today?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word “prophet”? Are there still prophets in the church/world today? If yes, then in what capacity do they operate, and if no, then why not? What light does 2 Peter 1:21 help shed on this issue?
3. John the Baptist mentions God’s judgment quite a bit in his preaching. What place does God’s judgment have in our evangelism today? Should we mention it more as we talk to others? And if so, how do we do this?
4. Is repentance a once and for all act or is it something that must be worked at? Could it be both?

**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**

*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."  
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 pow'r, and Yours alone,  
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim -  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.  
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

**\*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**

*Cornerstone*

arr. Cumberland

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

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**Violin**

Chris Erickson

**Piano**

Denise O'Neal

**Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew Gretzinger, Pastor

## Serving the Lord

	3/01	3/08	3/15
AM Nursery	F. Armstrong, Krystal T.	B. Schoon, Aaron L.	V. Lash, Grayden L.
Greeters	Hale/Grass	Lanenga	Sederberg
Treats	Lindborg	Lash	Hrivnak
Serve/Cleanup	Lindborg	Lash	Hrivnak
Audio	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Gretzinger	Schoon	Stoltzfus
Communion Helper	Aaron L.	-----	-----

## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 3/01</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 3/03</b>	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
<b>WED 3/04</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>THUR 3/05</b>	6:00 PM	First Financial Peace University Class
<b>SUN 3/08</b>	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Communicants Class



## 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.

☞ **2020 Church Directory:** If you did not get a new updated directory last week and would like one, please inform Sandy DeGroot and she will make sure you receive one.

☞ **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.

☞ **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.

☞ **Vocal Ensemble:** If you would like to sing in a vocal ensemble for the Easter Sunday morning worship service, please contact Sandy Schoon.

☞ **Dave Ramsey Class:** This week Thursday is the first Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class starting at 6:00 pm. Please contact Jason or Valerie Lash if you have any questions.

☞ **MARS Spring Evening Class:** Andrew Compton will be teaching an evening class on Archeology on March 12, 19, & April 2 starting at 7:30 pm. The cost of these lectures is free. On-campus registration and live-stream registration can be found on their website.