

We glorify God by proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, and treasuring Christ above all.

Sermon Date: 8/24/25

Series: *Psalms*

Text: *Psalms 118*

Title: *"In Praise of the LORD's Steadfast
Loving Kindness"*

Preacher: *Pastor Luke Dufek*



After some fellowship, highlight the information below to your group and have them check the weekly church email for more details.

- The first Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, Sept. 20th. Contact Glen Beardsley if you are interested in helping to set up or cook.
- The Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Please see the weekly email for the sign-up link. Contact Vicki Hagen if you have any questions.
- There will be a members' meeting following the worship service on Sunday, Sept. 14th. This meeting is to vote on prospective new members.
- There will be NO Sunday school on Sunday, August 31st.
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This year's Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 19th and the Restoring Truth Conference will be on February 27th & 28th, 2026.
- The church needs 15-20 more volunteers for the children's ministry! If you aren't serving somewhere regularly or only serving occasionally, please consider volunteering as a teacher and/or helper during the Sunday school hour or during the corporate worship service. Reach out to Vicki Hagen.
- The church is also in need of more facilities volunteers to help with cleaning the church on either a Saturday or Sunday, or window washing. Contact Bryan St. John or Herbie Delgado if interested.

Pray that the Lord blesses your community group discussion, then *read Psalm 118*

What do you find amazing and most wonderful about God's love?

The phrase "steadfast love" in Psalm 118:1-4 and Psalm 118:29 in the ESV is a translation of the Hebrew word *hesed*. What makes *hesed* such a difficult word to translate? Why is it an important word to understand (see Exodus 34:6-7)?

The psalmist initially calls the people of God to give him thanks because God is good and because God's love endures forever. Share specific ways that the LORD has been good to you?

Do you often give thanks to the LORD for his goodness? Why or why not? What might cause someone to struggle to give God thanks? How can someone grow in thanksgiving?

In verses 5-18, the psalmist shares an example of the LORD's steadfast love. What can you relate to in this section of the psalm?

Verse 15 refers to glad songs of salvation in the tents of the righteous. Commenting on this, Charles Spurgeon writes: *"The families of believers are happy, and they should take pains to give their happiness a voice by their family devotion. The dwelling-place of the saved should be the temple of praise."* Does your family sing praise to God at home together? Why is this important?

In what way do Psalm 118:22-23 and Psalm 118:26 take a sharp turn right to Christ (for more direction, see Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Ephesians 2:19-21; Acts 4:11-12; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10, and Luke 19:37-40)?

How is Jesus Christ and his ministry the fulfillment of Psalm 118?

How then should we live? This week, spend time reflecting on how God saved you. Consider who you were before the LORD saved you and where you might be today if it were not for God's steadfast love, then give God thanks.