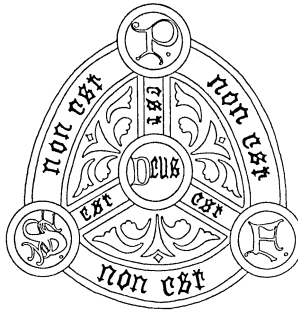


LORD'S DAY

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to 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, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 117.1-2

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 457

COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING

-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

Revelation 7.9-10

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter

Sermon

“Arm Yourself with Hope”
Elder Chad Leinweber

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 642

BE THOU MY VISION

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

During this life, when you experience misunderstanding, distress, persecution, ridicule, suffering, or derision, I ask you: What will you hope in?

We will hope in Christ, for

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

**Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, not things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing,
will be able to separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” [Rom 8:35, 38-39]**

We will fix our hope on our inheritance, for

“I saw a new heaven and a new earth;

**For the first heaven and the first earth passed away,
and there is no longer any sea.**

**And I saw the holy city the New Jerusalem
coming down out of heaven from God.**

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

**‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men,
and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people,
and God Himself will be among them,
and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;
and there will no longer be any death;
there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain;
the first things have passed away.’” [Rev 21:1-4]**

When we take hold of this hope set before us,

It will be an anchor of our souls. [Heb 6:18-19]

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Father in heaven, whose only Son followed the way of faith and duty even to the crown of thorns and the cross: Give us your grace that we may learn the harder lessons of our faith. Help us, by your Spirit, to take up our cross and follow our Savior. Enable us to enter into the fellowship of his sufferings, and to come at last to dwell with him in his eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Collie Parsons

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 September 19.

The Men's Group is on break while Pastor Ron is on vacation. It will resume its study of Ecclesiastes on September 13.

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: “Arm Yourself with Hope” (1 Peter)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen (Soldotna, AK): The medication Andrew has been taking in his battle with cancer has stopped working and his doctors are trying to find another treatment option. Pray they do, and that he and Amy know God's peace as they move forward.

Classical Conversations begins this Friday. Pray for Nicole Miller, Jenni Early, and the rest of the leaders as they prepare for another school year,

Robert Fastenow remains at Park Manor. Pray his rehab is effective, and he is kept in God's peace.

Tom & Melissa Manning were denied reentry into Jordan, where they have been laboring for many years. Pray that God would lead them to the next place of ministry and provide the funds needed to cover scouting, travel, packing, and shipping. Pray also that he would strengthen Melissa as she oversees packing up their house from afar.

Riley Granberry (Chris's nephew) passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. Pray that his family would know the peace and comfort of God as they grieve the loss of another loved one.

Elder Jacob Schroeder will preach and lead the service next Sunday. Pray for his preparation and ministry of the Word, as well as for the congregation's worship.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

September 4 Emily Leinweber

September 5 Steve Davis

Classical Conversations is looking for volunteers to be in the nursery during their morning program. They will have a number of little ones (babies to 3 years old) who can't be in the program with the older kids. They meet on Friday mornings from 9:15 to noon at College Place Presbyterian Church beginning on September 8. Please contact Nicole Miller if you are interested.

Vacation: Pastor Ron will be on vacation until September 12. If you need to reach him, his cell number and email address are the surest way. For immediate need, the elders welcome your call.

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 the Trinity

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.