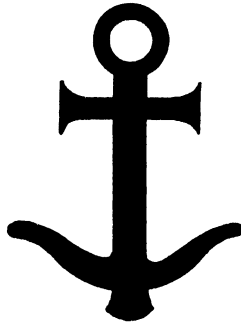


LORD'S DAY

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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, most kind and generous: We come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you; we come to you as our Lord and God, because we are in awe of you and worship you; we come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather in his name. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Eternal Son, and to the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95.1-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 23

GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES

Confession of Faith

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 23

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so, and help us to follow you in every way and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confession*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55.6-7

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ "God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it" (Acts 2.24).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Reading

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

—Hebrews 11.8-16

Sermon

“The Promises of God”

Psalm 73.1-28

Rev. Ron Gonzales

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

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking 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 but commend to you instead 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. 32

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

*Please stand if able

Sermon Notes: "The Promises of God" (Psalm 73.1-28)

God promises to bless and provide for his children, yet it often seems that those who have no interest in him are the ones who are blessed, while his own are not. How are we to understand God's promises? Is he truly faithful?

Prayer Concerns

- Pray for the complete healing and good health of our friends and loved ones with ongoing health concerns, including *Clint Miller* and *Vickie Myers*.
- Pray for *Eric Carpenter* and *Tom Manning* as they begin receiving chemotherapy treatments this month. Pray that the treatments would be effective and that the Lord would sustain them in body and soul through the coming weeks.
- Pray for *John and Chris McBean*. Chris' grandfather's health continues to decline, and John's best friend Ryan was diagnosed with leukemia and is in the hospital unable to see his wife and children. Pray that John and Chris are able to minister to them from afar; for healing if that is the Lord's will; and that God turns their hearts to himself.
- Continue to pray for protection from the coronavirus; that its spread would be halted, and its impact on our communities ended.
- Pray for peace and justice in Minneapolis, and for the healing of our fractured nation. Pray that God would give wisdom to our leaders as they address these difficult circumstances, and that he would protect those seeking to establish peace and order.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

June 7	Bob and Barb McLean
June 7	Erika Leinweber
June 10	Tom and Veronica Klicker

Congratulations to Matt & Kristina Halvorson on the birth of Lila Viola-Rose, at 8:40 AM on May 27. She weighed in at 7 lb. 4 oz., and was 19 and ½ inches long.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here this morning and look forward to getting to know you. If you have time, please join us in the park next door to the church immediately following the service.

The 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.