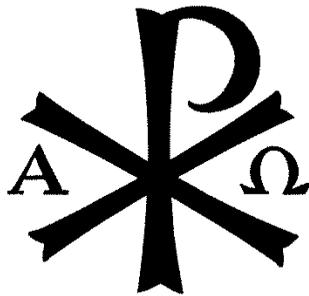


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

I am not worthy, Lord and Master,  
that you should come under the roof of my soul;  
nevertheless, since you desire, O lover of mankind,  
to dwell within me, I am bold to draw near.  
You bid me open the door which you alone have made,  
that you may bring light into my darkened mind;  
I do believe that you will do so.  
For you did not cast out the harlot when she came to you with tears,  
nor reject the tax collector when he repented,  
nor cast out the robber when he confessed your kingdom,  
nor forsake the persecutor of the church when he repented;  
but you reckon all who come to you with broken hearts  
among the number of your friends,  
you alone who are blessed, forever and ever. Amen.

— A Prayer of John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.)

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 50.1-6

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

## \*Songs of Praise to God

### The Heavens Declare Thy Glory

words from Psalm 19:1-6,14; Thomas R. Birks, 1874  
music Brian Moss 1996 CCLI #2415226



The heav'ns de - clare Thy glo - ry, The fir - ma - ment Thy pow'r; Day  
The sun with roy - al splen - dor Goes forth to chant Thy praise. And  
All heav'n on high re - joic - es To do its Mak - er's will; The



un - to day the sto - ry Re - peats from hour to hour, Night  
moon - beams soft and ten - der Their gent - ler an - them raise; O'er  
stars with sol - emn voic - es Re - sound Thy prais - es still; So



un - to night re - ply - ing, Pro - claims in ev - ery land, O  
ev - ery tribe and na - tion The mu - sic strange is poured, The  
let my whole be - ha - vior, Thoughts, words and ac - tions be, O



Lord, with voice un - dy - ing The won - ders of Thy hand.  
song of all cre - a - tion To Thee, cre - a - tion's Lord.  
Lord, my strength, my Sav - ior, one cease - less song to Thee.

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord God,  
the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches.  
We thank you for the treasures given us in Jesus;  
for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word,  
where we behold his character, grace and glory,  
as well as his sufferings, death and resurrection.  
We come to you in his all-prevailing name,  
with nothing of our own to plead:  
no works, no worthiness, no promises.  
We are often straying,  
often knowingly opposing your authority,  
often abusing your goodness.  
Impress us deeply with a sense of your presence;  
that you are about our paths, our ways,  
our lying down, and our end.  
Subdue in us the love of sin,  
and let us know the need of renewal as well as forgiveness;  
that we may whole-heartedly serve and enjoy you forever.  
This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 1.18

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

*Hymn No. 302*

*COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING*

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 49.1-50.3

**Sermon**

“Help for Despondent Souls”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 53*

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

**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.*

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

**Confession of Faith**

Why did Christ command us to call God “our Father”?

**At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us  
what is basic to our prayer—**

**the childlike awe and trust**

**that God through Christ has become our Father.**

**Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life;  
God our Father will even less refuse to give is what we ask in faith.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 120

## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

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

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) 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 Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are admitting 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. 242*

*NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Katie & Jack Leinweber

*Next Week:* Anna Vander Griend & Nicole Miller

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter & Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni Early



## **Prayer Concerns**

*Charles Brizius* (Cherry's dad) is recovering from surgery to clear a carotid artery. Pray that he continues to heal and that his strength soon returns.

*Chris & Mary Granberry* (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys as they minister to the Yakama People, that God uses them to lead many to new life in Christ.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

November 3                      Shawn Riley

*Alden-Warinner Wedding:* Seth and Hannah would like to invite you to share in the joy of their special day. Their wedding will be here on Friday, November 27, at 6:30 PM.

*Bridal Shower:* You are invited to a shower for Hannah Warrinner, November 14, at 10:00 AM, at Eileen Davis's. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

*Hanging the Greens:* On November 21, at 9:00 AM, the folks from Central will decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Please join us in giving them a hand.

*Operation Christmas Child:* Please join us in collecting treasures to be sent to children this Christmas. Boxes are due November 22. For more information, talk to Judie Judd.

*Thanksgiving Service:* Please join us Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour Thanksgiving Service for the whole family.

*30-Days of Prayer:* Join us this month as we pray for PCA missionaries around the world. Pamphlets with information and a prayer schedule are on the information table.

## **Weekly Gatherings**

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

*The Men's Bible Study*, resumes its study of Genesis this Thursday, at 6:00 AM at Pastor Ron's office. 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.