

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*May 15, 2022*

*“The appointed time has grown very short.  
From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none,  
and those who mourn as though they were not mourning,  
and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing ...  
For the present form of this world is passing away.”  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Childbridge*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:7-11*

Leader: O nations of the world, recognize the Lord; recognize that the Lord is glorious and strong. Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

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

**\*O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING - Hymn #164**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy

**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.

*\*Indicates  
when to stand.  
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**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*ECHO HOLY**

Gathered at the highest throne, welcomed by a melody  
An anthem I have always known, a song that's always been in me  
All glory and honor dominion and power to You

*(Chorus)*

*A million angels fall face down on the floor*

*All to echo holy is the Lord*

*My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar*

*Forever echo holy is the Lord*

Memorized by every heart, written in eternity  
Every lifted voice a part, joining in the symphony  
All glory and honor dominion and power to You  
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

*(Chorus)*

Standing at the end of time, there before the throne of grace  
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away  
All glory and honor dominion and power to You  
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Forever echo holy is the Lord*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:3-4*

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

## HAVE MERCY

Have mercy on me  
Have mercy on me  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy

Lord help my unbelief  
Lord help my unbelief  
O Lord have mercy  
O Lord have mercy

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 2:12*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

### **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.

**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 8:15 & 11 a.m. services (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

## JESUS PAID IT ALL (O PRAISE THE ONE)

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

*(Chorus)*

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

*(Chorus)*

*O praise the One who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

*(Chorus)*

*Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians — Living in the Mess*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Living for the End — 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 (ESV)*

<sup>25</sup> Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. <sup>26</sup> I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. <sup>27</sup> Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. <sup>28</sup> But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. <sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

### Sermon Outline

I. To Marry or Not to Marry

II. A Kingdom Mindset

## Sermon Questions

1. How can we live with a sense of urgency in serving the Lord?
2. Consider: “For those for whom Christian faith demands and is synonymous with a worldly agenda for aggressive social change, the way of Paul will appear embarrassingly weak and irrelevant. For those for whom Christian faith demands the development of interior piety first and foremost, the way of Paul will appear to be substandard, a worldly compromise.”—Vincent Wimbush. How does this reflect on our current social climate? How do we live in the tension between these two positions?
3. In 1 Timothy 5, Paul advises Timothy to encourage widows to marry. What might account for the different counsel given to these different groups?
4. Protestants as a whole undervalue singleness in ministry, yet church history is filled with single men and women serving the Lord in profound ways. How might we do a better job of encouraging this type of ministry?
5. How do we develop contentment in our lives? What makes this a challenge?

## Children’s Question

*We often believe that if our circumstances could change then we would be happier.  
How does following Jesus help us to bloom where we are without things  
needing to change first?*

**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.

**\*I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR - Hymn #674**

I need Thee every hour most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford

*(Chorus)*

*I need Thee O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee*

I need Thee every hour stay Thou near by  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh

*(Chorus)*

I need Thee every hour in joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain

*(Chorus)*

I need Thee every hour most Holy One  
O make me Thine indeed Thou blessed Son

*(Chorus)*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**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 Elder Trent Neumann — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham*

**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.

**\*THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

*(Chorus)*

*Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

*(Chorus)*

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
and your family and your children and their children and their children

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going  
in your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

*(Chorus)*

*Amen, amen, amen*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**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.

**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*

*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*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** 100 Fold Studios—John & Sam Hudson, Garrett & Sarah Morrison

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!** See the bulletin insert listing their names. Join us for cake in the fellowship hall between services in their honor.

**LADIES' TEA - CRAZY HATS & CREATIVE HANDIWORK** is TODAY, following the second service. Find your favorite hat & bring your best tea cup and join us in the fellowship hall for lunch and fellowship.

**COMMUNICANT'S CLASS:** If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Monday–Thursday, May 16-19, at the church at 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Targeted Budget = \$189,912; Offerings received = \$200,847

**NICARAGUA – PROJECT JESUS PRESENTATION:** Friday, May 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church, Steve Haymond will share slides and video of his 3-week trip to Nicaragua. He will also share Project Jesus' vision to build a Nicaraguan base. There will be time for Q & A followed by refreshments. Questions? Call Steve at 406-755-0731.

**HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:** Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

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**SERVING:** May Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

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

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Traci & Ruby Carroll/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Orndorff & McManus

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Arline Tinkham

**Next Sunday May 22nd**

Ushers: Hobus/Davis

Children's Church: Traci & Ruby Carroll/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Kim Hansen & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Gloria Johnson

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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, 12:45, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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