

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, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 22.23-24

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 9

ALL YOU THAT FEAR JEHOVAH'S NAME

-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

1 Peter 1.18-19

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 166

WONDROUS KING, ALL-GLORIOUS

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

Psalm 11.1-7

Sermon

"Faith's Response to Fear's Counsel"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 508

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

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

What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

— The Heidelberg Catechism No. 27

-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. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers 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.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Before the Throne of God Above

C. Bancroft, V. Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my
ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten in His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His

heart, I know that, while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence de -
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

-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

Worship

Today: Erika & Katie Leinweber

Next Week: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

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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 Leinweber's (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are considering the Bible's teaching on parenting and all (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. 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 Proverbs and all men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all women are invited. Please talk to Cherry for more information.

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: "Faith's Response to Fear's Counsel" (Psalm 11.1-7)

1. The Temptation David Faced (vv. 1-3)

2. The Truth to which David Clung (vv. 4-7)

Prayer Concerns

Debbie Adamson: Pray for relief from the back pain Debbie is dealing with, and that she is daily comforted by God's presence.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan): In addition to their ministry to patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq, Melissa has begun teaching an English class, which they pray will give them more opportunities to befriend and love Muslims with the gospel. Please join them in praying toward this end.

Vickie Myers continues to struggle to keep food down and, consequently, is very weak. She saw a gastroenterologist in Portland on Friday. Pray that the diagnosis and treatment proves effective in helping her, and that she and Rick are kept in God's peace.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 12 Anita Hamovitz

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

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

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.