

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 29, 2016

*"Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!"
Psalm 4:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67**

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Leader: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

All: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

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.

***MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Hymn #521**

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

(Chorus)

**Indicates when to stand.*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus 2x)

***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 3:16-18*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

All: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you freely forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 3:19-20*

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and he knows everything.

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.

***TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
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have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own
Son of God, capture me and make me your own
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us
(Chorus 2x)

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.)

Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Breathing Room in a Tight Spot - Psalm 4:1-5(ESV)

1 *To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*
³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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Sermon Outline

I. A Prayer to the Lord —the product of trust in the Lord

II. An Instruction to the Godless —a call to trust in the Lord

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Typically there are seven genres identified in the psalms: laments, thanksgiving, confidence, remembrance, wisdom and kingship. How would you identify psalm 4?
2. The word ‘Selah’ is used 74 times in Scripture, all but three of them are in the book of Psalms (the other three are in the psalm given in Habakuk). What does it mean?
3. To be have our reputation suffer by false accusations is very hard. In what way does this psalm instruct you personally?
4. How does the psalmist answer his own questions through questioning his oppressors? Remembering that this is a psalm for corporate worship, how does this instruct us both in how we write new songs and in how we deal with our problems?
5. Verse 4 is an instruction to the godless, yet Paul says something similar to believers in Eph. 4:26. What is being asked of the godless here in this verse? Is this similar to the way that Paul uses the phrase in Eph. 4?
6. Our public image is an important thing, but not an ultimate thing. What anchors the psalmist in his remembrance of this?
7. How does having the righteousness of Christ given to us help us in dealing with the slander of our name? How does Jesus response to false accusations instruct us?

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.

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowling in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSINGS** - *Hymn #457*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

***BENEDICTION**

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 Shane Waldron

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

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

Jan Wassink *Deacons:* Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut, Terry Falk, Bill Gamble (*emeritus*),

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls, Pastor Matthew Nelson

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray David & Ulrike Byle in Turkey with the Bible Correspondence Course and Operation Mobilization.

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: Our two worship services will continue through the summer but the times will change starting Sunday, June 5. **First service will be 9 a.m. and second service will start at 11 a.m.**

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY: Tim and Kate Anderson are starting a Bible study Wednesdays beginning June 1 at 6:30 p.m. (225 Terrace Road, Kalispell) for college-age/young adults. Come and enjoy dinner, study, and fellowship and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) or Kate (270-7836) with questions.

GRADUATION SUNDAY! If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to graduate school) **please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office.** We will honor our graduates during the coffee hour on Sunday, June 5.

JUNE MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch with Tim and Emily Herset, directors of Young Life here in the Flathead valley, on Sunday, June 12, after church. Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to book club this summer with our first meeting Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss "For Women Only" by Shaunti Feldhahn. For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

VBS - THE CASE OF THE HIDDEN HERO! Remember to mark your calendars for the evenings of June 20-24 for kids age 4 to fifth grade and a new VBS program where kids will join the Scottish Sleuths to solve **The Case of the Hidden Hero** ... the amazing story of God's providential protection of His people! Watch for registration info coming soon!

SERVING: May Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Bud Salyer & Evan Iddings
Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill
Infant Nursery: Bennetts/Buckners
Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Andersons
Fellowship Hosts: Maryann Wilkerson & Sharon Salyer
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday - June 5th

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer
Infant Nursery: Motleys/Tinkhams
Toddler Nursery: Joni Jenks/Gina & Sophia Wright
Fellowship Hosts: Sue Richardson & Kelly Brown
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Jeanie Brenneman

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11

Sunday School for All

Sundays 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon