

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Samuel 22:2-4**

Leader: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and
the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge,
my savior; you save me from violence.

**All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

***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!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THE LORD IS MY SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation *(Bridge 2x)*
The Lord is our salvation *(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.

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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All: My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, greed, envy, hatred and malice. Lord, I further sin against you, by not deploring enough my sinful affections. I repent of my iniquities, and am sorry for them, and plead your mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. (*adapted from the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate -1585*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST’S GRACE:**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: **Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**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.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD - Hymn #307**

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

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)

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.)

I WILL TRUST MY SAVIOR JESUS

I will trust my Savior Jesus
When my darkest doubts befall
Trust him when to simply trust him
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my Savior Jesus
Trust him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

(Chorus)

*Jesus only Jesus, help me trust you more and more
Jesus only Jesus, may my heart be ever yours*

I will trust my Savior Jesus
He has said his way is best
And I know the path he's chosen
Leads to everlasting rest

(Chorus)

Oh on that cross how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting
In the one who died for me
What could I bring for your gift is complete
So I trust you simply trust you Lord
With every part of me (2x)

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians — Living in the Mess
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
More Than Being Right — 1 Corinthians 8 (ESV)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Sermon Outline

I. Eating in Ancient Corinth

continued above

Sermon Outline

II. Living in Modern America

Sermon Questions

1. This section on food offered to idols is very foreign to us and there is a fair amount of technical language that many might not know. What are pitfalls to avoid? What are principles to apply?
2. Have you ever met a Samaritan you didn't like? Have you ever wondered if your Costco meat had been sacrifices to an idol? What challenges from Paul can you put into your context?
3. How is Romans 14 a different situation than what Paul is addressing here in 1 Corinthians?
4. The principle of love and humility are to dominate our thinking when it comes to dealing with believers who disagree with us. Are you more likely to insist on being right, or on not making waves? What are the challenges then for you in particular with what Paul is speaking to here in chapter 8?
5. "I am right" is not the same as "I am loving." How do you push back against your own heart in this matters? What are your dangerous areas of justification for not doing this?

Children's Question

We love other people by caring for them. Sometimes that means being careful not to offend even when we know we are right about something. This can be really hard to do.

How does Jesus love for us encourage us to love others when we don't want to?

**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.

*ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

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.

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

(See FCC observance on below)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Matt Riley — 11 Elder Tim Anderson

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.

***TO HIM WHO IS ABLE**

(Women) To Him Who is able, (Men) To Him Who is Able
(Women) To keep you from falling, (Men) To keep you from falling

(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him. *(Repeat first time)*

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ. *(Repeat All)*

(Women) To Him Who is able, (Men) To Him Who is Able
(Women) To keep you from falling, (Men) To keep you from falling

(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him.

***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

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To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Brian Lee

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

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING TODAY at 9:30 a.m. in the library for all those who signed up to help with VBS June 27-30 this summer. Contact Pastor Ben for details (406-885-4916).

WOMEN'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to read *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund this summer and get together in August for discussion (details TBD). Books are available in the foyer for \$5/book. Pay in the box or the office. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (406-249-2411).

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: Our worship services times will change Memorial Day weekend, May 29, to 8:15 and 10 a.m. for the rest of the summer. Vespers will continue on the second Sundays of the month at 6:30 p.m.; and the evening worship service will only meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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.

MISSION MEAL: Help welcome back our own S family with lunch and hear updates on their work in central Asia on Sunday, June 12, after the second service. Sign up in the foyer, so the mission committee can plan for food.

SERVING: May Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus/Eck

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

Nursery: Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Kim Hansen & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Gloria Johnson

Next Sunday May 29th

Ushers: Hobus/Eck

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Pastor Lloyd

Nursery: K. Brown & Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: Janis Orndorff & Laura Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Jessica Brown

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

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm