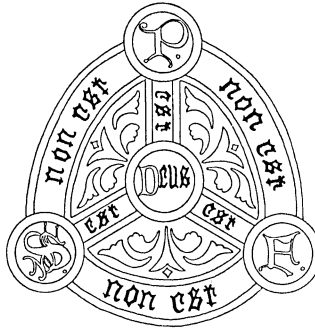


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O God, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I do, for I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding.

— Ambrose of Milan, AD 339-397

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil, who transgress without end your holy law, and have therefore drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death. But, O Lord, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways. Have compassion on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. And in removing our guilt, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that acknowledging our unrighteousness, we may be touched with the sorrow that works true repentance, and that your Spirit, putting to death sin, may produce in us the fruits of holiness, which are well pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.10-12

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

***Confession of Faith**

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 52

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.

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Rev 21.1-4).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 14.12-14

Sermon

“Noah, Daniel, and Job”
Pastor Collin Curfman

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

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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***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 520

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Jenni Early

Next Week: TBA

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.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

The Men's Group, which meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, is on break until January 8, when it will begin a study through the book of Joshua.

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.

The Women's Study, led by Cherry Gonzales and Christina McBean, is on break until Thursday, January 9, when it will resume its study of James.

Sermon Notes: “Noah, Daniel, and Job” (Ezekiel 14.12-14)

Prayer Concerns

Tom Manning: Pray for wisdom as Tom and Melissa choose a course of treatment for the lymphoma Tom has, that it proves effective in eradicating the cancer, and that he is strengthened daily by the presence and grace of God.

Vickie Myers: Pray that Vickie continues to gain strength and remains healthy, and that she is kept daily in God's comfort and peace.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Clover, our church planter in Soldotna AK, that God strengthens him and bless his labors as he gives himself to the community and to the church he is planting.

Alistair & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrenses as they give themselves to church planting efforts in Kiev, for Alister's teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God grants them many opportunities to befriend and share the gospel with unbelievers.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

January 3

Oliver Miller

Daily Bible Reading: Reading through the Bible regularly is vital to our spiritual growth. Many of us will be doing so again in 2020, using Robert Murry M'Cheyne's daily schedule, which is available on the literature table. Please consider joining us.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after 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 doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. Positively, two affirmations are made about each person of the Godhead. Reading from the center circle outward: God (Deus) is (est) Father (P is for Pater), God is Son (F is for Filius), and God is Holy Spirit (SS is for Spiritus Sanctus). Reading from the outer circles inward: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Negatively, two affirmations are likewise made about each person of the Godhead. Reading clockwise and counter-clockwise from one outer circle to the other two: the Father is not (non est) the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.