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PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard
Sandy Edstrom, Piano
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

INTROIT

We Will Sing for Joy
Music by Domenico Scarlatti
arr. Helenclair Lowe
Children's Choir, Brian Ward, Director

We will sing for joy!
We'll sing to the Lord with psalms of praise!
Sing for joy, we'll sing to the Lord the King.
The earth, the sea, the sun, the moon, all show His might.
To the Lord, we will sing for joy!
Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!
Let all who serve the Lord rejoice.
Rejoice and sing. Be glad that we belong to Him.
Let all who serve the Lord extol His Name.
He is the Lord, the God of all,
who made us and protects us with His constant love.
Give thanks and praise, clap hands and shout!
All nations bow before the Lord and sing for joy!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
The Lord gives strength to his people!
The Lord blesses his people with peace! Amen!

* OPENING HYMN 113

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 110

Cheyenne Johnson, Reader

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Glory Be to God, Creator

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World (57)

arr. Paul Christiansen

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

God So Loved

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

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RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Love, beginning and end, giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope: life in all its goodness—**we praise and adore you.**

Jesus, Wisdom, and Word; lover of outcasts, friend of the poor; one of us yet one with God; crucified and risen; life in the midst of death—**we praise and adore you.**

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love; bridge-builder, eye-opener, waker of the oppressed; unseen and unexpected; untameable energy of life—**we praise and adore you.**

Holy Trinity, forever one, whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom we love, and meet, and know our neighbor: life in all its fullness, making all things new—**we praise and adore you.**

Compassionate and gentle God, you have created us in love to be your people. You have called us in love to be your light. You have promised us in love that you are our home. But in this space of honesty, we confess we have often lost sight of these divine gifts. We have forgotten what it

means to fully live as your people, to shine as your light, and to trust in your ability to work in and through us.

Merciful God, forgive us. Forgive us and send your Spirit anew: your Spirit of renewal and transformation, your Spirit who upends our lives, your Spirit that calls us back to you.

Healing God, for those whom we love in need of special care, comfort in loss, peace in transition, and healing in illness, we pray.

Envelope each of these your children, Holy and Triune God, in your tender love and warm embrace so that they may face each new day with hope and promise.

We pray today for the families and friends of those who have given their lives in service to our nation. May they be comforted in their grief, reassured of your presence with them, and proud of those they have lost, placing all hope into your gracious hands.

God of all, be their light and their strength.

Glory be to you Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Draw us ever closer to you so that in all that we say and all that we do, your light and love might bring hope to a world so in need of your grace.

All praise be to you, God of grace, God of mercy, God of justice, God of peace! Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

He Leadeth Me
arr. Franklin Ritter

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 628

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace (672)

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (10)
arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.

In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors, there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen in the box's drawer for your use.

113 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Ho ly,

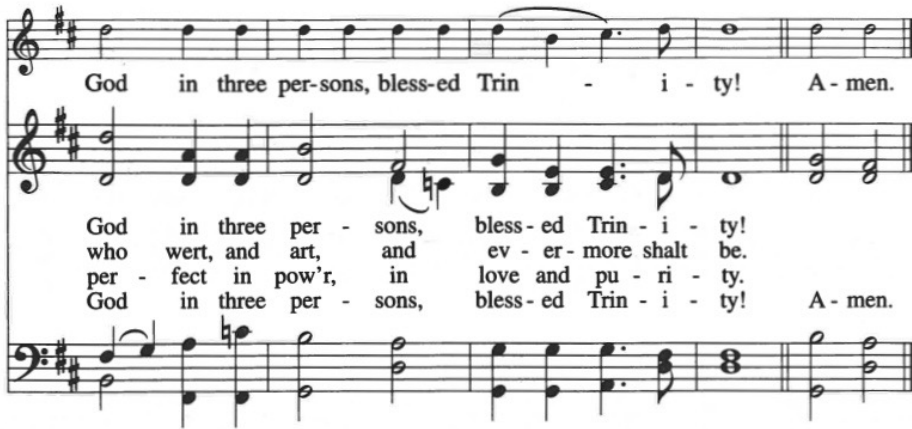
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea.
 though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see.
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

ho ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly, there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

The outward form of worship should be reverent, festive, and beautiful. Most important of all is to have reverence and a mind dedicated to the Lord.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And 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.

Traditional

Glory Be to God, Creator

In unison
C/E F Gsus Dm/C C C/E F G

1 Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God the
was in the, be - gin - ning, it is now and so shall
ho - ly God Al - might - y, ho - ly, ho - ly Prince of

Am C/E Dm Am/C G/B G G/A Am

Son, glo-ry be to God the Spir - it, known as
be in a world with - out an end - ing, glo - ry
Peace, ho - ly, ho - ly Wind of Pre - sence, ho - ly,

F G 1,2 C C/E 3 C F G7 C

Three, yet God the One.
through e - ter - ni - ty. 2 As it
ho - ly, ho - ly, 3 Ho - ly, ly. A - men.

God So Loved

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Come all you wea - ry Come all you thir - sty Come to the well that
Come all you sin - ners Come find His mer - cy Come to the ta - ble; He



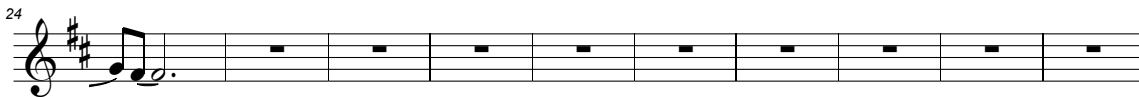
ne - ver runs dry. Drink of the wa - ter, come and thirst no more.
will sat - is - fy. Taste of His good - ness, find what you're look - ing for.



For God so loved the world that He gave us His



one and on - ly Son to save us; who - e - ver be - lieves in Him will live for - ev -



- er





Bring all your fail - ures, Bring your ad - dic - tions, Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

38  Je - sus is wait - ing there with o - pen arms. For

42  God so loved the world that He gave us His one and on - ly Son to save us; who -


46  e - ver be - lieves in Him will live for - ev - er. The

50  pow'r of hell for - ev - er de - feat - ed. Now it is well, I'm walk - ing in free - dom for

54  God so loved, God so loved the world. Praise

58  God, Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow. Praise Him, Praise


63  Him for the won - ders of His love. Praise God, Praise God from

68 
whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him, Praise Him for the won-ders of His love.


73 
For God so loved the world that He gave us His

77 
one and on - ly Son to save us; who - ev - er be-lieves in Him will live for-ev -

81 
- er. The pow'r of hell for - ev - er de-feat - ed. Now

85 
it is well, I'm walk-ing in free - dom; For God so loved, God so loved the world.

89 
Bring all your fail - ures, Bring your ad-dic - tions, Come lay them down at the

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foot of the cross. Je - sus is wait-ing. God so loved the world.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures
here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me — an - y - where, Lord,
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

an - y - time! I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me — an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Wendell Whalum, 1932-1987,
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Irregular
 I'M GONNA LIVE

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **the family of Jerome Nelson**, former superintendent of the Central Conference, who passed away on May 19
- Ryan Wendt's dad, **Kevin**, recuperating after surgery last week and anticipating a lengthy recovery
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, still hospitalized and recuperating after having more endobronchial valves inserted in his lung
- **LeRoy Nelson and family**, mourning Eloise's passing on May 1
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after two eye lens surgeries over the past week and a half

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, please sign up for a Sunday or two at <https://tinyurl.com/volunteer-sunday>.

On Sunday, June 9, we will hold a brief congregational meeting following worship to approve the use of funds to repair the gym roof. All are welcome to attend, but only church members may vote.

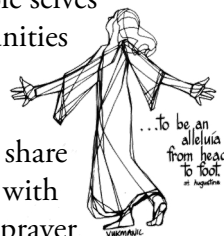
Calling all VBS volunteers! There are three dates set for volunteer meetings; please mark your calendars:

- Tuesday, May 28, OR Thursday, June 6, at 7 pm. Please plan to attend one of these two first meetings. Only one is necessary, as they will be identical.
- Sunday, June 9, at 5 pm. This is set-up night, and we ask that everyone be there for that!

The North Park Readers invite you to join us for our last meeting of the year. We will be reading *Mother Land* by Leah Franqui. We will meet at the home of Lori Johnson (5254 N. Spaulding) at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 28. Please [contact Helen Arkema](#) if you have any questions.

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout this calendar year, we have been focused on using our whole selves as we pray for the communities in which we live. For the month of May, we will focus on using our feet to share the Good News of Christ with the world. Let us put our prayer into action as we strive to be the messengers of hope and peace and grace to all those with whom we come into contact. May we love in word and deed!



And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

- Romans 10:15

Join us for a spring block party! On Sunday, June 2, immediately following the service (which will be out in our south garden, weather permitting), we invite you to a block party! Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and we ask that church members bring side dishes and desserts. If your last name begins with:

A-J—Please bring a side dish.

K-Z—Please bring a dessert.

(Please bring enough for your family plus 10.) Please use the enclosed flyer to share with a neighbor and friend from another block!

Vacation Bible School registration is underway! Children in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to Set Sail with us over the week of June 10-14 for a time of fun as they learn about our God who loves them so very much. Children must be potty-trained. Anyone entering 6th grade and older is welcome on staff! To register your child/ren or to sign up to be a volunteer, [please click here](#). *If you do plan to volunteer, please see the volunteer meetings schedule, on the previous page.*

The [list of needed supplies](#) is now available. If you are able to purchase some of the items on the list, we would greatly appreciate it!

Registration for our two Central Conference summer camps, Covenant Point (Iron River, MI) and Covenant Harbor (Lake Geneva, WI), is well underway, and many of our kids are registered. If you or someone you know has a child who would love to go to summer camp, but finances are tight, please reach out to Pastor Libby. The church has funds to send our kids to camp, and we'd love to use them!

Covenant Harbor Bible Camp (Lake Geneva, WI) Invites You to Family Weekend: Family Weekend, which will take place August 30 through September 2, offers favorite camp activities and great worship gatherings. The weekend will be designed for families to relax, have fun, and connect around God's Word while being immersed in God's creation. Family Weekend is also a great way for parents and kids who have never been to Covenant Harbor to experience camp for the first time. More information is available at www.covenantharbor.org/family-weekend. We hope you'll join us!

Covenant Point Bible Camp (Iron River, MI) still has spots available for summer camp! To see their availability, visit www.cpbpc.com/summer/availability/. They also seek staff and intern applicants! For more information, please visit cpbc.com/staffopenings.

Come join in ministry and race for a cause! The Covenant Point Bible Camp Triathlon, taking place on August 4, 2024, is an exciting opportunity to raise funds for their Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Family Camp. You can participate in the full triathlon, sprint triathlon, or a walk ([see distances & details here](#)). Competitors can choose to participate as individuals or as a team made up of 2 or 3 people competing in separate legs of the race. Non-competitors love to cheer on the athletes and enjoy great meals and great people. Visit www.cpbpc.com/summer/triathlon/ to register!

Come join us for a
block
PARTY

On Sunday, June 2, we'll gather on the sidewalk along Christiana Avenue around 11:45 am.



Food and fun will be provided.

Free of charge!



Bring a neighbor and friend from another block!

You're welcome to join us for worship, too!
The service will begin at 10:30 am in our south garden (weather permitting).

In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors.

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The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 28

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
VBS Meeting (Parlors)

Wednesday, May 29

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)

Thursday, May 30

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 31

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

Saturday, June 1

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
11 am Lindholm-Johnson Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
12:30 pm Lindholm-Johnson Reception (Parlors, South Garden)
5 pm Glazier Graduation Party - Private (Parlors)

Sunday, June 2

- 10:30 am Outdoor Worship (South Garden)
In case of rain, we will move indoors to the sanctuary.
12 pm Spring Block Party! (Sidewalk along Christiana, South Garden)
In case of rain, we will move indoors to the parlors and the gym.
7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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