"Some went down to the sea in ships... they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight... Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven." -Psalm 107:23-30

*The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple. This is demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.*

Order of Worship

March 23, 2025

Welcome and Announcements Elder Paul Hiles

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*

Prelude

Call to Worship Elder Rick Vetanovetz

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Gospel Renewal is a time we use to re-mind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His obedience we are justified, and by His death are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.

Invocation

Congregational Response of Faith: **WSC Q.5**

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but One only, the living and true God.

Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:

Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us and forgive us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

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*For **assurance of pardon**, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". – Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

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Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

Purify My Heart

Purify my heart, touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross, Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart; purify my heart.

(Repeat All)

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with you.

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*The purpose of our time of **greeting** is to fulfill the command in Romans 15:7 "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

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Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

You Alone Can Rescue

Who, O Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea; Your grace is deeper still!
(Repeat)

Chorus*:* You alone can rescue. You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death.
To You alone belongs the highest praise!

You, O Lord, have made a way; the great divide You healed.
For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still!
Yes, Your love goes further still!

*(**Chorus**)*

Bridge: We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life**!**
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life**!**
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!

*(**Chorus**)*
To You alone belongs the highest praise!

Overwhelmed

I see the work of Your hands; Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance,
oh God. All that You are is so overwhelming.
I hear the sound of Your voice; All at once it's a gentle and thundering
noise, oh God. All that You are is so overwhelming.

I delight myself in You, Captivated by Your beauty;
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.
God, I run into Your arms, Unashamed because of mercy,
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

I know the power of Your cross; Forgiven and free, forever You'll be
my God, And all that You've done is so overwhelming.

I delight myself in You -In the glory of Your presence;
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.
God, I run into Your arms -Unashamed because of mercy,
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You!

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*Now that we have reenacted the story of the gospel as a church community. We now **experience the renewal** merited for us by Jesus Christ. We express this renewal in our singing praises to Jesus for His great mercy towards us.*
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Jesus, our shepherd, prays with us and for us. We pray the ***pastoral prayer*** *expecting the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus' benefits to us as He prays for us.*

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Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right: holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth:
He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me:
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking:
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken;
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Scripture: **Mark 4:35-41**
Title: **Fear and Faith**

I. **A Great Storm** (vv. 35-38)

II. **A Great Calm** (vv. 39-40)

III. **A Great Fear** (v. 41)

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Since Jesus Christ has committed Himself to us in the laying down of His precious life, we are reminded of this in the preaching of the Word and likewise called to a daily, ***deepening commitment*** *to follow after Him.*
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Receiving tithes and offerings *is not an "add on" to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel. You will find baskets for your tithes at the rear of the sanctuary.*

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Guidelines for the ***Lord's Supper*** *can be found on the next page of this bulletin.*

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The ***Benediction*** *is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.*

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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord".
(Refrain)

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend!
And I know that Thou are with me, Will be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

Refrain*:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(White grape juice or red wine is available; and gluten-free bread in the smaller plate.)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Benediction

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

Who may partake? We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of the Lord's Supper. Namely, baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

How to partake? Please hold the elements and we will partake of them together. Red wine and white grape juice are both available, as well as gluten free bread.

What if I do not partake? Please stay seated, meditate on the Gospel, and pray silently.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of commitment: Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank You that my sin and rebellion are Yours and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that You died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord and I await Your return when I will see You face to face. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children: Lord Jesus, thank You for placing me inside Your family, the church. Help me to know You, to love You, and to follow You as Your faithful disciple. Amen.

Guidelines for Baptism

We baptize all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as He comes to us in the Gospel, along with their children. Children of believers are baptized because we trust that God's covenantal promise is for us and our children. Baptism is the sign of initiation into Christ's church, which means it goes hand in hand with membership. If you are ready to publicly profess faith in Jesus for the salvation of your soul and be united to His church, or if you are ready to have your child baptized, then please talk to one of our elders about the next steps.

Servants:	03-23-2025	03-30-2025
Greeters	Rick & Shawnee V.	Cathy H. / Susan D.
Coffee Station	Patty Lovelady	Bob & Lois S.
Communion	Ritesh Chakranarayan	Scott & Grace J.
Church Nursery	Michaela Bland	Gwennan Turner

For more ways to serve, visit springmeadowspres.org/volunteer

If you are interested in serving the body at Spring Meadows and would like more information on where and how you can serve, please contact the church office for information.

Sunday School Every Sunday at 9:30–10:15 AM

Adult Sunday School:

Series — Westminster Confession of Faith
Title — Of Christ the Mediator (WCF 8.1-3,7)
The Person of Christ
Teacher — Asst. Pastor Christian Bland

Pre-K

Series — Living in God's Family
Title — Jesus Says, "Forgive Others"
Teacher — Patty Lovelady

Grades (K-2)

Series — Investigating God's Word
Title — Matthew 13:1-52
Teacher — Harley Adams

Grades (2-5)

Series — Investigating God's Word
Title — 1 Samuel 13:1-14:14
Teacher — Katey Forster

Grades (6-12)

Series — Digging Deeper
Title — Exploring the Shorter Catechism
Teacher — Jeff Williams / Richard Salinas

For more info, visit springmeadowspres.org/Sunday-school

If you are interested in serving alongside our current volunteers in the Children's Ministry at Spring Meadows, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.

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At Spring Meadows, the work of knowing, feeding, leading, and protecting the flock of God is divided among the Shepherding Elders. We encourage all members of the church to reach out to their **Shepherding Elders** often. They want to pray with and for you! If you do not have a Shepherding Elder, or if you aren't sure who your Shepherding Elder is, please email the church office.

To get connected with the SMPC family, please download our '**Connect App'** and complete the **Connection Survey** located under 'Resources' on our website.

For more information about SMPC, our ministries, upcoming events, or to listen to sermon recordings, visit our website:

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Chimaine Shadd, Admin

Announcements

All Members are vital to the life of Spring Meadows and are encouraged to serve alongside one another, utilizing their gifts in one of our various ongoing ministries. Please contact the church office to be added to one of the ministry rotations. All needed.

Ladies Bible Studies (3) classes offered.**1 & 2 Peter**; "*Living Hope in a Hard World"* by Lydia Brownback. **Sign Up Sheets** + **$5 Books** are in the Women's Cubbies.

Singles in the Church (S.I.C.) – will be gathering on Saturday, **March 29th** from **5p-8p**. Games, fellowship and Spaghetti + Meatballs to be enjoyed. See Kevin or Mitchi Thomas for further details.

Church-Wide Invite > Lecture + Luncheon Sat. April 5th with **Dr. Kelly Kapic**, author of "Embodied Hope". Dr. Kapic will discuss topics surrounding his book w/ a Q & A Session. This is open to **ALL** in **SMPC** and others from local churches *(Outreach Opportunity).* Lunch + Childcare are included. Please **RSVP** on the sign-up sheet (*red clipboard*) in the back **or** reply to the email that was sent from Church office.

Good Friday Service: April 18th at **6PM.** There will be no childcare this evening.

***Resurrection Reception, April 20th 9:30AM** in place of all Sunday School classes.
***Easter Service, April 20th 10:30AM** *(childcare provided)*.
***Easter Egg Hunt** for little ones, **April 20th**, following Service. Meet in the Cry Room.

Picnic in the Park (Fellowship Meal), **May 18th** following the Service. Stay tuned for Park details.

All **Fellowship Meal Dates** have been posted online and hanging in back of Sanctuary.

VBS 2025 "The Race Is On" is **June 10-13, 4:30p-7:30p** @ SMPC. (Ages 4yrs – M.S.) Please reserve the dates and stay tuned for further information.

SMPC Events This Week

Sunday 3/23	9:30 AM	Sunday School (All ages)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday 3/26	10:00 AM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
	5:00 PM	M.S. & H.S. Youth Group Ministry (Church)
Thursday 3/27	6:00 PM	Ladies 1 & 2 Peter Study (Church)
Friday 3/28	6:30 PM	Coed Book Study: Calvin's Institutes (Church)

For more information about upcoming events, please visit our website, springmeadowspres.org/events-calendar, or contact us.

Community Groups

Community groups are one of the best opportunities to deepen relationships with other Christians and to build each other up. These small groups meet on the **2nd** & **4th** **Sundays** of every month in homes all around Las Vegas for fellowship, food, Bible study, and prayer. Contact a Group Leader or visit our website for details.

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Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays	Anniversaries
3-Laney A.	10-Kathy M.	18-Bob S.	14-Ritesh & Kriz
3-Ritesh C.	13-Lynda J.	19-Alex S.	
3-Toad B.	15-Michaela B.	24-Lawrence S.	15-Daniel & Amanda
4-Jane M.	16-Kelly H.	25-Richard S.	
5-Christian B.	16-Wendy L.	25-Brenda F.	28-Eric & Amy
8-Micah T.	18-Ella F.		

