

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 21, 2024*

“...You also have died to the law through the body of Christ,  
so that you may belong to another...”

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(Romans 7:4)

**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.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 147, Revelation 4***

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.**

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**\*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!

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

**\*AWAKE MY SOUL (PSALM 57)**

Be gracious to me, oh God  
Hide me in the shadow of Your wings  
Till destruction of the enemy goes by  
Be gracious to me, oh God

Be merciful to me, my King  
There's a darkness in this cave surrounding me  
When the swords are drawn and spears and arrows fly  
Be merciful to me, my King

*(Chorus)*

*You are exalted, oh God above the heavens  
Come let Your glory cover the earth  
You have saved me from the roaring lions  
Awake my soul to love You, awake my soul to sing*

Be faithful to me, my Lord  
Protect me when the enemies draw near  
Though they set their nets before me in the night  
Be faithful to me, my Lord

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

I will sing for all You've done  
You have changed my life  
Rescued me from the grave  
Kept me safe through the night

*(Chorus)*

*Awake my soul to love You, awake my soul to sing*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

## LORD HAVE MERCY

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

**\*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)*

## ALL MUST BE WELL

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation all is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus ev'ry need supplying  
Yes in living and in dying  
All must be well

On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying all must be well

*Sermon Series—Romans: Coming Under Grace*

Pastor John Sackett

*The Law: Death Brings Life—Romans 7:1-12*

*Christ's death frees us from death in the Law, raising us to new life,  
and restoring the good function of the Law.*

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

I. By itself, the Law only brings death; we must be freed from its power.



II. In union with Christ's death, we are freed from the Law and raised to Life.

III. Yet the Law is Good, in that it magnifies the sinfulness of sin.

### **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. How does the marriage reference in verses 2-3 illustrate the principle of verse 1?
2. Consider the encouragement of NT scholar Christopher Ash, who writes, "Because this new husband has been raised from the dead, this new marriage will last forever. There is no 'till death do us part'".
3. Why is Paul's use of the 10th commandment—"Thou shall not covet"—so effective?
4. Consider CEB Cranfield's remark, "...while the Law is certainly not sin, it is true that sin has been able to exploit it for its own purpose to deadly effect." How does Genesis 3 show us this?
5. Why is the Law's ability to show sin as "utterly sinful" a good thing? Perhaps reflecting on this can help shape the way you pray for and witness to friends/family still under the Law's death grip.

### **Children's Question**

*When your parents tell you not to do something, do you want to do that thing even more? How can this experience teach you to run to Jesus for help in obeying?*

**\*I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER - Hymn #650**

I will sing of my Redeemer,  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.

*(Chorus)*

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.

*(Chorus)*

I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory he giveth  
over sin and death and hell.

*(Chorus)*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his heav'nly love to me;  
he from death to life has brought me,  
Son of God, with him to be.

*(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

### \*PRAISE HIS NAME (PSALM 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights  
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies  
Brilliance of morning, breaking day  
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*(Chorus)*

*O praise His name, O praise His name  
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains  
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves  
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age  
O let them praise Him, praise His name

*(Chorus 2x)*

*(Bridge)*

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree  
Hear creation's melody, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"  
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west  
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him  
Angels echo the refrain, "Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"  
Name above all other names, praise Him

*(Chorus)*

### \*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.

#### Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

*Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett*

*Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison    Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley*

*Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody*

*Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz,*

*Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham*

*Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Jeff McGarvey,*

*Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Rocky Mountain Community Church, Billings,  
Pastor Rolf Meintjes

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Garrett & Sarah Morrison, Mission Builders International  
**QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH COVENANT?:** You're invited to join the pastors for lunch immediately following the 2nd service TODAY for a Q&A, as well as more information about membership.

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP:** will be this Wed., April 24, from 6-8pm.

**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 next Sun., April 28. Bring a salad or dessert to share and join your group for a time of fellowship!

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** We need more nursery volunteers! If you're willing to help out occasionally during 1st or 2nd service, it would be a huge blessing to our families with young children. Sign up in the foyer.

**COMMUNICANTS' CLASS:** If you are interested in your child attending Communicants' Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Monday - Thursday, May 6-9, at the church from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the church office with questions.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** If you or someone you know is graduating, please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office by Sun, May 12. We will honor our graduates at coffee hour on May 19.

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:** Starting SUN., MAY 26, we will switch into summer mode at Faith Covenant, with no Sunday School and service times at 8:15 & 10:15.

**CHURCH ADDITION Q&A POTLUCK:** On Sun., May 5, Tom Jentz is hosting a potluck after the 2nd service for anyone who has questions about the building addition plan or the fundraising effort. Bring your questions and a dish to share. Sign up in the foyer.

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**SERVING:** April Deacon - Ryan Petersen

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

Ushers: Tronstads / Bonners  
Children's Church: Ann Ingram & Eliana Morin / Julie Thompson  
Nursery: Morrisons / Falks  
Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeanie Haugestuen  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Tronstad / Rachel McManus

**Next Sunday April 28**

Ushers: Bennetts / Bonners  
Children's Church: Ann Ingram & Eliana Morin / Julie Thompson  
Nursery: Morins / Matterns  
Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson / Jessica Brown

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**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