

July 14th, 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.

“You are the most excellent of men and Your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed You forever.”

Psalm 43:2

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Larson

Call to Worship

Psalm 98

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy Name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Revelation 19:6-8
Pew Bible Page 1935

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often forget that our merciful High Priest has ascended into heaven in triumph and intercedes for us there. In good times, we declare boldly that in Jesus we have a sympathetic High Priest, yet when trials and troubles come, we quickly feel abandoned and alone, convinced that You have forgotten us. Instead of drawing near to the throne of grace, full of confidence in Your love for us, our hearts are consumed with frustration and fear. Father forgive us. Thank You that You entered this world of suffering and temptation as our merciful and compassionate High Priest. You presented Your own blood as the atoning offering that enables us to come before Your throne with boldness. Holy Spirit, show us more clearly our eternal High Priest and Advocate above. Give us the joy and gladness that comes from knowing that Jesus was offered as the once-and-for-all sacrifice in our place and that our names are engraved on the palms of Your hands. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Chorus of Thanksgiving

Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
eyes. This riv - er's depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
me His glo - rious love, and poured on me His glo - rious love.

New City Catechism Question # 44

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Rouse

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

***Hymn of Preparation**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 616

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Sermon

Saved by Marriage

Hosea 1:1-3, 3:1-6, 11:1-10
Pew Bible Page 1395

Notes:

***Hymn of Response**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

No. 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!)
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

***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**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Behnke

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

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Organ

Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Sandy Schoon
Yon Lindborg, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 7/14	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
SUN 7/21	10:30 AM	Worship Service

Important Upcoming Events

TUES 7/23	11:30 AM	<i>By the Hand</i> Service Project
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Serving the Lord

	7/14	7/21	7/28
AM Nursery	D. O'Neal, Cordie A.	C. Tuitman, Krystal T.	L. Martin, Grace M.
Greeters	Lindborg	DeGroot	Stechly
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Schoon	Stoltzfus

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** We welcome Pastor Curtis McDaniel to our pulpit this morning. Curtis is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Pastor at Purdue University in West Lafayette. Curtis graduated with his M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary in 2009. During his time in seminary, he married Margaret whom he met through RUF at the University of Florida. After graduation from seminary, Curtis became the associate pastor at Grace Church of the Islands in Savannah, GA. In 2013, the Lord opened a door for Curtis and Margaret to work with RUF at Purdue University. They have three children, Anna (6), Kate (4), and Drew (1). May our time together be a blessing to this church and to Pastor Curtis. Our guest pastor next week Sunday is Rev. Ted Gray. Pastor Ted Gray recently retired from First United Reformed Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Previously he served Orthodox Presbyterian Churches in Oregon and Florida and a Christian Reformed Church in Vermont. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Crown Point and are blessed with three married daughters, including Ashley Stechly.

☞ **Prayer Meeting Tonight:** Prayer meeting will be held tonight at 6 pm. Come spend an hour in prayer to our Lord. Childcare will be provided.

☞ **Service Day at *By the Hand* July 23:** A group will be helping at the Altgeld Gardens *By the Hand Club for Kids* on Tuesday, July 23. We will leave from Good Shepherd at 11:30 am and return at approximately 5:30 pm. There is also a possibility that a group could go on Monday or Tuesday, July 29 or 30. If you would like to participate, please speak to Bruce or Lucy Hrivnak.

☞ **Friendship Families:** Friendship Families is a ministry of several local churches in which families or individuals are matched with an incoming international student at Valparaiso University. This is a great way to show the love of Christ to students from all over the world! Consider being a part of this ministry! It involves getting together monthly with your student(s). Several families in the church have done this in past years. See Lucy Hrivnak if you are interested or have questions.