

July 26, 2020

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prelude

Medley

When We All Get To Heaven & I Will Enter His Gates

arr. Kartsonakis

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 21:13

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

No. 457

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

Exodus 5:1-23

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, have mercy on us. We confess that we have fallen short of your glory this week and have sinned against you. We confess that we are childlike, and we are so often desirous of our own independence, and we therefore often trust in ourselves more than we trust in you. Many times we look to the future with confidence in our own predictions, but when we do this, we tend to look to ourselves and not to Jesus. Forgive us of this, we pray. Help us to trust less in our own abilities to save ourselves from the anxieties of life and to look more and more to you as the only one who can save us from our sins and our troubles. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 21:6-9

⁶ Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence. ⁷ For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken. ⁸ Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes. ⁹ At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In his wrath the Lord will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 654

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou has promised to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 57-58

Q. 57 What is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

Q. 58 What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Prayer of Intercession

*Hymn of Preparation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Sermon

Discipleship 101

Luke 8:1-3

Sermon Outline

1. Growing Weary in Doing Good
2. Constraining Influence of the Love of Christ
3. The Privileges of Faithfulness

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Why do Christians grow weary in doing good? What are some of the reasons you've seen or heard?
2. We all give in at some point to despairing over doing good in the church. How do you get yourself out of that rut and begin to do good again?
3. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? What are some of the characteristics of disciples?
4. Do you consider it a privilege to give money to the church? Explain your answer.

*Hymn of Response

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

No. 402

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heav'ns morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with 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**

How Firm A Foundation

arr. Burkhardt

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

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Organ & Piano
Intercessory Prayer

Sandy Schoon
Andrew Gretzinger, Pastor

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 7/26	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)
SUN 8/2	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	7/26	8/2	8/9
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Gretzinger	Lindborg	Schoon



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

5 th Valerie Lash	7 th Kathleen Gretzinger	10 th Pete Lanenga	
12 th Alanna Tuitman	14 th Eli McAuley	14 th Jimmy Trujillo	
17 th Abigail Martin	18 th Martha Gasche Liechty	23 rd David Gretzinger	
23 rd Lucy Hrivnak	29 th Alan Tuitman		
13 th Andrew and Jenni Gretzinger's Anniversary			

Announcements

- **Offering:** Since the offering plate is not being passed at this time, please place your tithe in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter for worship. If you forget before the service, the plate will remain for a short time after the service. Otherwise, your deposit may take a week or so to process. You may also mail your tithe to the church.
- **Directory Update:** **The incorrect zip code was previously listed.** Please update your records to include Jerry and Sandy DeGroots' new address: 1351 13th Avenue SE, Unit 8, Sioux Center, IA **51250**.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Copies of the annual reports and the minutes from the meeting were emailed as a PDF to all members, and paper copies are still available in the narthex. Please remember to sign up for a ministry team. Paper copies are also still available in the narthex and can be returned to the table where the bulletins are located, or you can sign up online on the church's website. A PDF of the ministry team sign-up form was also emailed which could be mailed back to the church. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you serve His church. Additionally, if you would like some assistance from your brothers and sisters in Christ, you may also indicate that on the form as well. Please return these forms at your earliest convenience so that ministry teams and volunteer schedules may be updated.