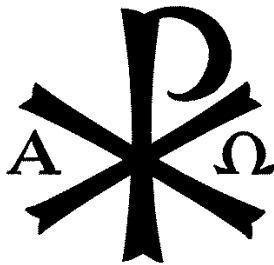


LORD'S DAY  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for  
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make  
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Father in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us,  
your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed,  
given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross.  
Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning:  
to see you in your majesty and glory,  
to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love,  
and to hear your voice speaking in your Word.  
Help us, by your Spirit,  
to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise,  
our love, and ourselves to you.  
Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people;  
for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 89.5-8, 14-18

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 38*

*IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.

We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb.

We are in the foothills when we should be on the heights.

We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days,

our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race,

our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, and our unspent opportunities.

We are blind while the light shines around us.

Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our hearts of unbelief.

Make it our greatest joy to study, meditate, and gaze upon you;

to sit like Mary at your feet, to lean like John on your breast,

to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things rubbish

compared to knowing and gaining you. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

2 Corinthians 8.9

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 311*

*HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED*

## **Congregational Petitions 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 also have forgiven 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.

## **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 61.1-62.7

### **Sermon**

"For Zion's Sake"  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 474*

*BLOW YE THE TRUMPET, BLOW!*

## **Worship of God with Tithes and Offering**

*\*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.*

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## **Confession of Faith**

What do you believe about the Justice and Mercy of God in Christ?

**We believe that God—**

**who is perfectly merciful**

**and also very just—**

**sent his Son to assume the nature**

**in which the disobedience had been committed,**

**in order to bear in it the punishment of sin**

**by his most bitter passion and death.**

**So God made known his justice toward his Son,**

**who was charged with our sin,**

**and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,**

**who are guilty and worthy of damnation,**

**giving to us his Son to die,**

**by a most perfect love,**

**and raising him to life**

**for our justification,**

**in order that by him**

**we might have immortality**

**and eternal life.**

—The Belgic Confession, Article 20

## **—OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT—**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

**\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 521*

*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS*

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

**Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Almighty and most merciful Father:

Grant us a heart to love you more faithfully,  
and enable us to show our thankfulness  
by giving up ourselves to your service  
and delighting in all things to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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**Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Erika Leinweber & Abby Carpenter

*Next Week:* TBA

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter & Jenni

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni

## **Sermon Notes: "For Zion's Sake" (Isaiah 61.1-62.7)**

1. The Anointed One: His Liberating Mission (61.1-3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. A Priestly People: Shame Replaced with Honor (61.4-7)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The Lord's Commitment: An Everlasting Covenant (61.8-9)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
1. The Anointed One: His Saving Power (61.10-11)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. A Prophetic Voice: Desolation Replaced with Delight (62.1-5)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The Lord's Strategy: Tireless Intercessors (62.6-7)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The Christian Aid Center:* Pray for the staff and volunteers of the CAC as they care for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that Christ's love is seen and felt through them, and that God use it to draw many to himself.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

January 14	Veronica Klicker
January 16	Elijah Klicker

*Christian Aid Dinner:* We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow night and would gladly welcome your help, either in preparing or serving the meal. If you would like to participate, or learn more, please talk to Heidi Leinweber.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

## **Weekly Gatherings**

*The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group* meets at their home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided, children are welcome, and the group is a lot of fun!

*The Men's Group* meets Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Genesis, and all men are invited.

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.