

August 30, 2020

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

Prelude

*Softly and Tenderly
My Tribute*

arr. Vandervliet
arr. Kartsonakis

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 25:1-5

***Hymn of Praise**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 8:1-15

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, may your name always be hallowed in our minds and on our lips. Help us in our daily struggles with sin and enable us more and more to die to it and to live for your righteousness. We confess that we cannot go long in our days before we find ourselves sinning. We acknowledge that the greatness of our sin is that it is against you, a holy God. Forgive us of our sin, we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, work in our hearts more and more the repentance that we truly need. For it is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 25:6-7

⁶ Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

When This Passing World Is Done

No. 545

When this passing world is done, when has sunk yon glaring sun,
when we stand with Christ in glory, looking o'er life's finished story,
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

When I hear the wicked call on the rocks and hills to fall,
when I see them start and shrink on the fiery deluge brink,
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne, dressed in beauty not my own,
when I see thee as thou art, love thee with unsinning heart,
then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

When the praise of heav'n I hear, loud as thunders to the ear,
loud as many waters' noise, sweet as harp's melodious voice,

then, Lord, shall I fully know, not till then, how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me, wakened up from wrath to flee,
hidden in the Savior's side, by the Spirit sanctified,
teach me, Lord, on earth to show, by my love, how much I owe.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 67-68

Q. 67 Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*

Q. 68 What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation**

Psalm 25 vv1-7

Trinity Psalter

Tune: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 334

¹To Thee I lift my soul,

²O Lord; I trust in Thee,

My God; let me not be ashamed

Nor foes exult o'er me.

³Yea, none that wait on Thee

Shall be ashamed at all;

But those that wantonly transgress,

Upon them shame shall fall.

⁴Show me thy ways, O Lord;

Thy paths, O teach Thou me,

⁵And do Thou lead me in Thy truth;

Therein my teacher be.

For Thou art God that dost

To me salvation send,
And I upon Thee all the day
Expecting do attend.

⁶Thy tender mercies, Lord,
To mind do Thou recall,
And lovingkindnesses, for they
Have been through ages all.

⁷My sins of youth, my faults,
Do Thou, O Lord, forget;
In lovingkindess think on me
And for Thy goodness great.

Sermon

While He Dwelt Below

Luke 8:22-25

Outline

1. Humanity

2. Trials

3. Peace

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know His love, His heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

***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**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

arr. Callahan

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

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Piano and Organ

Sandy Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Nelson Schoon

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 8/30	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)
SUN 9/06	10:00 AM	Worship Service and Lord's Supper (also Available on YouTube & Facebook)
	11:30 AM	Youth Bible Study

Serving the Lord

	8/30	9/6	9/13
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	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Communion Helper	N/A	Kathleen Gretzinger	N/A
Elder of the Week	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

16th Arlene Lanenga

30th Joan Veenstra

8th Don & Darlene Stam's Anniversary

10th Bob & Maureen Birkett's Anniversary

13th Dean & Sharon Lauer's Anniversary

20th Yon & Alice Lindborg's Anniversary

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.
- **New Secretary:** Cassy Erickson is excited to be filling the position of church secretary. Please feel free to contact her by cell (219) 465-8625 or by emailing the church. Reminder that announcements for the bulletin need to be submitted by Thursday at noon to be included due to new printing/office hours.
- **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.
- **The 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.