

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 28, 2023



And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4

**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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

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***THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart; Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

(Chorus)

*Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (4x)
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

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

Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
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!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

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.

***THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD** - *Hymn #253 vs 1-2, 5, 3*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

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)*

HOLY SPIRIT LIVING BREATH OF GOD

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Sermon Series—Pentecost
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Brought Together in Christ: Genesis 11 & Acts 2

Gen 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words...⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-8

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

God's faithfulness to His promises gives us confidence to live for His glory.

I. Making Much of Man — A Divided Unity

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.

II. Making Much of The Man — A United Diversity

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. In what way does the account of Babel give us a picture of fallen humanity throughout history?
2. How does the Holy Spirit reunify humanity? How does this allow for a great deal of diversity?
3. If we are to live out our calling as a people unified in Christ Jesus, what challenges will we face when we think of the fractured nature of the Church? How might having unity for the sake of the gospel cost you personally?
4. How does Pentecost transforms the ministry of Christ into the mission of the Church?
5. Following Jesus moves us from outsiders to insiders. What areas of struggle are they for you when you now deal with “outsiders” in the world? What about the nature of grace overcomes this?

Children’s Question

What is wonderful about sharing good news?

How have you shared the good news of Jesus with others?

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

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)*

**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.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*HOSANNA

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire;
the whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin;
the people sing, the people sing.

(Chorus)

Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!

I see a generation rising up to take their place;
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek;
we're on our knees, we're on our knees.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am, for your kingdom's cause,
as I walk from earth into eternity.

(Chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the highest!

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge & Turning Point

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: 100 Fold Studios, John & Sam Hudson

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Copies of Karen Hodge's *BREATHE* are available in the foyer. If you plan to be part of the ladies' summer study and haven't gotten your copy yet, please do so today. Remember to drop \$10 in the box if you still need to pay.

PCA GOLDEN JUBILEE: On Sunday, June 4, we will have a special time of prayer between services to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of the PCA.

SUMMER SEAQUEST VBS: Kids ages 3 through those entering 5th grade are invited to four fun-filled evenings of VBS June 19-22 from 6-8:30pm. Links to register are on the church website and in the Friday eNews.

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday eNewsletter, contact the office (office@faithcov.com).

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who serve our children by teaching Sunday School, leading Children's Church or serving in the Nursery! We appreciate your diligence and all the effort you put in to helping our children grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ!

SERVING: May Deacon - Wade Carroll

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: G&C Bennett / Matterns

Children's Church: Hanni Hanson / Zach Falk

Nursery: Nicole Fisher

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Tronstad / Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday June 4

Ushers: Petersens / Matterns

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan / Tim Anderson

Nursery: Streits

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeanie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Jeanie Brenneman

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15am

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