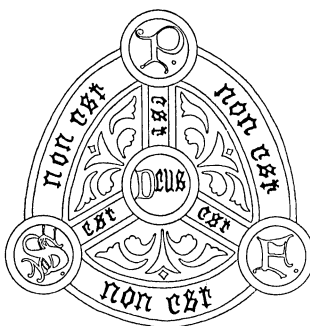


LORD'S DAY

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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

Glorious Lord,

it is the passion of our lives to worship you,
the crown and glory of our souls to adore you.

Enable us by your Spirit to do so now,
that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life
as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 26

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge our unworthiness of your grace and salvation.
So little have we truly believed our Savior's conquest of sin and death for us!
How often we forget that the Lord Jesus is sitting at your right hand,
ruling over all things for the church,
interceding for us,
and will one day return to bring salvation to all who are waiting for him.
How often we are weak or discouraged because we have forgotten that
since Christ is in heaven we who belong to him are as much as seated with him there.
How wrong of us that so great a Savior and so great a salvation
should not produce in us greater love and firmer hope.
Forgive us for such little faith,
restore to us the joy of our salvation,
and help us to walk worthy of it;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 12.1-2

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 164

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3.6-9

Sermon

“Father Abraham”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 347

THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION

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 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 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.

A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Emily & Jackson Leinweber

Next Week: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

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 is taking a break for the summer. It will resume in September.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Ecclesiastes, and all men 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: "Father Abraham" (Galatians 3.6-9)

1. Abraham's Story

2. Our Story

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Allen (our church planter in Soldotna, AK) is battling cancer. Pray the treatment he is receiving continues to help, and that he and Amy know God's peace during this time.

Robert Fastenow remains at Park Manor. Pray his rehab is effective, and he is kept in God's peace.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team, as they begin their summer of hosting work-teams and caring for the physical needs of the Yakama people. Pray that through them God might bring many to himself.

Riley Granberry (Chris's nephew) continues to battle with brain cancer. Pray for peace and strength as he undergoes treatment, as well as for healing.

The Myers Family: Pray that Rick and Vickie and the family know God's comfort and peace as they mourn the death of Rick's father.

Skip Sippert is at home, declining in strength. Pray for God's presence, both for Skip and Karen, as they look to the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

July 1 Peter Early

Church Directory: The updated directories are finished and are available downstairs. Please feel free to take as many of them as you like.

Financial Update: The May financial statement and the budget for our new fiscal year have been posted to the website on the Members 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 and 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.