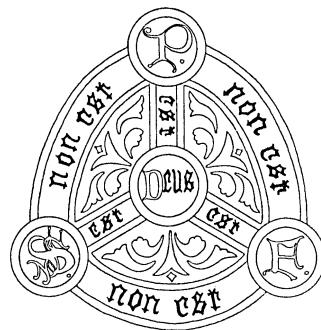


LORD'S DAY

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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

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 6

O COME, MY SOUL, BLESS THOU THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. This we ask, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.1-14

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 302

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

*Confession of Faith

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 37

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18.31-19.10

Sermon

“The Nature of Saving Faith”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 638

SAVIOR, THY DYING LOVE THOU GAVEST ME

¹ “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints” (Eph 6.17-18).

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 rings 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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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.

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

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

words Augustus M Toplady, 1740-1778 mOD.
music Eileen Davis 2000



1.A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing; nor
2.The work which his - good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will - com - plete; his
3.My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase; im -



fear with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - fring to bring. The
prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things
pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes,



ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do; my
fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or - a - bove, can
I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n; more



Sav ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.
make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.
hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day, may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Kathy Martin

Next Week: Stina Halvorson

Gatherings

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

The Tuesday Night 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 Revelation 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 Sundays at 6:30 PM, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

Sermon Notes: "The Nature of Saving Faith" (Luke 18.31-19.10)

Prayer Concerns

Seth Alden had an unexpected appendectomy this past week but is home and doing much better. Pray that his recovery continues to go well.

Tom & Melissa Manning are finally settled in their apartment in Istanbul and have begun reconnecting with the Syrian refugees they met this past winter. Pray for God's blessing over these relationships and for the gospel ministry they are engaged in.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: After much waiting, Rev. Jeff Glover will be installed as the church planter/pastor of the church in Soldotna, AK on September 29. Pray for a smooth transition and a long, effective ministry.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

September 20 Vicki Myers

How to Interpret the Bible: Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman will be teaching a ten-week class on interpreting the Bible, on Mondays, beginning October 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Ron or Ronnie.

Ladies Remember! The study of James, led by Christina McBean and Cherry Gonzales, begins October 10, and will meet every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the chapel. Everyone is invited.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they so, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

The Women's Fall Retreat is less than six weeks away. If you have not already done so, please reserve October 25-26 to spend with your sisters at Camp Touchet in Dayton. The speaker will be Rondi Lauderbach, of Tucson, AZ. The cost is \$60, and scholarships are available. To sign up or if you have questions, please talk to Barb McLean

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after the service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Explanation of the 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.