

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 20, 2025

“In God I trust: I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?”

Psalm 56:11

**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:** *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

All: The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

All: All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Colors in the Church

We use different colored banners in a symbolic way throughout the liturgical year.
White = purity & holiness
Purple = royalty & suffering.
Red = blood & fire
Blue = royalty
Black = mourning & death (only used on Good Friday)
Green = life & growth

***WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us
When Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 6:20-21, 15*

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck ... A wicked man ... with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; therefore, calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.

FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 118:19-21*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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.

***ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT**

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

(Chorus)

*It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own*

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host
Dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine
(Chorus 2x)

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank you for the cross
(Chorus 2x)

Merit now my own

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)*

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACONS:

*Scott Cunningham
Patrick Jentz*

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.)

HE WILL BE

God is faithful to His word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been, faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been, gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves, He has redeemed

(Chorus)

*Worthy He has been, Worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be*

(Bridge 2x)

He is my provider, covenant protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God

(Chorus)

Worthy He has been, worthy He will be

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Pastor John Sackett

I Will Trust in the LORD—Psalm 56

Psalm 56: “In God I Trust”

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE DOVE ON FAR-OFF TEREBINTHS.

A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN THE PHILISTINES SEIZED HIM IN GATH.

¹Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; ²my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. ³When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. ⁴In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? ⁵All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. ⁶They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. ⁷For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God! ⁸You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? ⁹Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. ¹⁰In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, ¹¹in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? ¹²I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. ¹³For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling that I may walk before God in the light of life.

*A deepened trust in the LORD (and in His Word) relieves us of
paralyzing fear and enables us to “walk before God in the light of life.”*

I. The Effects of Fear

II. The Response to Fear: Trust

III. The Results of Trust: Life

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. Fear is a powerful motivator. People generally fear rejection, pain, failure, the unknown, and/or death. What do you principally fear? How does that normally effect you?
2. OT Scholar VanGemenen notes that the Psalmist “neither feeds his fears nor stares at his problems but looks to His Redeemer who will deliver him.” How can you train yourself to respond to fear in this way?
3. James May, quoting John Calvin, remarks: “Fear and hope may seem opposite and incompatible affections, yet...the latter never comes into full sway unless there exists some measure of the former.” How is God using fear in your life to build trust?
4. Three times in this Psalm we read, “whose word I praise.” Why is that significant in our movement from fear to trust?
5. How do we see God’s compassion for us displayed in this text? Do you believe that God actually cares for you (in particular)? How would your life be different if you lived in accordance with that truth?
6. Looking at how you answered question #1, how does redemption in Christ specifically apply to you? In light of that, what ought walking in the light of life look like for you?

Children’s Question

Do you have any collections? Rocks? Stamps? Butterflies? In this Psalm, God collects our tears. Why would He do that? What does this tell us about Him?

Why is that such good news?

**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.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

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)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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.

*HOW LONG

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

(Chorus)

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

(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

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,

Don Olmsted, Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,

Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Church, Pastor Lance Dannic

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J&E, serving in the Middle East

FAMILY VBS: The next session is Tuesday, July 22, from 5:30-7 pm. Contact Christina Davis with questions.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Every Sunday except the week of Vespers at 6 pm.

CHURCH BBQ: is TODAY after the 2nd service. Join us for food & fun at Lawrence Park.

NURSERY UPDATE: If you have a baby or toddler, you may have noticed how FULL the nursery has been lately! Our plan to reserve half the space for nursing mothers has made for a very crowded area. Starting today, we ask that nursing mothers use the "Mother's Room" off the sanctuary so we're able to open up the entire nursery space.

COLLEGE-AGE/YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Tim and Kate Anderson are hosting a summer Bible study for college-age/young adults at their home on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. The next meet-up is July 21. Dinner will be provided. RSVPs to Tim or Kate are appreciated!

MISSIONS MEAL: There's a luncheon following the 2nd service next Sunday to hear an update from the Swenson family.

CHANGES TO AUGUST SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS: The August shepherding group potlucks (Matt Riley/Mike Thompson & Sean Iddings/Wade Carroll) that were announced last week both need to be changed because of busy summer schedules. Currently, the Riley/Thompson potluck is TBD and the Iddings/Carroll potluck has been postponed until October 12.

SUMMER SONGS & BBQ: The annual Faith Covenant Summer Songs and Supper is coming up the evening of Sunday, August 10th, at 6pm. Bring some chairs or a picnic blanket and join us on the church lawn for food and music.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the overflowing lost and found pile downstairs to see if any of your belongings are there. All items still remaining in two weeks will be donated the week of August 4th.

SERVING: July On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Petersens / von Olhausens

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / Alicia Brown

Nursery: Danielsons / Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: J. Orndorff & E. Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / Y. Hernandez

Next Sunday July 27

Ushers: Petersens / von Olhausens

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / Alicia Brown

Nursery: Riekes / S. Haymond & J. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: K. Bay, R. Bitney, & C. Bitney

Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / T. Paolini

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Sunday Evening Prayer Svc

Non-Vespers Sundays @ 6 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am