

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

“Having loved His own who were in the world,  
He now showed them the full extent of His love.”

John 13:1

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

arr. Lorenz

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 146

Pastor: Praise the LORD.

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

People: **Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.**

Pastor: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

People: **Blessed are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

ALL: **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

**\*Prayer of Invocation****Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-13a  
Pew Bible Page 1824

**Prayer of Confession**

Father in heaven, deep within we know how we have failed to be Your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of Your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by Your gentleness. Shape us as Your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving

*Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell*

No. 340

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell by faith and love in ev'ry breast;  
then shall we know and taste and feel the joys that cannot be expressed.

Come, fill our hearts with inward strength; make our enlarged souls possess  
and learn the height, and breadth, and length of Your unmeasurable grace.

Now to the God whose pow'r can do more than our thoughts or wishes know,  
be everlasting honors done by all the church, through Christ His Son.

Where He leads me, I must follow. Without Him I'd lose my way.  
I will see a bright tomorrow if I follow Him today.  
Like a lamb who needs a shepherd; at His side I'll always stay.  
Through the night His strength I'll borrow. Then I'll see another day.

Though you walk through darkest valleys and the sky is cold and grey;  
Though you climb the steepest mountains He will never let you stray.  
Like a lamb who needs the shepherd; by Your side He'll always stay.  
Till the end of life's long journey, He will lead you all the way.

Shepherd me, Lord. Shepherd me. Shepherd me, Lord.

### **New City Catechism Question # 35**

**Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?**

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Tithes and Offering**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. DeCou

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

\*Chorus of Preparation

*Behold the Lamb*



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you,  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond,



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who  
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that  
drink and re - mem - ber; He drained death's cup that all may  
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.  
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice  
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain!



as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

**Introduction:** A redemption/salvation story - revelation of it, and “application” of it, by the grace of God.

Questions:

- What is the blessed life?
- Who has power to bestow it?
- How do I grasp it? And do I?

The Story:

- Fearing tomorrow (Gen. 32:1-21)
  
- Fight Night – Jumped by God. (Gen. 32:22-32)
  
- The magnificent defeat.

## **Won't Let Go Until You Bless Me**

- A new name - Israel is born!

- Facing tomorrow (Gen. 33:1-15)

### **Main idea:**

God not only fights for us, but with us, so we can enter the blessed life He has in store for us.

The outcome of this means that you need to come to the place where you fundamentally abandon self-reliance and at the center of your person you cling to God as your real God and Savior - all through life, and also at the end of your journey.

### **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.

**\*Chorus of Response**

*Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*

**VERSE**



1. Je - sus, — draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bour through the  
(2. Je - sus,) — guide me through the tem - pest, keep my spir - it staid and  
(3. Let the) — treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I



storm. — You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm  
sure. — When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven  
go. — And at the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

**CHORUS**



worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise — on wings of  
more.  
throne.



faith; — And at the — end of my heart's test - ing, with Your

1, 2. | 3.



like - ness let me wake. 2. Je - sus, — wake.  
3. Let the —

**\*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**

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Larson

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

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<b>Vocalists</b>	Becky Schoon, Tricia Schoon Cothran, Sandy Schoon, Nelson Schoon
<b>Organ</b>	Sandy Schoon
<b>Scripture, New City Catechism &amp; Intercessory Prayer</b>	Yon Lindborg, Elder

**Weekly Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 5/05</b>	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service & The Lord's Supper
	12:00 PM	Special Congregational Meeting
	12:30 PM	Session Meeting
<b>WED 5/08</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>THURS 5/09</b>	6:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
<b>SAT 5/11</b>	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Nature Walk at Coffee Creek
<b>SUN 5/12</b>	9:15 AM	Living Logos Bible Memory Presentation
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting

## Serving the Lord

	5/5	5/12	5/19
S.S. Nursery	B. Schoon	R. Kern	L. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	Y. Lindborg, Krystal T.	F. Armstrong Aaron L.	B. Schoon, Emily S.
Greeters	Hale/Grass	Stechly	Lauer
Bring Treats	O'Neal	J. Rogers	Lauer
Server & Clean-Up	Lindborg	Lash	Lauer
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Stoltzfus	Hrivnak



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caden McAuley	8 <sup>th</sup>	Darlene Stam	11 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Hale
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Sanders	12 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lindborg	21 <sup>st</sup>	Chrissa Marshall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Matt & Ashley Stechly's Anniversary				
28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke & Amanda McAuley's Anniversary				

## Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Rev. Walter Lorenz to our pulpit. Walter Lorenz, Pastor at Large of the Great Lakes Presbytery, will be our interim pastor while we search for a new pastor and will be preaching on the Sundays when we are scheduled for The Lord's Supper. Next week we welcome Pastor Hans Deutschmann to our pulpit. Pastor Hans was the Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Holland, MI, but is now honorably retired. He was our guest pastor for the month of August in 2016 when Rick was taking his sabbatical.

☞ **Congregational Meeting After Worship Service Today:** Since a quorum was not met for the approval of the committee reports and the election of officers at the meeting on Wednesday, April 24, there will be a short meeting after the morning worship service today.

☞ **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.

☞ **Nature Walk this Saturday:** The Stoltzfus Care Group would like to invite everyone to join them for a beautiful nature walk at Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve this Saturday, May 11, at 4:30 pm. The preserve consists of paved paths, wooden boardwalks, and fine granite trails. Following the walk, we will eat at Culver's in Chesterton. No need to RSVP. Just show up at the main entrance to Coffee Creek by 4:30 pm. Hope you can come!

☞ **Special Sunday School Presentation Next Sunday, May 12:** A husband/wife team have been invited to present their program of memorizing God's Word through a dramatic presentation (see insert in this bulletin). They will challenge us to embrace the discipline of memorizing God's Word. This will begin at 9:15 am immediately after the Opening Exercises. Session has approved that all Sunday School classes can attend this presentation (children through adults). Please come to hear God's Word through this ministry called Living Logos. A love offering will be taken.

☞ **Scripture Reading During the Worship Service:** The Session is wanting to open the scripture reading to any member of Good Shepherd. If you would like to read scripture during the service, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

☞ **New Custodians:** Felicia and Cordie Armstrong have asked to be relieved of their custodian responsibilities starting in May. We thank them for their services which began in June 2016. Jimmy and Lidia Trujillo will be our new custodians.

☞ **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!

☞ **Mid-America 2019 Commencement:** Mid-America Reformed Seminary cordially invites you to their 34th Commencement this Thursday, May 9, 7:30 pm at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 3500 Glenwood-Lansing Rd, Lansing, IL. Rev. Eric Watkins, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Saint Augustine, FL, will be the speaker. Nine students will be graduating. Refreshments will follow.