

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 17, 2021

*“And we urge you, brothers,
admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted,
help the weak, be patient with all.”
1 Thessalonians 5:14*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

***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!
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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus)

**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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**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful (3x)
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us (3x)
Mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

***WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS** - *Hymn #252*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

OFFERTORY: (*Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com*)
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)

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.)

Life Sunday
Pastor John Sackett
Choosing Life — Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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. Because God has given us life, our life must include ...
- II. Comforting the distressed
- III. Defending the innocent

Sermon Questions

1. In Westminster’s Larger Catechism question 135, the duties required of the sixth commandment are mentioned. Included are “... patient bearing and forgiving of others, requiting good for evil; comforting and succoring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.” Do you normally think of the commandments in terms of negative commands: “Thou shall not”? How can the viewing them as positive commands “...therefore, Thou shall” help live a full life?
2. C. S. Lewis once said “Actually it seems to me that one can hardly say anything either bad enough or good enough about life”. What is he saying about life and mankind?
3. Hebrews 2:18 makes the point that Jesus is able to help because he knows our weaknesses and our struggles. What are you doing to truly understand someone’s weaknesses or struggles such that you can be a help to them?
4. Who are the “distressed” or the “innocent” within you sphere of influence that you ought to be a blessing to?

Children’s Question

*Have you ever had a chance to really help someone? How did that make them feel?
How did it make you feel? How do think God felt about your serving?
Why is it hard to be a good helper?*

***LORD HAVE MERCY**

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

(Chorus)

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us (2x)*

For what You have done, Your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise You
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree, a King among thieves
You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end, our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful

(Chorus 2x)

For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

(Chorus)

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.

***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)

***BENEDICTION**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Neighbors in Need
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg, World Venture Madagascar
SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes today. Pastor John will teach the new class for adults, *Serving the Kingdom: How, Why & Where*, in the fellowship hall. High school students meet in the church library.
CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. The annual report and 2020 budget is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have questions about the budget, please contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, prior to the meeting.
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Studies start Wednesday, Jan. 27. Pick up books in the foyer.

SERVING: January Deacon – Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11 Micah Tinkham
Nursery: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Cantrells
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Staci Bennett

Sunday Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm
Streaming 11 am

Next Sunday Jan 24th

Children's Church: 11 Micah Tinkham
Nursery: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Lancasters
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Gloria Johnson

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9