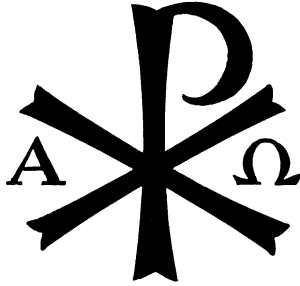


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

Almighty God, who through the Lord Jesus Christ  
has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
Draw our hearts to you this day,  
guide our minds, and control our wills,  
that we may be wholly dedicated to you;  
and then use us, we pray, as you desire,  
and always to your glory  
and the welfare of your people. Amen.

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

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

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

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

*Hymn No. 92*

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against your holy laws,  
and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy on us;  
spare those who confess their faults;  
restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Micah 7.18-19

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

*Hymn No. 295*

*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS*

### **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**

Galatians 3.10-14

**Sermon**

“Redeemed from the Curse”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 261*

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

**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 does every sin deserve?

**Every sin deserves God’s wrath and curse, both in this life, and in the life to come.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 84

## **-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. 521*

*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS*

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Now, Master, let your servants go in peace as you promised;  
for our eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have made ready in the sight of the nations;  
a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel;  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Based on Luke 2.29-32, NJB

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Erika and Katie Leinweber

*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 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* is taking this week off. It will resume its study of Ecclesiastes on July 12.

*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: "Redeemed from the Curse" (Galatians 3.10-14)**

1. Those who rely on observing the law are under a curse.
2. No one can be justified by means of the law.
3. Law and faith are not mutually compatible ways to God.
4. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law.

## **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.

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

*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.

*Karen Sippert*: Pray that Karen is kept in God's peace as she grieves the passing of Skip.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:*

July 5	Timothy Early
July 6	Mike Givens
July 8	Clint and Elizabeth Miller

*Congratulations* to Seth and Hannah Alden on the birth of Kade McCoy on June 24. He was 22 inches long, and weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

*Holiday*: The office will be closed this Tuesday, in observance of the Fourth of July.

*The Memorial Service* for Skip Sippert will be this Saturday, at 11:00 AM, at the church, followed by a fellowship meal at Karen's nephew's house. A meal will be provided, but if you would like to bring something, a salad or cookies has been suggested. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Judie Jud (540-4253).

*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 Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Rev 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.