April 7th, 2019

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

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

"They will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem." Isaiah 66:20

Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns	arr. Wilson

Psalm 66:1-6

Call to Worship

*Hymn of H	Praise	Rejoice, the Lord Is Ki	ing	No. 310
Rejoic	e, the Lord is King:	your Lord and King add	ore!	
Rejoic	e, give thanks, and s	sing, and triumph evermo	ore.	
Lift uj	your heart, lift up y	our voice! Rejoice, agai	in I say, rejoice!	
Jesus	the Savior reigns, the	e God of truth and love;		
when	He had purged our s	tains, He took His seat a	lbove.	
Lift up	your heart, lift up y	our voice! Rejoice, agai	in I say, rejoice!	
His ki	ngdom cannot fail, H	He rules o'er earth and he	eav'n;	
the ke	ys of death and hell	are to our Jesus giv'n.		
Lift up	your heart, lift up y	our voice! Rejoice, agai	in I say, rejoice!	

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit, and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Pew Bible Page 1145

Responsive Scripture Reading of *The Ten Commandments* Congregation on bold print

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me."

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."

"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name."

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

"You shall not murder."

"You shall not commit adultery."

"You shall not steal."

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Prayer of Confession

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* No. 465

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

New City Catechism Question # 30

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Tithes and Offering

Beautiful Savior

arr. Wilson

*Chorus of Preparation

Speak, O Lord



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Acts 8:26-40 Pew Bible Page 1705

1. Holy Spirit guides us to people needing Jesus (vv 26-29)

2. Holy Spirit humbles and emboldens us to reach out to strangers (v 30)

3. Holy Spirit prepares hearts to hear and receive the gospel (vv 31-35)

Sermon Notes Continued:

4. Holy Spirit folds our hearts with the joy of Jesus' salvation (vv 36-39)

5. Conclusion: Holy Spirit sends us out to tell others the good news of great joy.

*Hymn of Response

No. 735

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men, from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call; to them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still; we drink of Thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast; glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

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	Trumpet Tune from the	"Italian Baroque"	arr. D. Wolff
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* Congregation: Please stand as able.

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Organ Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer Sandy DeGroot Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

DATE	TIME	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 4/07	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting Opening Exercises – Jeff & Esther Talley Sunday School Worship Service Carry-In Lunch with Talleys
MON 4/08	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
TUES 4/09	1:00 PM 5:00 PM	Tuesday Afternoon Care Group Session Meeting
WED 4/10	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study Ladies' Bible Study
THURS 4/11	6:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
SAT 4/13	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUN 4/14	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service & The Lord's Supper Session & Deacons' Meeting Prayer Meeting (Missions Focus)

Important Upcoming Events

WED 4/24 6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting
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Serving the Lord

	4/07	4/14	4/21
S.S. Nursery	B. Schoon	L. Hrivnak	
	L. Hrivnak,	D. O'Neal,	J. Rogers,
AM Nursery	Emily S.	Krystal T.	G. Lash
Greeters	Rogers	Sederberg	O'Neal
Bring Treats	Schoon	Hrivnak	Lindborg
Server & Clean-Up	Schoon	Hrivnak	Lindborg
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak

Announcements

Missionary Visit and Carry-In Lunch Today: Jeff and Esther Talley, career missionaries serving in Slovakia and formerly in Kenya, whom the church has supported for over 35 years, are worshipping with us this morning. Jeff will be preaching God's Word this morning. Please plan to stay for a time of fellowship and the carry-in lunch after the worship service.

The Lord's Supper: We will not be celebrating The Lord's Supper today since Missionary Jeff Talley will be preaching. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, April 14, when Pastor Walter Lorenz will be preaching.

Committee Reports Due by April 17: Committee chairs or someone from your committee should write up a report for the annual meeting booklet and email it to Sandy by Wednesday, April 17.

Good Friday Service: In 2015, our Adult Choir sang the musical *We Remember Calvary* during the Good Friday service. This year, the Worship Committee is asking that you consider singing in this mini-musical by taking a book home with you and rehearsing on your own time by listening to a CD of the musical. It is an excellent musical with familiar songs: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Have Thine Own Way Lord, Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*. Your participation would be greatly appreciated! Contact Sandy DeGroot if you are interested in participating.

Tester Services: Mark your calendar.

Good Friday Service – Friday, April 19, 6:30 pm Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 21, 6:00 am (at Ogden Gardens) Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am (no Sunday School classes) ☞ Volunteers Needed for VBS: We are partnering this summer with Valparaiso Mennonite Church for "The Incredible Human Race" Vacation Bible School from June 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday) from 6:00-8:30 pm at their church on Silhavy. Kids from pre-school through 8th grade are invited to attend this free event. We are looking for people (high schoolers-adults) to assist with any of the following activities: games, arts and crafts, snacks, teaching, check-in, and skit performances. You don't have to volunteer for the entire duration. If you can even volunteer one evening, that would be a great blessing. Please contact Melissa Stoltzfus at (219) 309-5092 if you are willing to volunteer. We will have a meeting with the volunteers from Valpo Mennonite in early May. Please consider volunteering your time for this fun event!

Theology: We sometimes hear the term *reformed theology*. What does that mean? Join us to learn about this at 9:15 am every Sunday morning in our adult Sunday school class. We are studying the basic Biblical theology that was recovered by the 16^{th} century reformers (Luther, Calvin, others) and the distinctive views of God and his activities in salvation that Calvin and others emphasized from the Bible. We are using material from R.C. Sproul. You are invited to join us.