

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*July 27, 2025*

Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.

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Psalm 111:2

**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 95:6-7***

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel  
before the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

**\*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - *Hymn #53***

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth ?

Praise to the Lord, who does prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed  
thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

*\*Indicates  
when to stand.  
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## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,  
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.  
When dark trials come and my heart is filled  
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save  
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.  
And he gave us life in his perfect will;  
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.  
*(Repeat all)*

*And he gave us life in his perfect will;  
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.*

## 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

**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.

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

**All:** Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**\*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*

## 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)*

### JESUS SHALL REIGN - Hymn #441

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall rise and set no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And princes throng to crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise,  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue,  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim,  
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring,  
The highest honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeats the loud amen!

### 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.)

*Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Great are the Works of the Lord—Psalm III*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

I. Creation



## II. Character

### 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. In what ways does Psalm 111 help us answer these two questions: *How do we know the world around us? & How do we know God himself?*
2. Consider: “Science doesn’t address some of the topics where we most need enlightenment: religion, politics, and morals...A scientist pontificating on matters outside her field is no better than anyone else pontificating on matters outside her field.”—Alvin Plantinga. How is this a challenge to you in weighing in on matters outside your own knowledge?
3. Knowing God enables us to know the world around us. How does this Psalm highlight the folly of those who would try to know the world apart from knowing God?
4. What are some implications of this statement: “When it comes to faith, no sound Christian would really think that the intellectual content of his or her faith is separate from the relational commitment to God.” –C. John Collins
5. How does the gospel enable us to pursue scientific study with new hope and purpose?

### Children’s Question

*When you look at creation, you see the wonder of what the Lord has made.  
We see the character of our God in how he cares for creation and for us.  
How does knowing God help you to know the world around you?*

**\*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!

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.*

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

*(Chorus)*

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ  
*(Chorus)*

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light  
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ  
*(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.

### 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:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pastor Matthew Nelson

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

**FAMILY VBS:** The next evening VBS is Tuesday, August 5, from 5:30-7 pm. Contact Christina Davis with questions.

**MISSIONS MEAL:** Join us for lunch TODAY after the 2nd service to hear an update from the Swenson family.

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

**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 (and final) meet-up at the Anderson home is July 28. Dinner will be provided. RSVPs to Tim or Kate are appreciated!

**AUGUST SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:** The August shepherding groups for the Matt Riley/Mike Thompson and Sean Iddings/Wade Carroll groups have been postponed. Watch this space for updates.

**SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER:** The annual Faith Covenant outdoor BBQ + hymn-a-long 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. Sign up sheet and hymn request forms are in the foyer. Please plan to bring a side dish or salad to share!

**LOST AND FOUND:** Check the overflowing lost and found pile downstairs to see if any of your belongings are there. All items still remaining after next Sunday will be donated the week of August 4th.

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**SERVING:** July On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

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

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

**Next Sunday August 3**

Ushers: M&G Tronstad / Haymonds

Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / J. Thompson

Nursery: K. Haymond & S. Thompson / J. Orndorff & K. Brown

Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & J. Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / A. Tinkham

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**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