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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*August 28, 2016*

*“My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.”*

*Psalm 121:2*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 149:1-2,4-5*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the LORD!

**\*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS** - *Hymn #295*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise  
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime  
All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

**Call to  
Worship**  
Worship begins  
with God who  
invites us and  
welcomes us  
into his pres-  
ence. Because  
of Christ, we  
can approach  
God with  
boldness even  
though we are  
sinful and  
weak.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

**\*BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*(Chorus)*

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

*(Chorus)*

*You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)*  
*(Chorus)*

**\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 13:5-6**

**All:** I trust in your steadfast love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HOUSE OF GOD, FOREVER**

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast  
In the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever  
(repeat)

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 Peter 1:14-16**

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**All:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father, and of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

**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: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### \*AMAZING GRACE - *Hymn #460, vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

### CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

*Wyatt Matthew Petersen*

## 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)*

### 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.)

## 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  
Bowing 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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*Summer Psalms & Proverbs*  
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*Where Does My Help Come From? - Psalm 121 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> *A Song of Ascents.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

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Sermon Outline

I. My help is my Creator

II. My Creator is my Guardian in present distress

III. My Guardian is my future security



## Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Psalm 121 is considered a pilgrim's psalm on the way to Jerusalem. How does thinking of this as a traveler's psalm help inform our living life here and now? (Read 1 Peter 2:11)
2. Consider: "We Christians do not like to think about being absolutely helpless in the hands of our God. With all of our faith, and with all of His grace, we still prefer to maintain some semblance of control over our lives."—Mike Mason
3. In reading 2 Cor. 11:23-29, we see that Paul struggled under greater hardships as a Christian than when he was not. How do we line this up with Psalm 121?
4. Consider: "The Christian life is not a quiet escape to a garden where we can walk and talk uninterruptedly with our Lord; nor a fantasy trip to a heavenly city where we can compare blue ribbons and gold medals with others who have made it to the winners circle ... The Christian life is going to God. In going to God Christians travel the same ground that everyone else walks on, breath the same air, drink the same water, shop in the same stores ... fear the same dangers, are subject to the same pressures, get the same distresses, are buried in the same ground."—Eugene Peterson
5. Every time a sleep, I prove once more that I am not God. What comfort do we gain from a sovereign God who does sleep on the watch? What problems can this cause in the midst of suffering?
6. How is Jesus the fulfillment of the promises given here in Psalm 121? (read John 16:33)

**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.

## \*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)*

## 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

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed 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. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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.

### **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.

**\*BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*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.

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 (emeritus), Terry Falk,

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Evergreen, Pastor Kurt Rau

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for David and Ulrike Byle with Operation Mobilization in Istanbul, Turkey.

**FALL SERVICE TIMES** will change to 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. on September 11 and **Sunday School** for all ages will resume Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. between services. Sunday School classes for adults will be *Bioethics* with Pastor Pierson in the sanctuary or *Old Testament Survey: Law & History* with Jim Tinkham in the fellowship hall.

**ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP:** Ladies are invited to the Elizabeth Women's Group Sept. 13 at noon for fellowship, prayer, and study. Bring a sack lunch and join our study of Nancy Guthrie's book, "Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament." We would so like to see some new faces this year. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Jo Anne Ross' home, (15 Primrose Ct. 755 3516).

**MEN'S FRATERNITY YEAR 2 & 3:** "The Great Adventure" starts Wednesday, September 14! Sign up in the foyer for years 2 & 3 of Men's Fraternity, a weekly study that helps men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity as defined in scripture. The year three course will be Wednesdays, 6-7:30 a.m., starting Sept. 14. The year two class, "Winning at Work & Home" will start Tuesday, October 11, at 6 a.m.

**YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN:** Senior and junior high youth groups will start up Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. The junior high group will meet at the church and the senior high group will meet at Trent & Becky Neumanns' home (111 E. Bluestone Dr.)

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE VISITS:** Pastor Taylor Clark, Mich., and Pastor Don Krafft, Utah, will be visiting Faith Covenant in September for consideration for our associate pastor position. Clark will preach Sept. 25 and Krafft on Oct. 2.

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**SERVING:** August Deacon: Micah Hill

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Tim & Kate Anderson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: S. Thompson/Carlsons

Toddler Nursery: Motleys/Brown & Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobs

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

**Next Sunday - September 4th**

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/ Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 9 a.m.: Motley

Nursery 11 a.m.: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Sue Richardson/Gloria Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Benni Tulloch

**Summer Worship Services**

Sundays 9 & 11 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**College Summer Group**

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

**Trustees**

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

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