

LORD'S DAY

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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

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 36.5-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 32

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb. We are in the foothills when we should be on the heights. We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, and our unspent opportunities. We are blind while the light shines around us. Take the scales from our eyes and grind to dust our hearts of unbelief. Make it our greatest joy to study, meditate, and gaze upon you; to sit like Mary at your feet, to lean like John on your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things rubbish compared to knowing and gaining you. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Song of Praise to GodHymn No. 299**LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS****Confession of Faith**

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 19

Prayer for the Church and the World**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-****Scripture Lesson**

Luke 11.1-13

Sermon

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

Song of ResponseHymn No. 56**WHEN ALL YOUR MERCIES, O MY GOD*

¹ “Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities” (Isa 53.10-11).

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

Before the Throne of God Above

C. Bancroft, V. Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per-fect, spot - less right - eous -
plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my
ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM the King of glo - ry and of
me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten in His
sin. Be -cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can-not die, my soul is pur - chased with His
heart, I know that, while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence de -
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - me, to look on Him and par - don my
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my part. me. God.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom you have given a hearty desire to pray, may, by your mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Kristina Halvorson

Next Week: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is 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.

Psalm Sing meets Sunday evenings at 6:30, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

The Women's Study is on break for the summer. Thank you to all who participated this year.

Sermon Notes: “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” (Luke 11.1-13)

1. A Prayer

2. A Parable

3. A Promise

Prayer Concerns

The Christian Aid Center cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to use its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

Rick Myers had bicep surgery on Friday. Pray the surgery proves successful, that his recovery goes well, and that he soon has full use of his arm again.

The Pacific Northwest Presbytery meets Thursday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Issaquah. Pray for travel mercies for those attending, as well as for the work they will be doing. Pastor Ron, Jacob Schroeder, and Ronnie Curfman will be attending from here.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for the congregation in Soldatna, AK as they look for a new pastor. May God lead and protect the church and make it a vital witness on the Kenai Peninsula.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

- May 14 Loren and Janice Vander Griend
- May 14 Colton Chabre
- May 16 Laura Chabre

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner tomorrow night at the Christian Aid Center. If you would like to help prepare or serve the meal, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

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 fellowship.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.