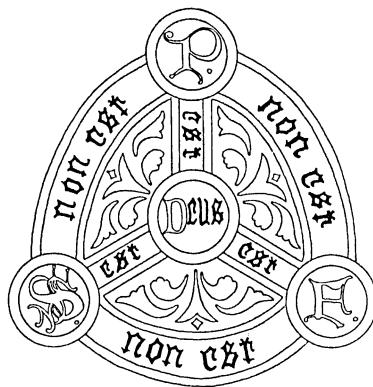


LORD'S DAY

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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

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-7, 10-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 23

GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 243

PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER

***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’s First Course”

John 6.1-15

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 421

SOUL, ADORN YOUSELF WITH GLADNESS

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’ly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

-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) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in clear cups, grape juice in colored cups. 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. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinwebers', from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This year they will be studying the Gospel of John, in tandem with the Sunday sermon series. All are welcome!

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets Fridays, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series entitled, "Leadership by the Book," in which 52 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 Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: “Salvation’s First Course” (John 6.1-15)

Prayer Concerns

Hoping in God: The psalmist writes, “The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love” (Ps 147.11). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* set their hope in the LORD’s steadfast love.

Rev. Tom & Melissa Manning help missionary couples and team leaders on the field through online coaching and encouragement. One couple are Raymond and Faith, who are planting a church in southern Jordan. You can read about them in the latest *Manning Message*, on the literature table. Pray for Raymond and Faith as they plant this church, and for Tom and Melissa as they help them.

The Persecuted Church: There are 4 million Christians out of 18 million people living in Kazakhstan, where it is illegal for non-registered churches to gather, forcing most Christians to meet in secret. Aside from governmental mistreatment, converts from Islam bear the brunt of the persecution, including house arrest, physical violence, and excommunication. Pray for the safety of Kazakh believers, and for the converts under house arrest. And pray for the authorities who are suppressing the gospel, that God opens their eyes and grants them faith.

Trinity Presbyterian, our church-plant in Richland, is now nine months old and is doing quite well. Pray for Rev. Andrew Perkins, as he leads this young church, and for those whom God has called to be a part of it. Pray that, together, they are growing in grace and in an ever-increasing love for the Savior.

Announcements

Directory Update: We will soon be publishing an updated Church Directory. If your information has changed, or you would like to be in it, please let Pastor Ron know.

A Men’s & High School Boys’ Winter Bible & Catechism Study will begin Monday, February 2 at 6:30 PM, at the church, and runs through March 30. The study is intended to teach the core tenets of the faith and equip us to challenge the common cultural narratives of our age, relating to where we find meaning and purpose. For more information, talk to Chad Leinweber.

Session Meeting: the elders meet this Thursday, at 5:30, to pray for the needs of the congregation. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

Women’s Study & Fellowship: Women and teen girls (middle and high school) will gather at the church on Mondays, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, February 2 to March 30. An allergy-friendly meal will be provided, after which the women will study the first half of Daniel, and the teens will study the book of James. All are welcome.