

September 6, 2020

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

**Prelude**

*Just as I  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

arr. DeCou  
arr. Johnson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 26:8

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*In Christ Alone*



In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my  
In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less  
There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world, by dark-ness  
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the  
babel! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the  
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the  
me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-



fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
ones He came to save. 'Till on the cross as Je-sus  
grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-  
mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My com-fort  
died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry  
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re-



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on Him was laid; here in the depth of Christ I live.  
His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 8:16-19

### **Prayer of Confession**

Our gracious Heavenly Father forgive us from each and every one our sins and renew our hearts and minds that we might bring all glory and honor to you. We give in to sin far too easily, to our sinful desires. Help us to stand firm and guard our hearts from that which is impure and unholy. Make us more and more like our elder brother, Jesus Christ, and encourage us along through those ordinary means of grace that you have prescribed in your Word. Speak to us in and through your Holy Scriptures, grant us mercy and peace through our prayers, and enable us to be reassured through the use of your Sacraments. Keep us ever close to you, we pray, in Jesus name, Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 26:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with bloodthirsty men, <sup>10</sup> in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes. <sup>11</sup> But I lead a blameless life; redeem me and be merciful to me. <sup>12</sup> My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly, I will praise the LORD.

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

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

No. 353

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God: her walls before Thee stand,  
dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, Thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,  
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism 70-71**

Q. 70 Which is the seventh commandment?

A. **The seventh commandment is, *Thou shall not commit adultery.***

Q. 71 What is requireth in the seventh commandment?

A. **The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

\* **Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

No. 520

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,  
ev'n then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me -  
for me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;  
their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Outline

1. Enslaved to Sin
2. The Power of Jesus
3. Freedom from Sin
4. Some People Never Change

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to be a slave to sin? What does this look like before one's conversion? After?
2. What are some vices that ensnare Christians today? How do you gain freedom from certain vices?
3. What does true repentance look like in a person's life? How can you be sure?
4. In a day and age where personal identity plays such a large roll in people's lives, how would you respond to someone who says they're a Christian but still wants to identify with a sinful lifestyle?

**\*Hymn of Response**

*All for Jesus!*

No. 565

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed powers:  
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,  
boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
deigns to call me His belovèd, lets me rest beneath His wings.

**\*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**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

arr. Page

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

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**Organ**

**Intercessory Prayer**

Sandy Schoon

Yon Linborg

## **TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Today at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. This sacrament was instituted by Christ. Through this sacrament, in the giving of bread and wine, we remember His sacrificial death on the cross on our behalf, and we, by faith, and through the Spirit, find Him to be our source of spiritual renewal, nourishment and life. We invite all today who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, and who are seeking to walk before him in humble repentance and new obedience, to join us in this holy sacrament. During this time of worship, reflection and examination, we encourage you to draw near to Christ, to come to Him with all your sin and brokenness, to repent, and to receive His mercies anew for your spiritual joy, nourishment and growth in grace.

We also believe that Christ has ordained the church to administer this sacrament, and so we believe that all who participate should be in good standing with this, or some other Christian church, or if not, have sought prior approval from the Elders. Although we each may be at various stages of development in our commitment to and participation in church, each of us as Christians, whether adult or child, is encouraged to publicly profess faith before a local Christian congregation and to benefit from the mutual encouragement and fellowship that Christ's church provides.

Since the Bible does give a warning that one should not participate in the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, we ask those who are not trusting in Christ, or walking before Him in humble repentance, to refrain from partaking of the elements this morning. We do, however, encourage you to ponder deeply the things you have heard today in this worship service and to seek the Lord, that He may give you faith and understanding to appreciate and receive His great work of redemption that is represented in this sacrament. The pastor or any of the elders would be glad to answer any questions you may have about this sacrament or about what it means to be a Christian.

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

Let us draw near to the love of Christ on this special day of celebration and spiritual renewal.

## Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 9/06</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Worship Service &amp; Lord's Supper</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
	11:15 AM	<b>McAuley Missions Presentation</b> (immediately after service)
	11:30 AM	<b>Youth Bible Study</b>
<b>MON 9/07</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Hrivnak Care Group</b>
<b>SUN 9/13</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (available on YouTube & Facebook)

## Serving the Lord

	9/6	9/13	9/20
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	Nelson	N/A	N/A
Audio	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon
Communion Helper	Kathleen Gretzinger	N/A	N/A
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson

## Announcements

- **Youth Bible Study** is set to resume (this Sunday) 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.
- **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.
- **Activities of Interest:** Please email the church for more information.  
Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary Annual Shooting Sports Fundraiser **Sat Oct. 10**  
Mid-America Reformed Seminary 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing **Sat Sep 12**  
VU Lecture on Archeology in Antiquity **Mon Sept 21**
- **Sunday School** classes will resume (next Sunday) **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.