

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 7, 2024

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

**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: Psalm 22:23**

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of
Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of
Israel!

***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)

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***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.

*ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL - *Hymn #1*

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice!

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 Chronicles 30:7-8*

Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the LORD God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see. Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you.

All: Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my failures in the face of temptation, and those times I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made on others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told and the truths I have avoided. Jesus have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:11, 14-15*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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.

***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.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return O God to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

**Diaconal
Offering:**

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

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)*

PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

Sermon Series—Romans: Coming Under Grace

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, PhD.

The Triumph of Grace—Romans 6:1-14

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

I. We are dead to sin

II. We are alive to Christ

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.

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. What objection is Paul addressing in this section? Where does this objection come from? Thinking charitably, what do you think motivates those making the objection?
2. Paul's exhortation does not start until verse 12. Why is it important to keep in mind that the foundation of objective truth comes well before the call to change? What happens when this is reversed?
3. What does being united to Christ mean? How is baptism a symbol of this?
4. In a marriage, one spouse can have all the benefits of the hard work and gain of the other spouse in a moment (e.g. marrying a wealthy entrepreneur). How is this analogous to our being united to Christ and his victory over sin and death? Is this objective or subjective?
5. We can think "God's in the business of forgiving sinners, so sin is not a big deal." How does the issue of slavery to sin change this idea? Why do we struggle thinking doing right is less fun than sinning? In what way does the gospel undo this thinking?

Children's Question

Jesus wants us free from thoughts and actions that hurt us and others.

Our sin sticks to us and ruins everything.

How does Jesus set us free from the power of sin and change our attitudes about it?

***JESUS PAID IT ALL**

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

*O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

(Chorus)

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)*

**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

*THE LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder, hear His people sing

(Chorus)
Hallelujah, hallelujah
For the Lord almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah
For the Lord our God the almighty reigns

We will join the feast, rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

Like the roar of mighty seas
Rolls of thunder, all the church will sing
(Chorus)

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim
Oh, that more would share the prize—salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring
A mighty chorus rising to the King
(Chorus 2x)

*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: Adventure Church, Pastor Jim Davey

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Garrett & Sarah Morrison, Mission Builders Int'l

NURSERY: Please note that there will be nursery offered during both services beginning TODAY.

FREEZER MEAL PARTY: Many hands make light work! Anyone is welcome to gather in the church kitchen on Sat., April 13, from 10 am to 1 pm to help prepare freezer meals to bless members of our church body when they are in need (new babies, surgeries, moves, etc). No ingredients or culinary skills required. We'll make lunch to enjoy together, too! For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jessica Brown.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE: There will be a brief informational meeting following the 1st and 2nd services next Sun., April 14, with an update about our new church campus expansion. We want you to know what's going on, so please try to attend one of these! If you have any questions, contact Tom Jentz.

VESPERS: is next Sun., April 14, at 6:30. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

LADIES' SPRING TEA: will be Sat., April 20, at 2pm. We're still looking for volunteers who are willing to decorate a table. Please contact Kim Hansen for more information or sign up using the link in the Friday eNewsletter.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH COVENANT?: You're invited to join the pastors for lunch immediately following the 2nd service on Sun., April 21, for a Q&A, as well as more information about membership. Sign up in the foyer if you're interested.

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: If you're in the Tim Anderson/Ryan Petersen shepherding group, you will be meeting for a potluck after the 2nd service on Sun., April 28.

SERVING: April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tronstads / Johnsons

Children's Church: Russell / J&J Brown

Nursery: Tinkhams / Kate Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: Kristin Bay & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Jenn Eck / Niam Moody

Next Sunday April 14

Ushers: Tronstads / Johnsons

Children's Church: Russell / J&J Brown

Nursery: Hobus / Lorrie Gomez & Arline Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Sue Richardson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Chris & Lucas Scrima

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Mondays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Career Group 7 pm