

# 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 gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.  
Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you,  
eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your Word,  
a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Psalm 107.1-9

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

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

*Hymn No. 4*

*ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you.

What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it?

We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you.

And we make our confession not in words alone,

but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you.

When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves.

When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf,

for without you we can do nothing.

And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed.

We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and,

once again, choose you and your will.

Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves

except that which is also pleasure for you;

in Jesus' name. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 32.1-2, 5

## \*Song of Praise to Christ

### I Will Sing of The Lamb

Stuart Townend 1997  
Kingsway's Thank you Music  
verse2 modified by Cherry Gonzales 2013  
CCLI# 2415226

1. I will sing of the Lamb, of the price that was paid for me,  
2. I will sing of his blood that flows for my wretch-ed - ness,  
3. O, once I was blind, yet be - lieved I was ev - ery - thing,  
4. O, what shall I give to the man who gave ev - ery - thing,  
pur - chased by God, giv - ing all he could give! Here now I stand in the  
wounds that are bared that I may be healed; Sin - ner I am, sep - a -  
proud in my ways, yet a fool in my heart; lost and a - lone in the  
hum - bling him - self be - fore all he had made? Dare I with - hold my own  
gar - ments of right - eous - ness; death has no hold, for in Je - sus I live. \_\_\_\_  
rat - ed from ho - li - ness, so un - de - served, yet his mer - cy is real. \_\_\_\_  
comp - ny of mul - ti - tudes, life in my bo - dy yet death in my heart. \_\_\_\_  
life from his sov - ereign - ty? I shall give all for the sake of his name \_\_\_\_  
2, 3, 4.  
2. O, \_\_\_\_ I will sing of the Lamb. O, \_\_\_\_ I will sing of the  
3. O, \_\_\_\_ I will sing of the Lamb. O, \_\_\_\_ I will sing of the  
4. O, \_\_\_\_ I will sing of the Lamb. O, \_\_\_\_ I will sing of the  
Lamb. My heart fills with won - der, my mouth fills with praise! \_\_\_\_  
Lamb. O why should the King save a sin - ner like me? \_\_\_\_  
Lamb. I'll sing of his love for the rest of my days! \_\_\_\_  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. \_\_\_\_

## Prayer for the Church and the World

## -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 38.1-39.8

**Sermon**

“Such As Is Common to Man”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 94*

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*

**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**

Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be man?

**It was necessary that the Mediator should be man,  
that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law,  
suffer and make intercession for us in our nature,  
and have a fellow feeling of our infirmities;  
that we might receive the adoption of sons,  
and have comfort and access with boldness to the Throne of Grace.**

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 39

## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) 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. 469*

*HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE*

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

**Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Lord, we plead with you to give us grace  
to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil;  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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**Sermon Notes:**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Chris & Mary Granberry* (White Swan), along with the Sacred Road staff, are busy hosting summer teams that are assisting them in their ministry to the Yakama People. Pray that God uses their labors to meet the physical needs and open the hearts of many to the good news of the gospel.

*Judie Jud* recently had hip-replacement surgery. Pray that her recovery continues to go well and that she knows God's strength and peace during her convalescence.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

July 28      Abigail Carpenter

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and fellowship.

## **Weekly Gatherings**

*The Men's Group* meets on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. They are currently studying Genesis and all men are invited.

## **Our Nursery Helpers**

**Worship**

*Today:* Emily Leinweber & Annie Carpenter

*Next Week:* Olivia Buob & Abigail Carpenter

### **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 NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."