

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 will praise Your name for Your love and Your faithfulness,  
for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

Psalm 138:2

*Praise Ye the Triune God*

arr. Johnson

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 138:1-5

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Praise Ye the Father!*

No. 107

Praise ye the Father! For His loving kindness,  
tenderly cares He for His erring children;  
Praise Him ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,  
praise ye Jehovah!

Praise ye the Savior! Great is His compassion,  
graciously cares He for His chosen people;  
young men and maidens, ye old men and children,  
praise ye the Savior!

Praise ye the Spirit! Comforter of Israel,  
sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;  
praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
praise ye the triune God!

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

Philippians 2:1-11

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### **Prayer of Confession**

King of heaven, we long to worship You today with hearts full of joy, but we have sinned countless times. We understand that we are like the mockers who scoffed at Jesus as He died, and like the rebels who pressed the crown of thorns deeply onto His sinless head. We are undone and wonder how You could ever love us and welcome us as cherished sons and daughters. Father, forgive us for hearts that doubt You and turn away from You many times each day. Forgive us for worshipping other gods. Forgive us for believing that our sin is so much greater than Your love and grace. Lord, thank You for Your perfect Son, who never sinned, yet became sin for us. Thank You for Your deep and infinite love, that willingly crushed Your only Son, so that His wounds could pay our ransom. Make us children who love with the same kind of love that we have received from You. And may we joyfully tell others that Jesus saves those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in faith and obedience. In His Name we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

John 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

No. 448

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to ev’ry land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
onward! ‘tis our Lord’s command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Tell to sinners far and wide: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing, ye islands of the sea; echo back, ye ocean caves;  
earth shall keep her jubilee: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
By His death and endless life, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing it softly through the gloom, when the heart for mercy craves;  
sing in triumph o'er the tomb - Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Let the nations now rejoice- Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves;  
this our song of victory- Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

## **New City Catechism Question # 51**

### **Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?**

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Tithes and Offering**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

arr. Carter

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

No. 501

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Sermon                      The Name of the Lord Is a Strong Tower**

**Text: Proverbs 18:10**  
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Sermon Outline:

I.    Jesus, a Sure Foundation

II.   Jesus, a Friend of Sinners

III. Jesus, Our Advocate

IV. Jesus, the God of All Comfort

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so that we may all partake together.

The bread set apart is gluten free.

We use wine in the Lord's Supper, however, for those who prefer, grape juice is provided in the outer ring of the tray.

### \*Hymn of Response

*How Firm A Foundation*

No. 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you: I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“E'en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;  
the soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

**\*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**

*Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him*

arr. Innes

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

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**Organ**

Sandy Schoon

**Scripture Reading, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer**

Yon Lindborg, Elder

**Serving the Lord**

|                   | 9/01                       | 9/08                    | 9/15                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| AM Nursery        | F. Armstrong,<br>Cordie A. | B. Hrivnak,<br>Emily S. | L. Martin,<br>Grace M. |
| Communion Helper  | Graydon L.                 |                         |                        |
| Greeters          | J. Faber                   | Stoltzfus               | Hrivnak                |
| Treats            | -----                      | Schoon                  | Lauer                  |
| Serve/Cleanup     | -----                      | Schoon                  | Lauer                  |
| Audio             | J. Martin                  | B. Schoon               | B. Armstrong           |
| Elder of the Week | Lindborg                   | Hrivnak                 | Stoltzfus              |

## Weekly Calendar

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u>   |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| SUN 9/01    | 10:30 AM    | Worship Service & The Lord's Supper                                      |
| FRI 9/06    | 6:30 PM     | Pastoral Search Committee & their families<br>Wrap-up at DeGroot's house |
| SUN 9/08    | 8:45 AM     | Sunday School Classes Begin  |
|             | 10:30 AM    | Worship Service  |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Prayer Meeting (Missions Focus)  |



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

16<sup>th</sup> Arlene Lanenga      23<sup>rd</sup> Alex Vanderstar      28<sup>th</sup> Kendra Vanderstar  
30<sup>th</sup> Joan Veenstra

8<sup>th</sup> Don & Darlene Stam's Anniversary  
10<sup>th</sup> Bob & Maureen Birkett's Anniversary  
13<sup>th</sup> Dean & Sharon Lauer's Anniversary  
20<sup>th</sup> Yon & Alice Lindborg's Anniversary

## Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** Our guest pastor today is Pastor Hans Deutschmann. Pastor Hans was the Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Holland, MI, but is now honorably retired. Next week we welcome Rev. Alan Strange. He is a Professor of Church History at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, IN. He is the pastor who led the Marriage Seminar at our church in March. We pray for God's blessing on these pastors as they bring us God's Word.

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today. An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be received at the back of the sanctuary.

☞ **New Pastor:** We praise God for answered prayers as we have received an acceptance letter from Andrew Gretzinger to be our new pastor. The Gretzingers are very excited to become a part of our church family and by the unanimous vote at the congregational meeting last Wednesday, the congregation has also indicated their support of Andrew and his family. Andrew will now need to be examined by our presbytery. More details will follow regarding a specific date for the Installation Service. To God be the glory!

☞ **Sunday School Resumes Next Week, September 8:** Sunday School for all ages begins next Sunday with a light breakfast taking the place of Opening Exercises to begin the season. A class list for child and youth classes is on the table in the narthex. There will be two adult classes that will meet in the sanctuary.

\* *Foundations of the Christian Faith* - Topics will include the Bible, God, man, Christ, living the Christian life, the church, sharing the faith. For those who want to strengthen the foundations and for those who want to explore church membership. Taught by Bruce Hrivnak

\* *The Gospel of Matthew* – A survey study of the book of Matthew using a Bible study book written by N.T. Wright. The book is a series of studies that will focus on Jesus as Messiah, Teacher, Son of Man, and His sacrifice for us. Taught by Bruce Stoltzfus

☞ **Nomination for Officers:** During September, nominations will be taken for the offices of elder and deacon. There will be two openings for each office. Elections will be held in April. Bruce Stoltzfus will rotate off as he will have completed his second consecutive 3-year term. Bruce Hrivnak is eligible for election. Matt Stechly will complete his first 3-year term and is eligible for re-election. Please prayerfully consider nominating men who you think would serve well in these offices. See 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for qualifications. If you wish to nominate someone, submit the name in writing to one of our elders.

☞ **Women's Bible Study:** The Women's Bible Study is gearing up to start again this fall. If you are interested in participating, please write your name and preferences (e.g., morning or evening, days, etc.) on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Speak to Denise O'Neal, Valerie Lash, or Lucy Hrivnak if you have any questions.