

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 5, 2017

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother
and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
Ephesians 5:31*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 9:7-11**

Leader: The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

All: He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

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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***ARISE O GOD AND SHINE**

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Acts 4:11-12*

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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.

***GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Nate Dennison

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

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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 Corner Classroom)

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

Sermon Series: *Ephesians 5 & 6*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

New Relationships According to the Old Plan - Ephesians 5:21-33 (ESV)

²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Sermon Outline

I. Marriage as a covenant

II. Marriage as a picture of Christ

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. A covenant is a well ordered relationship with loyalty and faithfulness as integral parts for both parties. God is faithful to us in his covenant, and we are to be faithful to others in our covenants of marriage. Why is this foundational idea so important in our marriages?
2. From Genesis 3, in what ways were the relationship between Adam and Eve affected after the fall? How do we see this played out in relationships today?
3. Why does Paul speak of the husband loving the wife and the wife respecting here husband and not the other way around?
4. What are some common misconceptions about becoming one flesh?
5. The analogy of Jesus and the husband can only go so far. Husbands do not sanctify their wives or save them. Paul argues from a greater to a lesser, and not as a one to one correspondence. Why is this important to keep in mind here? Why is it important to keep in mind that all analogies break down when taken too far out?
6. Do you tend to read these requirements and use it as a way to point out the failings of the other person, or do you read these requirements and love Jesus more for what he has done?

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.

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord
strengthens and
nourishes our
faith through a
sacramental
meal. Through
Jesus, commun-
ion with God has
been reestab-
lished. The cove-
nant has been
renewed. The
Lord's Supper is
the gospel made
visible for us and
we share in it as
the full commu-
nity of God's
people.

***THE LORD WILL PROVIDE**

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite;
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,
From them let us learn to trust for our bread:
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied,
So long as it's written, the Lord will provide

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed
On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost.
Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide,
The promise engages, the Lord will provide.

His call we obey, like Abram of old,
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold;
For though we are strangers we have a good Guide,
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide

When Satan appears to stop up our path,
And fill us with fears, we triumph by faith;
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise, the Lord will provide

He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain,
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain,
But when such suggestions our spirits have plied,
This answers all questions, the Lord will provide

No strength of our own, or goodness we claim,
Yet since we have known the Savior's great name;
In this our strong tower for safety we hide,
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide

When life sinks apace and death is in view,
This word of his grace shall comfort us through:
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting "the Lord will provide"

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

*YOUR LOVE, OH LORD

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.
(Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

*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 Taylor Clark

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

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,
Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ed Koteskey

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & E serving with Mission to the World in an sensitive area and teaching English at a church plant there.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING AHEAD MARCH 12! Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour for next Sunday morning, March 12.

BAKED POTATO POTLUCK: Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Potato Potluck Sunday, March 12, following the second service. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes and salad – you bring the toppings and dessert! Sign up in the foyer.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU FEBRUARY 19:

Targeted Budget = \$59,067.77; Offerings received = \$45,959.23

YOUNG LIFE PRAYER & PANCAKES: Come eat breakfast and pray for the Kalispell YoungLife ministry Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 a.m. at the Trinity Youth Center (460 3rd Ave WN). RSVP by text to 890-4361.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, March 9, at Central Christian Church.

SALVATION ARMY SWING FLING THING: The Salvation Army invites you to a free, family friendly night of dancing on Friday, March 10, at 6-10 p.m. as a thank you to the community. Music provided by “Swingin’ on High” big band and the Stillwater Christian Jazz Band (110 Bountiful Dr. 257-4357).

SERVING: March Deacon: Bruce Tulloch/Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Hobus
Nursery 11 a.m.: Motleys
Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Yvonne Hernandez
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - March 12

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Sullivan & G. Hanson
Nursery 11 a.m.: Lancasters
Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Julie Thompson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Hanni Hanson

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sundays 10 pm

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups

Wednesdays 7 pm

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

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