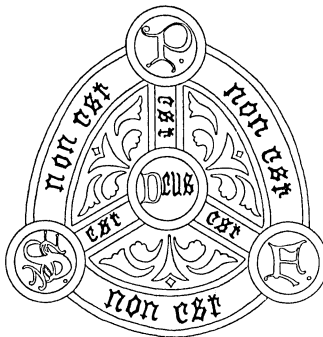


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life: Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you with all that we are and all that we have to offer, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148.1-2, 11-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 112

PRAISE YE, PRAISE YE THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, eternity is yours, so you cannot be ignorant of what we tell you. By confessing our miserable state to you and acknowledging your mercy towards us, we open our hearts to you, so that you may free us wholly, as you have begun to do, so that we may cease to be wretched in ourselves and may find our happiness in you. Therefore, we acknowledge our sin; for you have called us to be poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. Forgive us for every failure to be what you have called us to be; forgive us for every failure to be what the Lord Jesus saved us to be; forgive us for every failure to be what we ourselves want to be for your sake. Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 696

I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed¹

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Salvation Belongs to the LORD”

2 Kings 22.1-23.30

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

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 (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) 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 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 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. 246

MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying 2 Kings and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement: On the second Sunday of each month, we gather from 6:00 to 7:15 PM for a brief time of worship followed by teaching and discussion of issues relevant to our society's cultural moment. Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder are leading a study on human sexuality, based on the report adopted by our General Assembly this past June. Reports can be found on the literature table. We meet in the sanctuary, and children are welcome.

The Covenant Women's Study, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying 2 Corinthians. It is meeting on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room. Questions for each week can be found on the literature table, and all women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Salvation Belongs to the LORD" (2 Kings 22.1-23.30)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in Boise, that God strengthen and directs him as he labors to establish this young congregation.

Rev. Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God used them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number on the reservation come to know and grow in the Savior.

The Persecuted Church: There are 180,000 Christians out of 10 million people in *Jordan*. Though they experience a measure of religious freedom, discrimination in employment and restrictions against free speech still exist. As a result, testimonies of faith by Christian converts can lead to physical violence, arrest, and even death. Add to that, radical Islamic movements, and the threats Christians feel are very real. Pray for those living under such oppression, that they follow Jesus' example as they respond. Pray for protection against radical Islamic groups. And pray for wisdom and courage to be faithful disciples of Christ, come what may.

The Steadfast Love of the LORD: The psalmist prayed, "I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight" (Ps 119.75-77). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker, and Wayne Snavely* are comforted this week by God's steadfast love.

Ukraine: Pray for the people of Ukraine, that God protects and preserves their freedom amidst the threat of Russian incursion, and for the church in Ukraine, that God strengthens and equips it to bear witness to the goodness of God and to the gospel during this very uncertain time.

Announcements

The Second Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement gathering for this month has been moved to February 27.

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

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 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.