

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

Lord of all power and might,
Author and Giver of all good things:
As we gather in your presence,
graft in our hearts the love of your Name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and by your great mercy keep us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 6

O COME, MY SOUL, BLESS THOU THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, you promised that if we confess our sins,
you are faithful and just and will forgive us.
Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness;
that we may know the joy of your presence,
the light of your face.
You alone know our hearts:
how often we have offended you,
how often we have offended others.
Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought,
every false word, every wrong act.
Forgive us, for we have lived not for you,
but for ourselves.
Forgive us for failing to give you thanks,
for our neglect of prayer,
our ignorance of your Word,
our loss of purpose.
Heavenly Father, have mercy on us.
Create in us clean hearts,
and renew a right spirit within us;
by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 369

SHOUT, FOR THE BLESSED JESUS REIGNS

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 65.1-25

Sermon

“The Eagerness of God”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 76

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

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 regarding the recovery of fallen man?

We believe that our good God,

by his marvelous wisdom and goodness,

seeing that man had plunged himself in this manner

into both physical and spiritual death

and made himself completely miserable,

set out to find him, though man, trembling all over, was fleeing from him.

And he comforted him,

promising to give him his Son, “born of a woman,”

to crush the head of the serpent, and to make him blessed.

—The Belgic Confession, Article 17

—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. 705

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive.
Grant us the grace to renounce all evil
and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: TBA

Next Week: TBA

Sunday School

Today: Peter & Jenni Early

Next Week: Peter & Jenni Early

Sermon Notes: "The Eagerness of God" (Isaiah 65.1-25)

1. The Eagerness of God now (65.1)
2. His pleading to a rebellious people (65.2-7)
3. The kind of faith that pleases Him (65.8-16)
2. The promise of joy forevermore (65.17-23)
1. The eagerness of God forever (65.24-25)

Prayer Concerns

Bret Reller arrived in Afghanistan this week, and is expected to be there for six months. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Nick DeLaCruz (Pastor Ron's brother-in-law) has been taken off chemo and is now under hospice care. Pray that he is spared pain in his final days, and that he and Gloria and their children and grandchildren are sustained by God's comfort and grace.

Foster Child: The hearing to determine final custody of the baby has been rescheduled for March 3. Pray for Shane and Venessa (Pastor Ron and Cherry's nephew and wife) as they wait on God to see if the child they have been caring for might become their own.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to the patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq. May God bless their work and bring salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

February 1	Janice Vander Griend
February	Kevin and Laura Chabre

Art Day on the Reservation: Sacred Road is planning an Art Day February 15 for the children on the reservation. If you are interested in helping, talk to Chad Leinweber.

Kids' Quest! (Catechism Club): Pastor Ron is starting a catechism class for elementary aged children that will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year, from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, beginning February 11. Jackson Leinweber and Annie Carpenter will be assisting but one or two more adult volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, or learn more, talk to Pastor Ron.

Removing the Greens: Patton will be removing the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary at 5:00 PM today. If anyone is able to help, it would be much appreciated.

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 2nd and 4th 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 Thursday, 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.

The Women's Group has just started a study of Ecclesiastes, a combination of wisdom and folly "under the sun." The group meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at the church, and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."