

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

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

-Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 75

O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVREIGN

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, what could move hearts like ours, which have your Son, yet still lack confidence? Would another sacrifice convince the guilty of your grace? Would health convince the ailing of your care? Would more money convince the struggling of your kindness? Would a miracle convince the doubter that you hear prayers? O God, our sin is ever before you. You gave your own Son, yet we still doubt you. He is our consolation, but trouble makes us question your care; our shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak your name; our provision, but hunger makes us neglect your kingdom; our atonement, but death makes us fear your judgment. What more could be given to a people? What more could be done? Forgive us our folly; forgive us our sins and give us confidence in the gift of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 49.15-16

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 324

CHRIST IS COMING!

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 12.1-8

Sermon

“Words, Words, Words”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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music Cyril V. Taylor 1941;
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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with four vocal parts (1, 2, 3, 4) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on cit - y of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e ter - nal love,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

He whose word can not be bro - ken formed thee for His own a - bode:
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fad - ing is the world - ing's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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.

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

Confession of Faith

What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

—The Heidelberg 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 for salvation.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 246

MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Hannah Alden

Sunday School

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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: “Words, Words, Words” (Psalm 12.1-8)

1. The Words of the Wicked (vv. 1-4)

2. The Words of the Lord (vv. 5-6)

3. The Words of the Psalmist (vv. 7-8)

Prayer Concerns

Vickie Myers was able to keep food down this week and, consequently, saw a resurgence of energy. She is still waiting for an appointment with the surgeon in Portland. Pray that she is able to get in soon, and that God protects her from another episode.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev; that God protects their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's teaching at the seminary to strengthen the church in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 19 Nicole Miller

Financial Update: The January financial statement has been posted to the website, on the Member Portal page. If you need the password to view it, please let Jacob Schroeder know. He would be happy to give it to 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

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."