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Welcome and Announcements

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Living Waters

Call to Worship John 4:14

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 429

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan-der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our Father, if your mercy had bounds, where would be our refuge from just wrath? But your love in Christ is without measure. Thus, we present ourselves to you with sins of commission and omission; against you, our Father, against you, merciful Redeemer, against you and your strivings, O Holy Spirit, against the dictates of our consciences, against the precepts of your Word, against our neighbors and ourselves. Enter not into judgment with us, for we plead no righteousness of our own, and have no self-made cloak for our iniquities. Pardon our days dark with evil, and help us renew our penitence. Every morning we vow to love you more fervently, to serve you more sincerely, to be more devoted in our lives, to be wholly yours; yet we soon stumble, backslide, and have to confess our weakness, misery, and sin. But we bless you that the finished work of Jesus needs no addition from our doings, and that his sacrifice is sufficient satisfaction for our sins. If future days be ours, help us to amend our lives, to hate and abhor evil, and to flee the sins we confess. We ask this in the name and for the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Adapted from Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness Ephesians 1:7-9

The Gloria Patri

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.

Prayer of Dedication Elder Chris Holmberg

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8 ¹ And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Trembling & Astonished
(Power of Divine Love, Acts 9:6)

1. If God had bid his thunders roll,
And lightnings flash, to blast my soul,
I still had stubborn been:
But mercy has my heart subdued,
A bleeding Savior I have viewed,
And now I hate my sin.

2. Now, Lord, I would be thine alone,
Come take possession of thine own,
For thou hast set me free;
Released from Satan's hard command,
See all my powers in waiting stand,
To be employed by thee.

Refrain: Trembling and astonished,
Lord, what wilt thou have me do?
Trembling and astonished,
Lord, what wilt thou have me do?

3. My will conformed to thine would move,
On thee my hope, desire, and love,
In fixed attention join;
My hands, my eyes, my ears, my tongue,
Have Satan's servants been too long,
But now they shall be thine.

4. And can I be the very same,
Who lately durst blaspheme thy name,
And on thy gospel tread?
Surely each one who hears my case,
Will praise thee, and confess thy grace
Invincible indeed!

(Refrain)

Words by John Newton (1799)

Pastoral Prayer

Featured Element of Worship: The Psalter

In Reformed churches, we make much of the fact that one of the primary "reforms" of the Reformation was a return to Biblical doctrine. What we sometimes neglect to realize is that another focus was on the reformation of corporate worship. Following the lead of John Calvin in Geneva, the Reformed churches focused on an increase in the amount of Scripture in their worship services. To that end, the singing of the Psalms became a prominent feature in the Reformed tradition, as the Book of Psalms is the divinely inspired hymnbook of the people of God. The hymns numbered 1-150 in *The Trinity Psalter Hymnal* (found in the pews and from which the hymns in your bulletin are printed) are actually the Psalms corresponding to each number. So this morning, as we continue our worship with Hymn 91B, it is actually Psalm 91 that we are singing. As we do, we share in the wisdom of the Reformers, joining our hearts and minds and voices with the people of God who have sung Psalm 91 to the glory of God since it was written thousands of years ago!

91B Who with God Most High Finds Shelter

PSALM 91

1. ¹Who with God Most High finds shel-ter, lives in God Al-might-y's shade.
2. God's truth is your shield and buck-ler; ⁵you will fear no ill by night,
3. ⁹You have made the LORD your ref-uge, God Most High your dwell-ing place.
4. ¹³You shall tram-ple ser-pents, li-ons, tread on all your dead-ly foes.

²I will say to God, "My God, my for-tress where my trust is stayed."
nor the shafts in day-light fly-ing, ⁶nor dis-ease that shuns the light,
¹⁰No-thing e-vil shall be-fall you; near your tent no scourge you'll face.
¹⁴"Since he loves me, I will save him, keep him, for my name he knows;

³From the fowl-er's snare he'll save you, from the dead-ly pes-ti-lence;
nor the plague that wastes at noon-day. ⁷At your side ten thou-sand fall;
¹¹He will an-gels charge to keep you, guard you well in all your ways,
¹⁵I will hon-or, I will save him; when he calls, I will re-ply.

⁴cov-er you with out-spread pin-ions, make his wings your con-fi-dence.
⁸you will on-ly see the judg-ment which the wick-ed will be-fall.
¹²bear you up with hands that hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.
¹⁶I will show him my sal-va-tion, with long life will sat-is-fy."

We Hear the Word of God Preached...

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Acts 9:1-19

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

Statement of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1&2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

265 In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. 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
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com-

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

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death 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.

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We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship.

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Jim and Chris Campbell to the glory of God, and by Joe and Esma Walker in celebration of son-in-law Jim Knight's birthday.

Communion at Calvary

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have trusted in Christ as their Savior and follow Him as their Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture's promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord's Supper, we generally discourage children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give assent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is distributed by the Elders, each person wishing to participate removes a piece from the tray and holds it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or quiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

HELP WANTED!

We are looking to hire a part-time church secretary to work 10-15 hours/week on various projects, primarily (but not limited to) putting together our weekly bulletin and other items for the church. We are looking for a reliable person with a kind disposition, problem-solving skills, and a facility with computers, specifically publishing and office-related software. If you or someone you know are interested, please reach out to either Elder Randy Heidtman or Rev. Pete Scribner.

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut, coffee, and lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Meditation for the Week

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

All our natural intuitions tell us that Jesus is with us, on our side, present and helping, when life is going well. This text says the opposite. It is in "our weaknesses" that Jesus sympathizes with us. The word for "sympathize" here is a compound word formed from the prefix meaning "with" (like our English prefix co-) joined with the verb to *suffer*. "Sympathize" here is not cool and detached pity. It is a depth of felt solidarity such as is echoed in our own lives most closely only as parents to children. Indeed, it is deeper even than that. In our pain, Jesus is pained; in our suffering, he feels the suffering as his own even though it isn't—not that his invincible divinity is threatened, but in the sense that his heart is feelingly drawn into our distress. His human nature engages our troubles comprehensively. His is a love that cannot be held back when he sees his people in pain.

The writer to the Hebrews is taking us by the hand and leading us deep into the heart of Christ, showing us the unrestrained *witness* of Jesus regarding his people...The reason that Jesus is in such close solidarity with us is that the difficult path we are on is not unique to us. He has journeyed on it himself. It is not only that Jesus can relieve us from our troubles, like a doctor prescribing medicine; it is also that, before any relief comes, he is with us in our troubles, like a doctor who has endured the same disease...

Consider your own life.

When the relationship goes sour, when the feelings of futility come flooding in, when it feels like life is passing us by, when it seems that our one shot at significance has slipped through our fingers, when we can't sort out our emotions, when the longtime friend lets us down, when a family member betrays us, when we feel deeply misunderstood, when we are laughed at by the impressive—in short, when the fallenness of the world closes in on us and makes us want to throw in the towel—there, right there, we have a Friend who knows exactly what such testing feels like, and sits close to us, embraces us. With us. Solidarity.

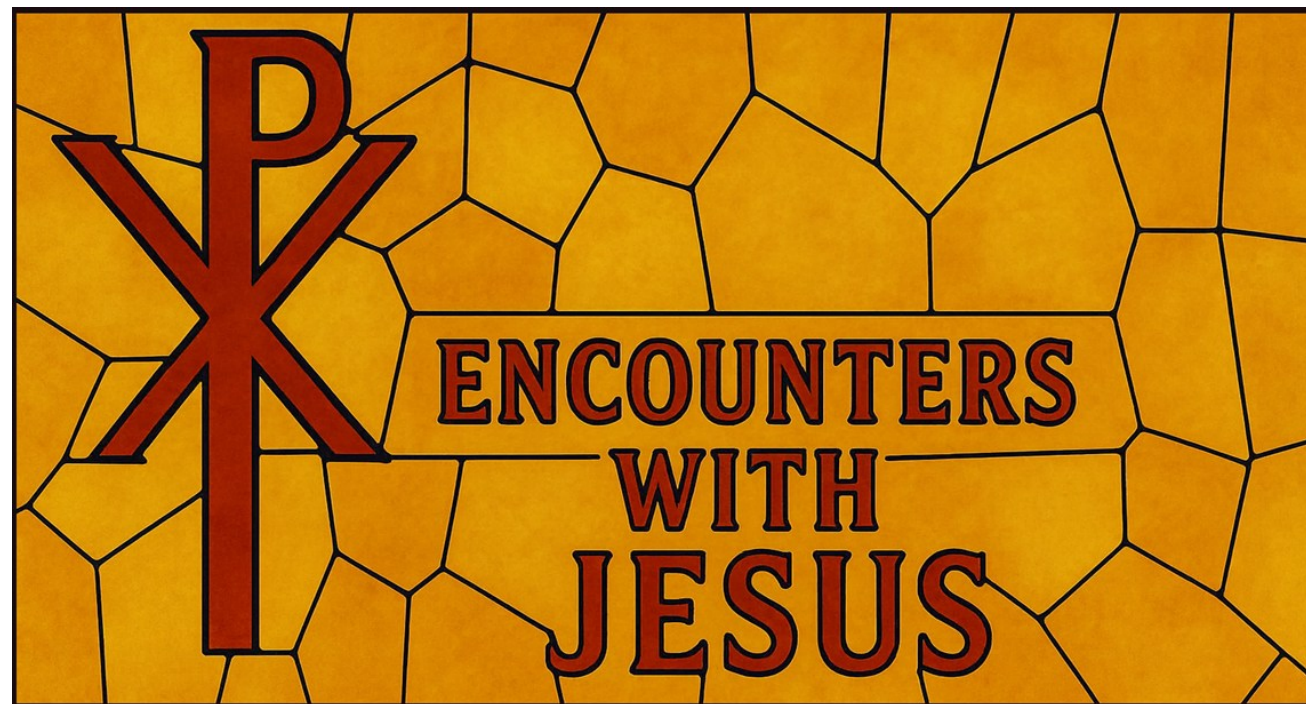
Our tendency is to feel intuitively that the more difficult life gets, the more alone we are. As we sink further into pain, we sink further into felt isolation. The Bible corrects us. Our pain never outstrips what he himself shares in. We are never alone. That sorrow that feels so isolating, so unique, was endured by him in the past and is now shouldered by him in the present.

Dane Ortlund
Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers
Wheaton, IL: Crossway Publishing, 2020

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship meal
		No Sunday School this week
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	10:00	Martha Mary Circle
	11:30	Martha Mary Potluck
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

As you prepare your heart for worship next Sunday, be sure to read through Revelation 22 (from which will come our sermon text), and spend some time with our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin).



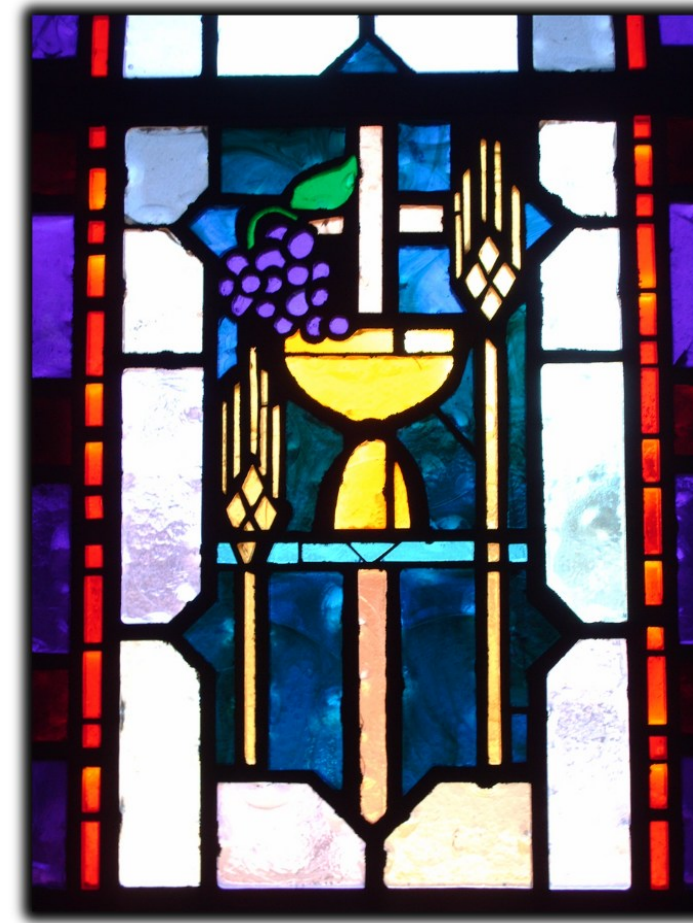
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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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