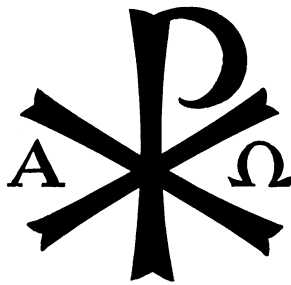


# LORD'S DAY

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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, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

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

Psalm 135.1-3

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

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

*Hymn No. 12*

*EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation'" (Ps 35.3)! Come, O God, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 172*

*LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER*

**\*Confession of Faith**

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 30

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2.20).

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

**Scripture Lesson**

2 Timothy 1.8-18

**Sermon**

“Facing the Great Unmentionable”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 706*

*JESUS LIVES, AND SO SHALL I*

**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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## **-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. 1*

*ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL*

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Collie Parsons

*Next Week:* Nicole Miller

### **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. The group is currently studying Exodus and all men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

## **Sermon Notes: "Facing the Great Unmentionable" (2 Timothy 1.8-18)**

1. Timothy's Mission: Gospel Faithfulness

2. Timothy's Motivation: the Gospel Itself

## Prayer Concerns

*Rev. Andrew Allen's* cancer has spread to his liver. Pray for wisdom as he and Amy consider whether to try the next level of treatment, and for peace as they trust in God on this journey.

*Christ Central Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Greg Joines, our church-planter in Corvallis, that God strengthens and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and the church he is planting.

*Tom & Melissa Manning* shared in the joy of their daughter Kristen's wedding, yesterday in Houston. Pray for their last two weeks here in the States, as well as for the visas they need when they return to Turkey on August 14.

*Sydney Smith* (Sandy Miller's niece) was discharged from the hospital last Sunday and is doing very well. Pray that she enjoys a complete recovery and that there are no further incidents.

## Announcements

*Anniversaries this Week:*

August 2      Jacob and Samantha Schroeder

August 3      Matt and Kristina Halvorson

*Church Directory:* Draft copies of the new directory are on the literature table for your perusal. Please note any corrections or additions that should be made.

*Coffee Hour Snacks* are enjoyed by all, so we would like to give everyone an opportunity to bring them. A sign-up sheet will be near the snack table each week. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please include your name and phone number. Collie Parsons will give you a call or a text reminder prior to your day. If you have any questions, feel free to call her at 522-1071.

*The Rileys* have arrived in Pennsylvania. Their email addresses and phone numbers remain the same, but their physical address is 7 Woodland Dr, Newville, PA 17241.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### Explanation of 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.