

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 22, 2021

*“O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.”
Psalm 131:3*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 149:1-2,4-5**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise
in the assembly of the godly!

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion
rejoice in their King!

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the
humble with salvation.

All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on
their beds. Praise the LORD!

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**Indicates
when to stand.
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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore
(Chorus 2x)

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: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father, and of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL: *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

Leader: What is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ?

All: That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

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.

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)

JESUS, STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him

No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him

No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

(Chorus)

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night

We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him

No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

(Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me

And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

(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
Coming to God in Humility — Psalm 131 (ESV)

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

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. A humble heart

- II. A confident faith

- III. An everlasting hope

Sermon Questions?

1. When is the last time you were humbled?
2. How is God revealing pride in your heart right now?
3. What is giving you anxiety that you can hand to God?
4. If you were to have full confidence in God in one area of your life, what would it be and what would change about how you are living right now?
5. Is there something you have been hoping for that is based on your glory and not God's glory?

Children's Question

*Where do you feel safe when you get worried?
How can Jesus help calm you when you get worried?*

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(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

**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.

***ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ

(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: Faith Free Lutheran, Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & K family serving in the Middle East.

FAITH COVENANT CAMP: Register at faithcov.com for camp Friday-Sunday Sept. 3-5.

Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat!

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY: Budget = \$328,048; Offerings received = \$326,900

SERVING: August Deacon – Ryan Petersen

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Today, August 22nd

Children's Church: Terry Falk Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Kristin Bay & Hanni Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Arline Tinkham

Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons — 10 Davis

Next Sunday, August 29th

Children's Church: Pastor Ben Nursery: Matters

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Staci Bennett

Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons — 10 Davis

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:00am

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 a.m.

Youth Groups Ben Melli 885-4916

Career — Patrick Jentz 471-0875

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm