

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

Holy and loving God,
as we worship you today,
we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,
to help us become more holy and more loving.
In a world that does not understand repentance,
we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 75

O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty Father,
we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty
that we are poor sinners, prone to evil,
who transgress without end your holy law,
and have therefore drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death.
But, O Lord, we repent and deplore our offenses.
We condemn ourselves and our evil ways.
Have compassion on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.
And in removing our guilt,
grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit,
so that acknowledging our unrighteousness,
we may be touched with the sorrow that works true repentance,
and that your Spirit, putting to death sin,
may produce in us the fruits of holiness,
which are well pleasing in your sight.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 66:16-20

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 305

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

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

1 John 1:5-2:2

Sermon

“Walking in the Light”

Elder Jacob Schroeder

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 242

NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS

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 the fifth request of the Lord's Prayer mean?

"Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors" means,

**Because of Christ's blood,
do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,
any of the sins we do
or the evil that constantly clings to us.**

**Forgive us just as we are fully determined,
as evidence of your grace in us,
to forgive our neighbors.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 126

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive.
Grant us the grace to renounce all evil
and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Erika Leinweber & Hannah Alden

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 meets on Thursday mornings from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They will resume their study of Hebrews 12 this week, and all men are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Walking in the Light" (1 John 1:5-2:2)

1. God is light (1:5-7)
2. The necessity of repentance (1:6-10)
3. True confession (1:7-10)
4. Christ our propitiation (1:7, 9, 2:1-2)

Prayer Concerns

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.

Continue to pray for *Jeff & Cherie Leber* (friends of Kirk & Kristi Alden) as they continue to grieve the loss of their son. 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.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they seek to minister to the sick and to refugees in Jordan. Pray also for the continued peace of Jordan so that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed there.

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.

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

Announcements

Birthdays this week:

August 29	Jackson Leinweber
September 2	Dave VanDewark

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."