

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 God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts this day such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed our every hope and desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-7, 10-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 17

PRAISE THE LORD: YE HEAVENS ADORE HIM

-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

Titus 3.4-7

*Song of Praise to Christ

There Is a Redeemer

words and music, Melody Green 1982
CCLI#2415226



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son, Pre - cious Lamb of
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names, Pre - cious Lamb of
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His face, and there I'll serve my



God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - - ly One.
God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain. Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for
King for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.



giv - ing us Your Son; And leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3.26-29

Sermon

“Heirs According to Promise”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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 is adoption?

Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, by which all those who are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name put on them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His Fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 74

-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. 500

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty and gracious Father, grant us a heart to love you, and enable us to show our thankfulness by giving ourselves up to your service, and delighting in all things to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Collie Parsons

Next Week: Jenni and Peter Early

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: "Heirs According to Promise" (Galatians 3.26-29)

1. Sons of God
2. One with Each Other
3. Abraham's Offspring

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.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise): Pray for the Freys, as they recover from a busy school year and plan for the one ahead, that God continues to use them and RUF at Boise State University to reach many students with the gospel.

Riley Granberry (Chris's nephew) appears to be losing his battle with cancer. Pray that he and his family know God's presence and peace in this difficult time.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

July 25	Samantha Schroeder
July 25	Karen Sippert
July 27	Nathaniel Seabrands
July 28	Abigail Carpenter

Mannings' Visit: Tom and Melissa Manning will be here next week. Tom will preach and we will gather for a picnic at Pioneer Park, following the service, to hear what God has been doing in Jordan.

Rileys' Visit: Shawn and Jamie and the kids will be here August 6. Shawn will preach and we will gather for a picnic at Pioneer Park, following the service, to hear about the ministry God has called them to in northern California.

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

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."