

Theme for Worship: Acts 4:11-12

“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Please remember to pick up the elements for communion on the table out front before entering worship.

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30

Pastor: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Congregation: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Unison: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #700 “Come, We That Love the Lord”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-29

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

¹⁰ All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹¹ They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹² They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Confession of Sin (Unison)

O Lord in Heaven, we cry out to you in our distress: we confess to you that we have sinned against you in our thoughts and actions. We confess that we have hardened our hearts against you and we have blinded ourselves failing to acknowledge that our hearts are desperately wicked above all else. Forgive us for our pride, our selfishness our lusts and all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness we pray, for we come to you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Promise of God's Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Gloria Patri

Hymn #599 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-22

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Message: “Jesus: The Chief-Cornerstone & True Source of Salvation”

Introduction:

As the Church

We Proclaim in Jesus the Resurrection from the Dead

v.1-4

Captain of the Guard & Sadducees

Greatly annoyed

Arrested them

Many believed

We Proclaim in Jesus that Salvation Comes through Him Alone

v.5-12

Questioning

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Peter’s answer (v.10-12):

We Proclaim in Jesus What God Has Made Known to Us

v.13-22

v.19-20

Boldness

They had been with Jesus

Conclusion

Hymn: #252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, v.1-2

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

The Bread & The Cup (We will partake of the elements together. They are able in the narthex.)

Hymn: #252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, v.3-4

Benediction

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our denomination's policy, in conformity with the Book of Church Order, is “to invite all those who profess the true religion, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church, or those approved by the Session, after having given indication of their desire to participate.”

NOTES:

Attendance for 8/30 - 9am – 24 10:30am – 73 Streaming count - NA
Offering: \$ 5,448.00 Missions: \$723.00

Wednesday, September 9 – 7pm Zoom Prayer meeting (link will be sent out Monday)

Sunday, September 13 & 27 – 5pm Outdoor Hymn Sing – bring your own chairs or blankets – hymnals will be available

Wheeler Mission Update

The Outreach committee is trying to organize an event to help our friends at the Wheeler Mission. They are in need of volunteers to sort donations at the Wheeler Thrift Store downtown at (2730 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225).

Grace PCA is trying to organize 6 to 8 volunteers who can commit working 2 to 4 hrs. one day a week for 4 weeks. Jim Glasheen is heading up the team. There is flexibility if you can only commit helping out one or two weeks. The program is scheduled to begin the first week of October. Children age 8 or older are welcome to participate with the adults.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jim via email at Jkglasheen@gmail.com to discuss more details. This is a great opportunity to make a tangible impact serving others in need and putting your faith into action. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Outreach Committee

Women's Bible Study



Ladies, please join us as we begin our once a month Bible study of James using the book Steadfast by Courtney Doctor. We will be discussing the Introduction & Chapter 1 at this month's meetings. Meeting times are **Tuesday, September 15** at 1PM at Barb Cull's home (dessert provided) or **Friday, September 18** at 10AM at the church (with brunch, children are welcome). Contact Barb Cull or Anne Perry with any questions.

If you requested a book with Rebekah, it is on the table in the narthex and can be picked up. If you cannot make it to church for pickup, please contact a friend or Rebekah (by Sept. 9) for other delivery options. Thanks! 😊

Congratulations to Heather & Matt Wilson on the birth of Lindsey Marie-Mae on Friday, August 21 at 3:28PM. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Baby Lindsey joins siblings, Seth, Amelia and Kayleigh. Please continue to keep the Wilson family in your prayers as they raise these covenant children!

Given the challenges of virtual worship and multiple services it is hard to remember who is who. Please help the rest of the church body at Grace by adding a picture to the church directory. If you can't, please ask someone else to take your picture and help you. It only takes a few minutes. Thank you!

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