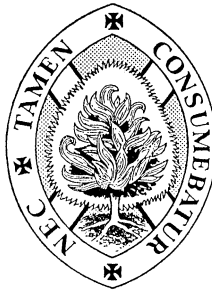


LORD'S DAY

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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, who was and is and ever shall be,
before whose face the generations rise and pass away:
Age after age the living seek you and find that there is no end to your faithfulness.
Our fathers walked by your guidance and trusted in your compassion.
Continue to be for us the cloud by day and the fire by night.
Where but in you have we a shelter from the storm or a shadow from the heat of day?
In our temptations, you alone know and are near.
In sorrow, your pity revives the fainting soul;
in prosperity and ease, it is your Spirit alone that can preserve us in humility.
O Unfailing Supply of Peace and Righteousness,
take now the veil from our hearts and join us in one communion
with the prophets and saints who have trusted in you and were not ashamed;
for we ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
we humble ourselves in your presence,
confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight.
We have broken your holy law.
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.
We have been anxious and troubled about many things,
and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,
or done to others as we would have them do to us.
Most gracious Father,
who has given your Son, Jesus Christ,
to save your people from their sins;
forgive us, we pray;
cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3.4-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 243

PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3.12-17

Sermon

“Love, Above All Pt. 1”
Elder Eric Carpenter

*Song of Response

Hymn 535

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

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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 is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is:

To love the Lord our God

with all our heart,

with all our soul,

with all our strength,

and with all our mind;

and our neighbor as ourselves.

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 42

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Romans 15.5-6

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: Nicole Miller

Next Week: Samantha Schroeder

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 (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Men's Group is on break while Pastor Ron is on vacation. It will resume its study of Hebrews on September 1, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "Love, Above All Pt. 1" (Colossians 3.12-17)

1. What We Put On

2. Love Is the Bond

3. We Are Unconditionally Loved

Prayer Concerns

Jeff & Cherie Leber (friends of Kirk & Kristi Alden) lost their 14-year-old son, who took his own life this week. Pray that God would comfort their family and use this tragedy to open their hearts to Christ. Pray also for Kirk and Kristi as they seek to minister to this hurting family.

Elder Jacob Schroeder will be leading worship and preaching next Sunday in Pastor Ron's absence. Pray for his preparation and ministry of the Word, as well as for the congregation's worship.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan) and their staff are hosting work teams throughout the summer that will help them meet physical needs on the reservation. Pray that God uses these expressions of love to open doors for the gospel.

Riley Granberry (Chris & Mary's nephew): The family recently lost their father & husband (Chris' brother) to cancer and Riley (12-13 years old) is continuing his battle with cancer in his brain. Please lift him up for healing and also his mother and brothers for consolation as they grieve their loss and face the unknown with Riley.

Mary Weingart, Cherry's 90-year old aunt, is recovering from pneumonia. Pray for healing; but even more, that God opens her heart and draws her to Christ.

Announcements

Kid's Quest resumes September 8. If you would like to help Pastor Ron with this bi-monthly children's catechism class, please let him know. We are always in need of adult or youth helpers.

Pastor Ron will be on vacation until August 29. If you have a need while he is away, please feel free to contact one of the elders.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."