

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 5, 2021

*“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,
for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life,
which God has promised to those who love him.”*

James 1:12

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-4**

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

***FAIREST LORD JESUS - Hymn #170**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature
Son of God and Son of man
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer are the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(Chorus)

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: *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us from the inside out.
(Adapted from Luke 11:37-52)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:12-13*

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**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)

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

JESUS I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness into thy health,

Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,

Out of my sin and into thyself, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,

Out of life's storms and into thy calm,

Out of distress into jubilant psalm, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,

Upward forever on wings like a dove, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,

Ever thy glorious face to behold, *Jesus, I come to thee.*

Jesus, I come to thee.

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 Jake Neufeld, Church of the Cross, Whitefish
Trials, Tests, and Temptations — James 1:9-18 (ESV)

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Sermon Outline

- I. God sends us trials.
- II. Do we succumb to temptation and sin?
- III. Do we steadfastly endure for maturity and life?

Sermon Questions?

1. What kinds of trials have you experienced? Why does God test us?
3. What’s the difference between a test and a temptation?
4. Where do temptations come from?
5. How have you been tempted to blame God for your own or others’ failures?
6. How do you prepare now for the trials that will come?

Children’s Question

What’s the hardest thing that you’ve ever had to do?

**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.

***THERE IS A FOUNTAIN** - Hymn #253 vs 1-2, 5, 3

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

Elders: Tim Anderson, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

**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.

***WE WILL FEAST**

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom
(Chorus 2x)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studio, John & Samantha Hudson

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim & Emily Herset, Young Life

FALL SERVICE TIMES will change to 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 12, and Sunday School for all ages will resume Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.

FALL CLASSES: Sign up for fall Bible studies and Sunday school classes in the foyer.

VESPERS: Join us Sunday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly Vespers service. Regular evening services will resume Sunday, Sept. 26, also at 6:30 p.m.

SERVING: September Deacon – Kyle Hanson

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Today, September 5th

Children's Church: Tom Jentz Nursery: S. Thompson
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Gloria Johnson
Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons — 10 Johnsons

Next Sunday, September 12th

Children's Church: Tom Jentz Nursery: K. Neumann
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Moody & Carlynn Stahlberg
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll & Jessica Brown
Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons — 11 Volunteers Needed

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