

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 6, 2020

*“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.”
Psalm 127:3*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-4**

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

***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)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!** - *Hymn #100*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**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.

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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us from the inside out.

(Adapted from Luke 11:37-52)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:12-13*

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

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.

***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)

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com).*

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 9:30 & 11 services (downstairs Corner Classroom)

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

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.)

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Blessing of Children — Psalm 127:3-5 (ESV)

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON.

- ¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
- ² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- ³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
- ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
- ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

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.

Sermon Outline

- I. Flourishing Families

- II. Floundering Failures

Sermon Questions

1. Our hard work does not always bring great results and marriage does not always provide children. How has the call to trust in the providence of Lord challenged your own faith at times?
2. Just as we need the Lord to intervene in our work and our protection, so we need the Lord's intervention in the fruitfulness of our families. Have you seen at times when you have lived as a functional atheist even while affirming this truth?
3. Repeatedly, God's people are called his heritage (Deut 4:20; 9:26,29). The Bible speaks to both physical descendants as well as spiritual descendants. How can you have a quiver full of spiritual descendants?
4. While children can be a great blessing, they can also be a source of great pain and anguish. How does our trust in God's providence lighten the load? How are we called to examine our efforts?
5. How does the faithfulness of Christ keep you from despair in the midst of bitter disappointments? How does his faithfulness keep you from pride and presumption in the midst of joyful abundance?

Children's Question

*To be raised in a home that loves and fears the Lord is a great blessing.
Have you seen times when the Lord has used your Dad and Mom to help you
have a soft heart toward the Lord and other people?*

*ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

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

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.

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.

***WE WILL FEAST**

(Chorus)
 We will feast in the house of Zion
 We will sing with our hearts restored
 He has done great things we will say together
 We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
 We are not consumed by the flood
 Upheld protected gathered up
 (Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
 For the promised morning oh how long
 Oh God of Jacob be my strength
 (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
 And from the garden to the grave
 Bind us together bring shalom
 (Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Stillwater Free Lutheran, Kalispell, Pastor Craig Scavo

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle, Bible Correspondence Course

VESPERS: Join us Sunday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service. Regular evening services will resume Sunday, Sept. 20, also at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Two Bible study groups will begin Wednesday, Sept. 16, one at 9:30 a.m. at the church (Ephesians) and one at 1:15 p.m. at Gloria Johnson's (*In His Image*, Jen Wilkin). Sign up by Sept. 13 in the foyer or email Bekah Marsh (jjm.rsm@gmail.com).

SERVING: September Deacon – Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 9:30 Hanni & Zephy Hanson — 11 Van Duynes

Nursery: 9:30 S. Thompson— 11 Putzler/McManus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday September 13th

Children's Church: 9:30 Hanni & Zephy Hanson — 11 Julie Thompson

Nursery: 9:30 J. Thompson— 11 Matters

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Benni Tulloch

Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Streaming Sundays

at 11 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the

month at 6:30 p.m.

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