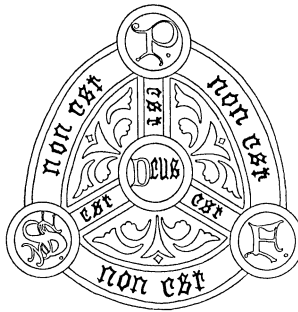


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts this day such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed our every hope and desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Psalm 96.1-4

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

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

*Hymn No. 53*

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have offended you: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on those who are ashamed of and sorry for their iniquities. Teach us to hate our offenses; cleanse us from our secret faults; forgive us our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, in keeping with the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8.31-32

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

*Hymn No. 243*

*PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER*

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

**Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 34

## **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**

2 Timothy 3.10-17

### **Sermon**

**"Standing Firm in the Faith"**  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

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<sup>1</sup> "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Pet 2.9-12).

## \*Song of Response

# O God, My Faithful God

words Johann Heerman, 1585-1647  
music adapted by Eileen Davis 2018  
from KEESE by Fred and Ruth Coleman 2010  
CCLI# 2415226

1. O — God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing, with -  
2. Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing, what -  
3. Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing; guard  
4. When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less; help

out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing: give  
ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing to —  
me, lest i - die speech may from my lips be fall - ing: but  
me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less; help

me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in a —  
do it when I ought, and with all my strength; and bless what -  
when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak, then  
me, as you have taught, to — love both great and small, and,

con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
to my words give grace, lest i of - fend the weak.  
by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

## 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. 481*

*TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS*

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

## **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

## **Closing 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.

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## **Our Nursery Helpers**

### **Worship**

*Today:* Abigail and Annie Carpenter

*Next Week:* Sam Schroeder

## **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 October.

*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: "Standing Firm in the Faith" (2 Timothy 3.10-17)**

1. Following Godly Examples (vv. 10-15)

2. Attending to God's Voice (vv. 15-17)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen* is eligible for but on a wait list to be admitted into an immunotherapy drug trial with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Pray that a spot opens up soon. In the meantime, he has begun another chemotherapy regime, hoping it offers some help. Pray that it does, and that he and Amy and Katherine are kept in God's peace.

*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 church he is planting.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens:* Pray for the Torrens, that God protects their marriage and family, uses Alister's ministry at the seminary to equip leaders for the church in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, and gives direction to Alister's own church-planting efforts in Kiev.

*Vickie Myers* is doing much better, following her surgery this past week. Pray that she continues to get stronger each day.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

August 29      Jackson Leinweber

*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 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.