

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*October 31, 2021  
Reformation Sunday*

*“Jesus said to her,  
“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”  
John 11:25-26*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Faith Covenant Remembrance*

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 136:1-3**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All:** Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

#### **\*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD - Hymn #92**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

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

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father  
There is no shadow of turning with thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be

*(Chorus)*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

*(Chorus)*

**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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## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**All:** Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I am your child and I should bear your image. Enable me to recognize my death unto sin. When it tempts me, may I be deaf to its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness. Forgive and kill these vices, have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart. (Taken from: *The Valley of Vision*)

### 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.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:32, 3:16*

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls ... The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

**\*COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed - Hymnal* pg. 846**

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Nicene Creed**

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

**\*I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,  
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.  
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled  
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save  
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.  
And he gave us life in his perfect will;  
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.  
*(Repeat all)*

**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.)

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.  
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 11 a.m. service (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*(Chorus 3x)*

*Sermon Series: The Seven I Am Sayings of Jesus*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*I Am The Resurrection & The Life — John 11:17-27 (ESV)*

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

**Sermon Outline**

I. The ultimate truth of Christ

II. The ultimate trial of faith



### Sermon Questions

1. According to Jesus, what do the healing of the blind man in chapter 9 and Lazarus have in common?
2. Consider “Jesus does not say that he brings about resurrection and gives life: he says that he is both resurrection and life, so closely are they linked to his person.” — Leon Morris. We are alive but God is life. How is this a comfort to believers?
3. In verse 35, what might Jesus have been weeping for?
4. Martha did not hear Jesus past a general consolation about the last days. In what way does Jesus shift this to specific understanding of himself?
5. How is Lazarus an excellent picture of salvation by Christ alone? Why do some chafe at this?

### Children’s Question

*Even though everyone will one day die, Jesus promises to raise his people from the dead when he returns and to give us eternal life. How does this hope comfort us when we are sad about someone who has died?*

### 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.

## \*THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*(Chorus)*

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.

*(Chorus)*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

### 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.

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

## 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

*8:15 Pastor — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham*

### \*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed  
for I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless  
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to His foes.  
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never no never forsake.*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### **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.

#### 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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** David & Ulrike Byle, Bible Correspondence Course

**EVENING SERVICE LOCATION CHANGE:** The 6:30 p.m. service TONIGHT ONLY will be at Micah Tinkham's home (89 Valley View Place, Kalispell). Consider bringing a dessert to share if you're able.

**TIME CHANGE REMINDER!** Remember to move your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 7, when Daylight Savings Time ends.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us for Vespers Sunday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL:** Join us Sunday evening, Nov. 21, for a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social.

**HELPING HANDS WOMEN'S MINISTRY** is in need of more volunteers for this practical ministry of helping our church family with cleaning, errands, etc. Contact Dawn Tinkham for more information (406-471-0656).

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Nov. 11, at Central Christian.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** We will again collect shoeboxes for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). Please do not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food; and the shipping cost is \$9/box. Bring your boxes to the church by Sunday, November 14.

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**SERVING:** October Deacon – Kyle Hanson

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: N. Hansons/Lancasters

Children's Church: Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Julie Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Gloria Johnson

**Next Sunday November 7th**

Ushers: N. Hansons/Lancasters

Children's Church: Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Clarks & Janis Orndorff

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Sue Richardson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jessica Brown

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Wednesdays**

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Women's Bible Study 9:30, 12:30, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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