Lord’s Day, July 23, 2023

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate On 1 Pet. 1:10-12 ESV

*“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”*

Welcome/Announcements Joe D’Avella

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 25:1-5

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Rejoice*

 *King of Kings*

\*The Confession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 30

Q.80. How does the Lord’s Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass?

**A. The Lord’s Supper declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ which he himself finished on the cross once for all. It also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father where he wants us to worship him. [But the Mass teaches that the living and the dead do not have their sins forgiven through the suffering of Christ unless Christ is still offered for them daily by the priests. It also teaches that Christ is bodily present in the form of bread and wine where Christ is therefore to be worshiped. Thus the Mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ and a condemnable idolatry.]**

Q.81. Who are to come to the Lord’s table?

**A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

Q.82. Are those to be admitted to the Lord’s Supper who show by what they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

**A. No, that would dishonor God’s covenant and bring down God’s anger upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.**

Pastoral Prayer and 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. 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.***

\*Hymn #647 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**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.**

Scripture Eph. 3:1-13 p. 1160

Sermon “The Mystery of Christ”

\*Hymn #345 “Glorious things of Thee Are Spoken”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of July 24th – July 28th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 7/23 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

7/30 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

8/6 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

8/13 Susan Bowen and Sara Feazell

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

7/30 Gina and Brian

8/6 Alan and Jeff

8/13 Melissa and Patrick

8/20 Robbie and Sam

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO Group**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering – Rob & Becky Spangler**

 **(Service in Africa)**

**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team/Prayer Conference Line**

**Friday, July 28, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Knitting Group**

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

8:00 a.m. **Men’s Breakfast**

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

9:30 a.m.

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Union with Christ*  Room 203

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP, INT’L, (RUF-I) JHU: JACOB JASIN**

Praise God for blessing our ministry programs this summer. Praise God for using us to show His love to the nations among us. May people from all nations praise His name.

Please pray for some seekers in our Bible study meetings. A new seeker has joined our group and has been coming consistently this summer. Pray that God will graciously give them the gift of saving faith in Christ.

As we end our summer ministry this week, please pray for several students who will be graduating and leaving. Please pray that God will continue to work in their lives, growing the seeds of the gospel that have been planted in their hearts.

Fall semester will start at the end of August. Please pray for us and our volunteers to rest for the next few weeks and regroup for a team meeting before the fall semester starts. Please pray as we plan to try some new ways of reaching students with love and the gospel of Christ. May God be glorified through us.

**Church News**​

**GROW Conference 2023: Our Great God**

Calling all disciple makers! Please plan to attend the GROW Conference this August 4th and 5th. Friday night, August 4th, watch online from home from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday morning, August 5th, come to church to watch, grow, and pray together as a church family. Please save the date, especially if you serve in the nursery, Children's Church, Sunday School, Gathering Kids, ESOL Kids, and/or VBS. There will be breakfast and giveaways! More details to come.

**NEW NURSERY LOCATION**

The nursery has been (temporarily) relocated upstairs in room 201 until further notice. Nursery is available year-round for infants through age 3 during the 11:00 Worship Service. Children age 4 and above are welcome to the nursery if needed during worship, as there is no Children's Church for summer break. Contact Brea Duty with any questions.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST THIS COMING SATURDAY**

This coming Saturday, July 29, there will be a men’s breakfast at the church at 8:00 a.m. We hope to see you there! Please contact Jack Royce if you have any questions.