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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*September 18, 2022*

*“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith,  
act like men, be strong.  
Let all that you do be done in love.”  
1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

**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.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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**\*REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus)*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,  
the only wise King.

*(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME** - *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### TRISAGION

*Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal one,  
Have mercy, mercy, mercy  
Upon us.*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

### **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.

**\*CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore! (3x)*

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore (3x)

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 (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

## O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

O God beyond all praising,  
We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder  
At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you  
And wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you,  
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor  
May serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty  
And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.

*Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians—Living in the Mess*  
*Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph. D.*  
*Connected: 1 Corinthians 16:12-24*

<sup>12</sup>Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity. <sup>13</sup>Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. <sup>14</sup>Do everything in love. <sup>15</sup>You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, <sup>16</sup>to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it. <sup>17</sup>I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. <sup>18</sup>For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition. <sup>19</sup>The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. <sup>20</sup>All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>21</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. <sup>22</sup>If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord! <sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup>My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### Sermon Outline

I. A Shared Responsibility

II. A Shared Faith



### Questions for Further Reflection:

1. In what way do you see Paul modeling the very thing he asks of others?
2. How do you think Paul's exhortation to action challenged the Corinthians who tended to think in terms of being "spiritual"?
3. Consider: "For others, the greeting kiss could be simply an expression of friendship and good will, but among Christians it assumed a deeper meaning; it symbolized the unity, the belonging together of Christians in the church of Jesus Christ. The kiss expressed not merely friendship and love, but more specifically reconciliation and peace." —Jeffrey Weima. How might this idea be expressed in our culture?
4. In what ways can you encourage the unity (the catholicity) of our faith? What are particular challenges for you living in the mess?

### Children's Question

*As Christians, we share the same faith with other believers.  
How might you encourage others in their walk with Jesus?*

### 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.

**\*WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS - Hymn #252**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
*Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**The Lord's  
Supper**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(see FCC observance below)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*8:15 Elder Matt Riley— 11 Elder Trent Neumann*

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.

**\*AARON’S BLESSING**

Men lead: May the Lord bless you and keep you  
Women echo: (May the Lord bless you and keep you)

May the Lord makes His face to shine on you  
(May the Lord makes His face to shine on you)

And be gracious to you  
(And be gracious to you)

May the Lord lift His countenance on you  
(May the Lord lift His countenance on you)

May the Lord lift His countenance on you  
(May the Lord lift His countenance on you)

May He keep you in perfect peace  
(May He keep you in perfect peace)

**\*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**

*Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett*

*Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley Staff: Jenny Mattern, 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*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Bible Study Fellowship

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

**LADIES FALL POTLUCK:** The ladies' fall potluck is TODAY after the second service. Please join us!

**FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Begin this Wednesday, Sept. 21, with studies on Esther at 9:30 a.m. (childcare workers still needed!) and 4:30 p.m. at the church and at 12:45 p.m. at Gloria Johnson's (see sign ups for details). Sign up and pick up books in the foyer. Payment for the books (\$5 each) will be collected at each study. Contact Kristin Bay (406-249-2411) with questions.

**NEW BABY BASKETS:** Women's ministry is putting together gift baskets for Baby Lewis (Jost) & Baby Brooklynn (Neumann). If you would like to donate something, please label the item and drop it off at the church office by Wednesday, Sept. 28.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday Oct. 2 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons. Watch your Friday eNewsletter for short bios on each candidate.

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**SERVING:** September Deacon - Kyle Hanson

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

Ushers: N. Hanson/von Olhausen

Children's Church: Jentz/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Kim von Olhausen & Marlo Lancaster

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Tronstad/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday September 25th**

Ushers: Stahlberg/von Olhausen

Children's Church: Russells/Nicole Fisher

Nursery: D. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Moody & Dawn McGarvey

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Theresa Paolini

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11 am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

**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

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