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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 1, 2018*



*“And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed.  
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.  
He has risen; he is not here.  
See the place where they laid him.’”  
Mark 16:6*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is  
a response to  
God's initiative.  
The pattern of  
our worship  
reflects the  
gospel.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner-stone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

### **Call to Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

### \*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - Hymn #277

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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**\*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, *continued***

Soar we now where Christ as led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

**\*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - *Hymn #295***

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise  
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime  
All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**\*BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*(Chorus)*

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

*(Chorus)*

*You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)*

*(Chorus)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

**All:** Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

### **Call to Confession**

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

## The Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

### \*COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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.

### \*IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

*continued above*

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*IN CHRIST ALONE, *continued***

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

**BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)**

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

*(Chorus)*

*Amen amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen, let my song join the one that never ends  
(Because He lives)*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

*(Chorus)*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**Offering**

We give back to God a portion of what he has given us to use to declare that he is Lord of all. (This is part of our service as a church family, and visitors should not feel obligated to participate.)

*Easter Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Alive - Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)*

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”<sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon Notes



**\*UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE - Hymn #276**

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.

*(Chorus)*

*Up from the grave he arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And he lives for ever with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.

*(Chorus)*

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord.

*(Chorus)*

**Sermon**

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance on below)*

### *Lyrics to the Solo for Reference: Buried In The Grave*

There was a day we held our breath and felt the sting of bitter death  
When all our hopes were buried in the grave  
Our eyes awake, our hearts were torn, between our faith and what we knew  
Before our King was buried in the grave  
And grace was in the tension, of everything we've lost  
Standing empty handed, shattered by the cross

*(Chorus)*

*All we have, all we had, was a promise like a thread  
Holding us, keeping us, oh from fraying at the edge  
All we knew, all we knew, was You said You'd come again  
You'd rise up from the dead*

There was a day we looked for proof that you had risen from the tomb  
And all our doubts began to roll away  
We touched the scars upon your hands  
You kept Your word, oh Son of Man  
You buried death by taking on the grave  
You came here to save us cause everything was lost  
No longer empty handed, clinging to the cross

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

### **The Lord's Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

**\*LIFT HIGH THE CROSS** - Hymn #263 vs. 1, 3-5

*(Chorus)*

*Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name*

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod  
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

*(Chorus)*

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

*(Chorus)*

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

*(Chorus)*

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone  
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

**\*BENEDICTION**

*If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.*

**Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

**Leaders & Staff**

**Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

*Staff:* Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

*Elders:* Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Faith Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg who work with Red Island Restoration and World Venture in Madagascar

**DIACONAL OFFERING:** This morning we share in worshipping through our diacanal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY,** Easter Sunday. Join us downstairs for Easter breakfast served by our deacons at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 8.

**EASTER LILIES:** Those who purchased Easter lilies may take them home, preferably after the second service.

**VBS JUNE 25-28 SAVE THE DATE:** Even though it's still a little snowy we're starting to plan for summertime so save the date for this year's VBS program **SPACE PROBE: A Faith-Fueling Odyssey** Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28! Our VBS director Kate Anderson will be recruiting volunteers in April so mark your calendars and contact her to volunteer (270-7836)!

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, April 12, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

**SCS TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR FOR PARENTS:** The community is invited to a seminar for parents on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at Stillwater Christian School with a team from Axis.org presenting on youth and technology and how Jesus impacts even how we use our phones.

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**SERVING:** April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Phil & Carol Van Duyne  
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner  
Nursery 8:15 am: Neumanns  
Nursery 11 am: Motleys  
Fellowship Hosts: **Easter Breakfast provided by FCC Deacons**  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Jeanie Brenneman

**Next Sunday - April 8th**

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Greg & Heliana Embry  
Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright  
Nursery 8:15 am: Cathy Hanson  
Nursery 11 am: Grays  
Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Niam Moody  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Hanni Hanson

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

**Youth Groups**

Wednesdays Sr 6:30 & Jr 7 pm

**Young Adult Group**

1st & 3rd Sundays 6 pm

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