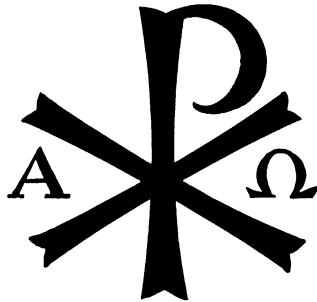


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 95.1-7

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 23*

*GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES*

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

**Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your great Name, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who possess more, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Cleanse us and change our very way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Mark 10.45

## **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 302*

*COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING*

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

**Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 25

## **Prayer for the Church and the World**

### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

## **Scripture Lesson**

1 Timothy 5.17-25

## **Sermon**

**"Treating Elders Like Fathers"**  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

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<sup>1</sup> "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5.21).

## \*Song of Response

### Pour Out Your Spirit

words James Montgomery, 1771-1854

mod. 2012

music Joseph Barnby, 1872

1. Pour out your Spir - it from on high; Dear Lord, your or - dained  
2. Wis - dom and zeal and faith im - part, firm - ness with meek - ness,  
3. To watch and pray, and nev - er faint; by day and night strict  
4. Then when their work is fin - ished here, in hum - ble hope their

serv - ants bless; gra - ces and gifts to each sup - ply, and  
from a - bove, to bear your peo - ple on their heart, and  
guard to keep; to warn the sin - ner, cheer the saint, nour -  
charge re - sign, when the Chief Shep - herd shall ap - pear, then

clothe them with your right - eous - ness. Gra - ces and gifts to  
love the souls whom you have loved; to bear your peo - ple  
ish your lambs, and feed your sheep; to warn the sin - ner,  
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## 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

## **-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. 308*

*JESUS PAID IT ALL*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Katie and Jack Leinweber

### **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 Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln), on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 12:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. 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. They are currently studying Exodus, and all men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom and our world. Please join us.

## **Sermon Notes: "Treating Elders Like Fathers" (1 Timothy 5.17-25)**

1. Honoring Them (vv. 17-18)

2. Not Removing Them Too Quickly (vv. 19-21)

3. Not Appointing Them Too Hastily (vv. 22-25)

## Prayer Concerns

*Rev. Andrew Allen:* Pray the treatment Andrew is receiving continues to show good results, that it has an arresting effect on the cancer, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

*Corem Deo Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Revs. Kyle Parker's and Matt Bostrom's church planting labors in Spokane, that they yield much fruit and the church is strengthened under their leadership.

*Leinweber Family:* Continue to pray for the Leinweber family as they mourn the passing of Mike (Chad's dad).

*Tom & Melissa Manning* arrive in Boise this Tuesday for seven weeks of support raising and R&R, as well as to share in the joy of their daughter Kristen's wedding on July 28. Pray for additional support, much needed rest, and for their time with family and friends.

## Announcements

*Anniversaries this Week:*

June 24      Peter and Jenni Early

*Expressing Thanks:* Following today's service, we are gathering with Crazy Love and Central Christian in the Fellowship Hall for a joint Coffee Hour, during which we will express our thanks to Central for the gift of the building. Please join us.

*Financial Update:* Our new fiscal-year budget and the May financial statement have been posted to the church website on the Members page. If you need the password to view it, please let Jacob Schroeder know. He is happy to give it to you.

*Prayer Meeting:* Due to the rescheduling of the June Session meeting, our normal fourth-Thursday prayer meeting has been cancelled. Our next prayer meeting will be July 12.

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Please pray for them as they do, and be sure to let them know how they can pray for you.

*Alistair & Sarah Torrens,* our missionaries in Kiev will be here next Sunday. Alister will preach, and, during the Coffee Hour, share what God has been doing in Ukraine.

### Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22:13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1:8, 17; 21:6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.