

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 21, 2021

*“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you
an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you
to fall away from the living God.”*

Hebrews 3:12

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36**

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

All: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

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***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 scepter 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 THE POOR AND POWERLESS**

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

(Chorus)

*And all will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah*

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothin' left
Will know that You are holy

(Chorus 2x)

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God (3x)

(Chorus 2x)

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That He is God

**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: *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones
Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** - Hymn # 307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

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.)

Sermon Series: Hebrews — Finish the Race

Pastor John Sackett.

Unbelief: Warning and Remedy — Hebrews 3:12–19 (ESV)

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵ As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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. A Warning to Take Care
- II. Exhort One Another
- III. Hold Fast

Sermon Questions

1. Why does the writer of Hebrews call an unbelieving heart “evil”?
2. Consider: “Sin uses the cloak of deceit with devastating effect on those inclined to fall under its spell (Donald Guthrie).” Do we really believe that sin devastates?
3. Lane notes that in these verses we see a “shocking truth”. He continues “... a participant in the redemption provided by God can choose to disbelieve God. [And] It is possible to display unpardonable indifference to the promise of God.”
4. We are called to exhort one another. Who exhorts you? Who do you exhort? What are your goals for them and theirs for you?
5. On these verses Calvin remarks, “Unless our faith is repeatedly encouraged, it lies dormant; unless it be warmed, it will be frozen; unless it is aroused, it will grow numb.” In what ways can we avail ourselves to encouragements for our faith?

Children's Question

Our Scripture passage speaks about a "hard heart". What makes a heart hard, and how would a person with a hard heart act? What can we do to grow a soft heart?

***GUIDE ME OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)

Goodbye

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

(See FCC observance below)

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.

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.

***RESCUER**

(Chorus)

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer, we are free from sin forever more
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

(Chorus)

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth and life

(Chorus)

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless, come to the foot of Calvary
For there is redemption for every affliction, here at the foot of Calvary (2x)

(Chorus)

***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: Faith Lutheran, Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, United World Mission, Guatemala
COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY meeting again Wednesdays 7-9 p.m., at the Sacketts' (800 Steel Bridge Road) for dessert and a discussion of the book of Judges. Feel free to bring a dessert or snacks to share. Questions on the study, contact Patrick Jentz (471-0875) — on the location, contact Laura Sackett (307-287-1584).

SERVING: February Deacon – Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 11 Terry Falk
Nursery: 11 McManus/K. Brown
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday, Feb. 28th

Children's Church: 11 Pastor Ben
Nursery: 11 Turners
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Benni Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

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

Vespers

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

Wednesday Youth Group

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