

August 23, 2020

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

Prelude *You Are My Hiding Place with From Every Stormy Wind that Blows*

arr. Ham

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

arr. Goss

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 24:7-10 (Responsive Reading)

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory.

***Hymn of Praise**

Lead On, O King Eternal

No. 580

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;

for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning where-e'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 7:14-25

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, forgive us for our slowness of heart. We all know there are things that we need to change, but more often than not, it's too hard, too inconvenient, too damaging to our pride, and too much time involved to make these necessary changes. Renew in each of our hearts a desire to not just be hearers of your Word, but to also be doers. That we would not place our light under a basket, but rather we would let it shine for the whole world to see, so that you might be glorified in us and in our lives, and that many might be won for the sake of your Gospel. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalms 24:3-6

³ Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Westminster Shorter Catechism 65-66

Q. 65 What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

Q. 66 What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

Prayer of Intercession

*Hymn of Preparation

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 529

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Sermon

Worship That Shines

Luke 8:16-21

Outline

1. Hard Truths about Ourselves

2. Honest Appraisal of Worship

***Hymn of Response** *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

No. 541

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,
and the morning breaks, eternal bright and fair;
when the saved on earth shall gather over on the other shore,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain (Women):

When the roll ___ is called up yonder; when the roll ___ is called up yonder,
when the roll ___ is called up yonder; when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain (Men):

___ When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.
___ When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.
___ When the roll is called up yonder;
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
and the glory of His resurrection share;
when His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. (Refrain above)

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. (Refrain above)

***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**

Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

arr. Sedio

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

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Piano and Organ

Sandy Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Gretzinger, Pastor

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 8/23	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)
MON 8/24	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
SAT 8/29	8:00 AM	Men's Book Study
SUN 8/30	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	8/23	8/30	9/6
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. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Gretzinger	Schoon	Lindborg

Announcements

- **Apple Cider Event: Saturday, October 24th**, the church will hold the apple cider making event with the press provided by the Lash family. For now we are asking that you start collecting empty 1 gallon or 1/2 gallon milk jugs, making sure they are washed and rinsed really well. Keep the lids but do not store them on the jugs. As the event approaches, we will have a sign-up sheet for those attending and a sign-up sheet for food. We are really looking forward to having this again and hope you are, too. Please start thinking about friends you want to invite as well. This is a great opportunity for fellowship at the church.
- **Missions:** The Women's Center of NWI will be holding its annual Walk for Life and Golf 'fore' Life on Saturday, September 19. This is an easy way for you and your family to walk and save a life at the same time! Even if you can't walk on that date, you can walk on your own. The walk will take place at the Old Fairgrounds Park on McCord in Valparaiso, along with other locations in NWI. Please see the flier on the table in the narthex for more information or the Women's Center's website
- **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 after the service. Otherwise, your deposit may take a week or so to process. You may also mail your tithe to the church.
- **Men's Book Study** will resume again Saturday morning, August 29, at 8 am. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.
- **Sunday School** classes will resume September 13, at 9 am for all ages. Adult class will be meeting in the sanctuary and will be studying a series on "All The Covenants of The Bible". Student and elementary age classes will be held as well. Facemasks will be required, and social distancing will be followed. More information to follow.
- **Youth Bible Study** is set to resume on Sunday, September 6. We will meet the first and third Sunday of the month at the Gretzingers' directly following worship. Lunch will be provided. This year we will be looking at the subject of community...what it is, how do we act/interact within a community, and how we are to act/react to a world that is growing increasingly hostile to Christianity. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings with their students.
- **Our annual hayride** will be held again this year at the Lindborg Farm on Saturday, September 12, so mark your calendars. More information is to follow.