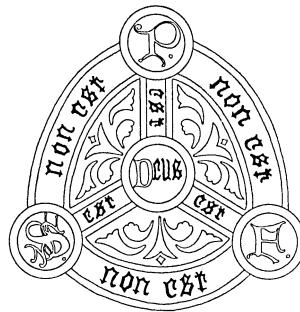


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devises are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-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 145.8-13

Prayer of Adoration

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 115

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Father, forgive us for the things we have done that make us feel uncomfortable in your presence. For the front that we polish so carefully for men to see does not deceive you. You know every thought that has left its shadow on our memory, every motive that curdled something sweet within us. We acknowledge that we have desired what we should not have. We have toyed with what we knew was not for us. We have been preoccupied with self-interest. We have invited unclean thoughts into our minds and entertained them as honored guests. Our ears have often been deaf to your whisper. Our eyes have often been blind to the signs of your guidance. Make us willing to be changed, even though it requires surgery of the soul and the therapy of discipline. Make our hearts warm and soft, that we may receive and accept the blessing of your forgiveness, the benediction of your "Depart in peace...and sin no more"; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1.18-19

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 310

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 20.1-9

Sermon

"A Prayer for the King"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 311

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

*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

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 26

-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 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. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayer for your use during this time.

A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

O How the Grace of God Amazes Me

Emmanuel T. Sibomana, 1946
translated, F. Barff

1.O how the grace of God a - maz - es me! It loosed me from my
2.My God has chos - en me, though one of nought, to sit be - side my
3.Not for my right - eous - ness, for I have none, but for His merc - y's
4.And when I think of how, at Cal - va - ry, he bore sin's pe - nal -
5.Now all my heart's de - sire is to a - bide in Him, my Sav - ior
6.Lord Je - sus, hear my prayer, Your grace im - part; When e - vil thoughts a -
7.Come now, the whole of me, eyes, ears, and voice, join me, cre - a - tion
8.O how the grace of God a - maz - es me! It loosed me from my

bonds and set me free! What made it hap - pen so?
King in heav - en's court hear what my Lord has done,
sake, Je - sus, God's Son, suf - fered on Cal - vary's tree;
ty in - stead of me. a - mazed, I won - der why
dear, in Him to hide, my shield and buck - ler He,
rise through Sat - an's art, O, drive them all a - way
all, with joy - ful noise: Praise Him who broke the chain
bonds and set me free! What made it hap - pen so?

His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at lib - er - ty.
O the love that made Him run to meet His er - ring son! This has God wrought.
•cru - ci - fied with thieves was He; Great was his grace to me, His way-ward one.
He, the sin - less One, should die for one so vile as I; My Sav - ior He!
cov' - ring and pro - tect - ing me; from Sat - an's darts I'll be safe at His side.
•and do You from day to day, keep me be - neath Your sway, King of my heart.
hold - ing me in sin's do - main and set me free a - gain! Sing and re - joice!
His own will, this much I know, set me, as now I show, at lib - er - ty.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day, may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Sunday School

Today: Peter Early and Anna Oliver

Next Week: Peter Early and Anna Oliver

Worship

Today: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Nicole Miller

Gatherings

Kids' Quest is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group, led by Chad, meets at the Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are invited.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They are studying the Psalms and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Ecclesiastes and all are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "A Prayer for the King" (Psalm 20.1-9)

1. For His Protection (vv. 1-3)

2. For His Success (vv. 4-5)

3. For His Deliverance (vv. 6-9)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew & Amy Allen have returned to Tacoma. Pray for Andrew's ongoing battle with cancer, as well as for the saints in Soldotna, as they seek the Lord for their future.

The Christian Aid Center cares for many in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray God uses its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

Grace Community Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Ken Hegtveldt, our church-planter in Bremerton; that God strengthens him and blesses the ministry of the Word as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

Vickie Myers is recovering from surgery. Pray that she knows God's presence and strength as she convalesces.

Bret Reller has been redeployed to the Middle East and will be there for six months. Pray for safety for him and his team, and for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

November 13 Shaun and Anna Oliver

November 17 Kristi Alden

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow night. Help is needed in preparing and serving the meal. If you would like to assist with one or the other, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

Christmas Shoebox Ministry: The final date to turn in shoeboxes is November 19. Information regarding their content is available downstairs along with the "Go Boxes." Pick yours up today.

Congratulations to Shaun & Anna Oliver on the birth of Theodore George, on November 5. Theodore weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Thanksgiving Service: Please join us Tuesday, November 21, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour Thanksgiving Service for the whole family.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.