

August 11th, 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.

"I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey."

Trinity Hymnal # 119

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

arr. Krug

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-9

***Hymn of Praise**

The Church's One Foundation

No. 347 vs. 1, 2, 5, and 6

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-15

Pew Bible Page 1034

Prayer of Confession

Lord, You are our faithful shepherd who walks beside us in green pastures and through the valley of deep shadow. You have promised to pursue us with Your goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Yet we confess that we often doubt Your compassion and care for us. Instead of turning to You and trusting You to care for our needs, we seek help in our idols and comfort in our sins. When others around us are distraught and helpless, we are impatient and lacking in compassion, uncaring about their needs and concerns. Father, forgive us. Thank You for the compassion that brought You from heaven to live among us as the Good Shepherd. Thank You that You have prepared a feast for us in Your Father's house and that we will dwell there in heaven with You forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 Peter 2:22-25

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

No. 87

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

New City Catechism Question # 48

What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

The Lord Is My Salvation

arr. Sterling

(New Chorus of the Month)

***Chorus of Preparation**

The Lord Is My Salvation



The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the rag-ing sea.
In times of wait-ing, times of need; When I know loss, when I am weak;



And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.



I will not fear when dark-ness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
And when I reach my fi - nal day. He will not leave me in the grave.



I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
But I will rise. He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love, My debt is paid and the



vic - t'ry won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo-ry be to God the Fa -



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Sermon Outline:

1. What is the problem with creation right now?
2. What is the solution?
3. How should we live in the meantime?

***Hymn of Response**

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

No. 546

Tune: Rutherford (*How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*)

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,
the summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;
dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty without a veil is seen;
it were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between:
the Lamb with His fair army doth on Mount Zion stand,
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
there to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;
not at the crown He gifteth, but on His pierced hand:
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

***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**

Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"

arr. Wagner

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

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**Piano/Organ
Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer**

Sandy DeGroot
Bruce Hrivnak, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 8/11	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Schoon Care Group
	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
MON 8/12	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
TUES 8/13	1:00 PM	PM Care Group
	3:30 PM	Session Meeting
	3:30 PM	Women's Social to meet Jenni Gretzinger
WED 8/14	4:00 PM	Worship Committee
	5:30 PM	Stoltzfus Care Group
	7:30 PM	Deacons' Meeting
SUN 8/18	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School led by Andrew Gretzinger
	10:30 AM	Worship Service; Andrew Gretzinger preaching
	12:00 PM	Carry-in Lunch to meet Gretzinger family

Important Upcoming Events

WED 8/21	6:30 PM	Special Congregational Meeting Vote on extending a call to candidate, Rev. Andrew Gretzinger
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Serving the Lord

	8/11	8/18	8/25
AM Nursery	L. Hrivnak, Krystal T.	V. Lash, Aaron L.	B. Hrivnak, Alanna T.
Greeters	Lauer	Hale/Grass	Lanenga
Audio	J. Martin	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Stoltzfus	Lindborg

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** This morning we welcome Dr. Marcus Mininger, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies and Director of Institutional Assessment at Mid America Reformed Seminary. Dr. Mininger is also the associate pastor at New Covenant Community Church (OPC) in Joliet, IL. The candidate for our new pastor, Rev. Andrew Gretzinger, will be preaching for us next Sunday, August 18. We pray for God's blessing on Dr. Mininger and Rev. Gretzinger as they bring us God's Word.

☞ **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.

☞ **Women's Social This Tuesday, August 13:** All women of the church are invited to a time of fellowship at the church at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, August 13, in order to meet Jenni Gretzinger. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. There will be a time to get acquainted with Jenni and a time for her to become acquainted with the women of Good Shepherd.

☞ **Adult Sunday School August 18:** Next Sunday, August 18 at 9:30 am we will have a special adult Sunday School led by Andrew Gretzinger. This has been scheduled to allow the congregation to see Andrew in a teaching role before the congregational vote on August 21. We would like as many of the congregation as possible be there for this special adult Sunday School. **All older children will meet in the blue classroom to watch a video on missionary's stories and their way of life. Younger children will meet in the nursery.** These activities will be supervised by Lorrie Martin. Andrew Gretzinger will be preaching during the morning worship service.

☞ **Carry-In Lunch Next Sunday:** Join us for a carry-in lunch to meet the Gretzinger family next week Sunday after the worship service. **Families:** please bring a main dish and a side or dessert. **Individuals:** please bring a main dish, salad/side or dessert. Please do not bring soup or chili. Please do not bring a tossed salad unless it is already dressed. Also, bring your hot dish completely cooked unless it is in a slow cooker. Please stay for this time of fellowship!

☞ **Congregational Meeting:** A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm. At the meeting we will hear a report from the Pastoral Search Committee and we will vote on the candidate, Rev. Andrew Gretzinger, as our new pastor. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those who would appreciate a ride. Please be in prayer. It is times of change and challenge that can build the church and knit us closer in bonds of love. Plan on attending this important meeting!

☞ **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 a few times each semester with your student(s). Several families in the church have done this in past years. There will be an opportunity to meet the new students on Tuesday, August 13 at 5:30 pm at a Welcome Party Friendship Families will host on the VU campus. It would be great if you could attend. Please call Lucy Hrivnak (219 628-1854) if you are interested or have questions.

Update from Pastoral Search Committee

After much prayer and consideration, the Pastoral Search Committee now has a candidate for our next pastor. His name is Rev. Andrew Gretzinger. Andrew has over 10 years of experience as Assistant and Associate Pastor to PCA churches in Spartanburg, SC and Abington, MD before spending time as a missionary to Northern Ireland. Both Andrew and his wife Jenni grew up in North Central Indiana. After returning from the mission field in Northern Ireland, they have been living with family in Peru, Indiana while seeking God's direction for the next phase of ministry. Since Good Shepherd is one of the closest PCA churches to Peru, the Gretzinger family has been worshiping with us for the past few months.

The Gretzinger family consists of Andrew, his wife Jenni, and 5 children: one daughter, Kathleen, and four sons, Liam, David, Mark, and Ryan.

Andrew received his Masters of Divinity in 2009 from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC and also a Masters of Counseling in 2017 from CCEF School of Biblical Counseling in Philadelphia, PA.

This week we will have a more formal introduction to the Gretzingers when Andrew and Jenni meet with various groups of the church.

Sunday, 8/11 after church	Schoon Care Group including lunch, devotional led by Andrew
Monday, 8/12, 6:00 pm	Hrivnak Care Group including dinner, devotional led by Andrew
Tuesday, 8/13, 1:00 pm	PM Care Group, devotional led by Andrew
Tuesday, 8/13, 3:30 pm	Andrew meets with the Session
Tuesday, 8/13, 3:30 pm	Social Time with Jenni and the women of the church
Wednesday, 8/14, 4:00 pm	Andrew meets with the Worship Committee
Wednesday, 8/14, 5:30 pm	Stoltzfus Care Group including dinner, devotional led by Andrew
Wednesday, 8/14, 7:30 pm	Andrew meets with the Deacons
Sunday, 8/18, 9:30 am	Adult Sunday School led by Andrew
Sunday, 8/18, 10:30 am	Worship Service with Andrew preaching
Sunday, 8/18 after church	Carry-in Lunch for everyone

PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

As students and teachers return to the classroom,
may this be our prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the gift of children. Please watch over them as they go back to school this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to remember that You are right there with them in the classrooms and on the playground. Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear. Help them treat others with kindness and respect. Guard their hearts with the armor of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in You. And Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, we ask You to empower and energize each and every teacher in their calling to serve You. Strengthen and protect them. Bless and enable them so they might be “salt” and “light” to the communities they serve. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.



(excerpts taken from Joyce Meyer's Ministries website)

**“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”**

Proverbs 1:7