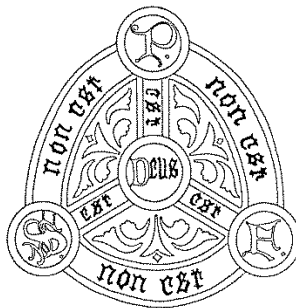


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me.  
Speak but the word; one gracious word can set the sinner free.  
I am not worthy; cold and bare the lodging of my soul.  
How canst Thou deign to enter there?  
Speak, Lord and make me whole.  
I am not worthy; yet, my God, how can I say Thee nay –  
Thee, Who didst give Thy flesh and blood my ransom price to pay?  
O come; in this sweet morning hour feed me with food Divine;  
And fill with all Thy love and power this empty heart of mine. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.8-13

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 40*

*GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God,  
to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings  
and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires.  
Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere.  
We have put the seeking of idols,  
which are bound to leave us empty,  
above seeking you.  
We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind.  
We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
And grant that we might from this time forth  
serve you in newness of life. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hebrews 10.12-14

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

*Hymn No. 696*

*I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!*

### **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

Philippians 2.19-30

Sermon

"In Praise of Men"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

### \*Song of Response

#### The Servant Song

words and music Richard Gillard 1978

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1. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are broth - ers  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you, In the night - time  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing. When you laugh I'll  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, We shall find such  
6. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as

Christ to you. Pray that I might have the grace to  
on the road; We are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out for you,  
laugh with you; I will share your joy and sor - row  
har - mon - y Born of all we've known to - geth - er  
Christ to you. Pray that I might have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ey through.  
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
let you be my ser - vant too.

## **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**

What do you understand by  
“the communion of saints”?

**First, that believers one and all,  
as members of this community,  
share in Christ  
and in all his treasures and gifts.**

**Second, that each member  
should consider it a duty  
to use these gifts  
readily and cheerfully  
for the service and enrichment  
of the other members.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 55

## **—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. 455*

*AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN*

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

## **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

## **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

O God, forasmuch as without your help  
we are unable to please you:  
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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## **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Erika Leinweber & Abi Carpenter

*Next Week:* TBA

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter & Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Peter & Jenni Early

## **Other 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 (during the school year), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

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

*The Women's Group*, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying Ecclesiastes, a combination of wisdom and folly "under the sun." The group meets Saturdays, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry.

## **Sermon Notes: "In Praise of Men" (Philippians 2.19-30)**

1. Timothy and Epaphroditus

2. A lesson in Praise

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Mike Givens* is at the Odd Fellows, recovering from successful shoulder surgery. Pray that the pain continues to subside, that his rehab goes well, and that he is soon able to return home.

*Roberta Haer* remains at the Odd Fellows, recovering from a case of pneumonia. Pray that she continues to improve and is soon able to return home.

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

*Bret Reller* is on a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

April 18                      Kirk Alden

*The Mannings Are Coming!* Mark your calendars: Tom and Melissa Manning will be here July 3. Tom will be preaching and we will gather for a picnic at the Park, after the Coffee Hour, to hear what the Lord has been doing in Jordan.

*Ordination/Instillation:* Our new officers, elder-elect Jacob Schroeder and deacons-elect Duane Jud and Howard Reller, will be ordained and installed during our worship service on May 1. Please plan to be here for this important day in their lives and ours.

*Schroeder Baptism:* Rebekah Joy Schroeder will be baptized next Sunday. Please be here to witness this momentous occasion and to support Jacob and Samantha in it.

*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. Please pray for them as they do, and be sure to let them know how they can pray for you.

*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.

### **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.