

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 25, 2021

*“With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father,
and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.
From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.
My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”
James 3:9-10*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before
the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and
the sheep of his hand.

*COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - *Hymn #457*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*Indicates
when to stand.
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***HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER (PSALM 23)**

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast
In the presence of enemies
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me
In the house of God forever
(Repeat All)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 Samuel 15:22-23

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that He come into our presence.

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

God

Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:**

– The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: **Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

OFFERTORY: (*Offerings can also be given online at faithcov.com*)

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 10 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)

Remember to sign the attendance register in your pew so we can better minister to you and your family.

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

(Chorus)

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross

(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.)

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Pastor Ben Melli

The Fruit of Wise Speech — Proverbs 18:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied;
he is satisfied by the yield of his lips.

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

God

Consecrates Us

Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart.

The Word of God does that for the lives of believers.

Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our

Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

Sermon Outline

- I. Wise words satisfy
- II. Bad words destroy
- III. God gives us His Word

Sermon Questions?

1. What are the wisest words that have been given to you? What are the harshest words ever been given to you? How have they shaped you?
2. How have words shaped the most important relationships in your life? What does your speech taste like in your marriage and in your family life?
3. In our church, how have words hurt you or helped you? Do you receive encouragement and life from people's words in our congregation? Have you given life encouraging words to people in our community?
4. What do you need to do to ask God to give you a heart for people around you?

Children's Question

What kind of words have you spoken to your family and friends this week?

Would you describe them as good or bad fruit?

How can God give you a heart that produces good words?

*SPEAK, O LORD

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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

God Communes with Us

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

**God
Commissions
Us**

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

***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**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & E church planters in the Middle East

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch TODAY after second service for our next Mission Meal with church planters from the Middle East.

SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER: You're invited Sunday, Aug. 8, at 6:00 p.m. to the church backyard for singing & supper together. Bring your lawn chairs; picnic dinner provided.

FAITH COVENANT CAMP with your church family is Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5 at Middle Thompson Lake. Register online at faithcov.com. Questions? Contact the church (752-2400).

SERVING: July Deacon – Phil Van Duyne

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Today, July 25th

Children's Church: 10 Julie Thompson Nursery: 10 J.Thompson
Fellowship Hosts: Traci Carroll & Maryann Wilkerson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Jeanie Brenneman
Ushers: 8:15 Nick Hansons — 10 Matterns

Next Sunday, August 1st

Children's Church: M. Tinkham Nursery: Hernandez & A. Tinkham
Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Yvonne Hernandez
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez
Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:00am

Wednesdays

Youth Groups Ben Melli 885-4916
College — Tim Anderson 270-4951
Career — Patrick Jentz 471-0875

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm