

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 25, 2018



*“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat
falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”*

John 12:23-24

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the
King of glory!**

HOSANNA - Children's Choir (congregation remain seated and join final chorus)
(Chorus)

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!*

*10,000 REASONS - Children's Choir

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

(Congregation join & stand after first verse)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

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

Call to Worship

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

10,000 REASONS, *continued

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***ALL GLORY LAUD & HONOR - Hymn #235**

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
To thee before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayer we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 5:3-6*

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

All: O King and Father, your Son died and was raised in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our reluctance to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have. Forgive us of our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life, so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:8-10*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Lynde Marie Hobus

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)

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.

BE THOU MY VISION - *Hymn #642*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.)

**Indicates when to stand.*

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Palm Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Way of Jesus – John 12:12-26 (ESV)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

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Sermon Outline

I. A Different Power

II. A Different Life

Sermon Questions

1. What message does Jesus communicate by coming in on a donkey? Why did the people and the disciples not understand the significance (cf. v16)?
2. Theophylact, an early church writer, acknowledges the divinity of Jesus taught in this text. “Only God has the power to save, and to Jesus they cry out ‘Save us O Lord our God’ (Ps 105:45). Many other passages in Scripture ascribe to God alone the power to save. The Psalms of David most clearly refer to the Christ as true God.”
3. Why does Jesus connect the request of the Greeks to see him with “the hour has come”? (So far in John, “the hour” has always been a future reference. That changes here.)
4. Reading verse 23, how does Jesus bring glory to himself?
5. When you think of laying down your life for Jesus, what does this mean for you where you are currently at?

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.

**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.

***JESUS MESSIAH**

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.*

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

(Chorus)

*Lead on O King, Lead on O King
Lead on O King, eternal King lead on*

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

(Chorus 2x)

*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: Young Life, Tim & Emily Herset
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg who work with Red Island Restoration and World Venture in Madagascar

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Remember to meet before the service in the fellowship hall before both services.

EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED in honor or memory of your loved ones. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the table in the foyer for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them to the church office along with \$10.00 (per lily), no later than today Sunday, March 25.

EASTER SERVICES: Please join us on Friday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. for our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. On **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 1, Faith Covenant Deacons will cook and serve breakfast between the two services at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

VBS JUNE 25-28 SAVE THE DATE: Even though it's 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.

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 (video games, instagram, Tinder, etc.) and how Jesus impacts even how we use our phones.

SERVING: March Deacon - Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Scott & Jenny Mattern
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner
Nursery 8:15 am: Paolini
Nursery 11 am: Falk/Longenecker
Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Cathy Hanson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - April 1st EASTER

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson
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

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