

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 1, 2021

*“When I was a son with my father...
he taught me and said to me,
‘let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments and live.’”
Proverbs 4:3-4*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 118:26-29*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***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)

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains

Go on and tell it to the masses

That He is God

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 95:8-11*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. (*adapted from Daniel 9*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

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

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.

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.

COME AS YOU ARE

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin

Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face

O wanderer come home, you're not too far

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the grace

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

Pete & Kim Hansen

Kelly, Leah, Jack & Josh Hansen

Lee & Noemi Barta

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 John Sackett

Wisdom: A Tradition Worth Maintaining — Proverbs 4:1-9 (ESV)

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, ² for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

³ When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, ⁴ he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. ⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. ⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. ⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

**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. The setting to pass it on

- II. Wisdom's challenge

- III. The value of wisdom

Sermon Questions?

1. Why is the invitation to acquire wisdom repeated so often?
2. On wisdom, Derek Kidner writes, "a love of the best things will be transmitted mainly by personal influence, along the channels of affection." With whom are you currently transmitting the "best things" to, and does affection characterize this relationship?
3. Is the phrase "the beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom" – encouraging or discouraging?
4. On wisdom, Charles Bridges notes, "no matter how unpalatable it seem, [wisdom] alone is good for the soul."

Children's Question

Do you like eating all your vegetables? Have your parents ever told you that you needed to eat something, or do something because it was "good for you"? Did that make it easier to do? Why would they ask you to do good things, even if you didn't feel like it?

*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.*

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

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.

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.

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY - Hymn #55**

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

(Chorus)

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done!*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

(Chorus)

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION** *(If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder will be up front after the service.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Kevin Bueltmann

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & K S. family serving in 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: August Deacon – Ryan Petersen

Today, August 1st

Children's Church: 10 M. Tinkham Nursery: 10 Hernandez & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez

Ushers: 8:15 Carrolls — 10 von Olhausens

Next Sunday, August 8th

Children's Church: M. Tinkham Nursery: Clark & Orndorff

Fellowship Hosts: Jeannie Haugestuen & Sue Richardson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Theresa Paolini

Ushers: 8:15 Carrolls — 10 von Olhausens

SUMMER SCHEDULE

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