

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 10, 2025

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.

Proverbs 4:6

**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

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Youth and Family Pastor Jake Neufeld*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 29:10-13*

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father,
forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and
the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is
in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as
head above all.

All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule
over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise
your glorious name.

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*ALL PRAISE TO HIM

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

*To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise*

*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

***PSALM 90 (SATISFY US WITH YOUR LOVE)**

You have been our dwelling place
O Everlasting God
Before You formed the mountain tops
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

(Chorus)

*When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place
Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Teach us, Lord
To number our days on Earth
Give us more
Wisdom in the secret heart
As You displayed amazing grace
In Jesus Christ for us

(Chorus)

When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us

Satisfy us with Your love (3x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Forgive us. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us.
Amen

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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.

***AMAZING GRACE - Hymn #460**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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)

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.)

SPEAK, O LORD

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Get Wisdom—Proverbs 4:1-9

Proverbs 4:1-9 (NIV)—

¹Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding.
²I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. ³For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. ⁴Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. ⁵Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. ⁶Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. ⁷The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. ⁸Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. ⁹She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown."

I. Love Wisdom

II. And she will watch over you

Questions for Further Reflection

1. What have you sacrificed in the pursuit of Biblical wisdom? How is the attaining of wisdom similar to exercise and diet in getting a healthy body?
2. How have you seen living by God's design as a protection for your life? What have been obstacles to this in your own life?
3. Consider: "Every time you make a choice, you are turning the central part of you that chooses into something a little different than it was before"—C.J. Collin. What is both exciting and terrifying about this remark?
4. Proverbs addresses the whole man. According to Dereck Kidner, you must be able to think clearly, to manage your affairs, to be sensitive to people, to be morally upright, and most of all to be connected to God.
5. Consider: "Wisdom is not inert knowledge. You could memorize the book of Proverbs and not have wisdom."—M. Fox. Wisdom is relational. You must be connected to the Lord in order to live wisely in the world God has made. How does Christ's Lordship rule your life and align you with his wisdom?

Children's Question

How do we get wisdom? In what ways does living by God's teaching protect us?

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.

***MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN**

My worth is not in what I own,
not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name,
in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

(Chorus)

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other,
my soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die,
fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might
or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross
(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

*HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that He is working for His glory and my good

(Chorus)
To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good
(Chorus)

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good
(Chorus 2x)

For I know His glory is my good

*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: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Pastor Tim Christenson

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle, serving in Berlin, Germany

SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER: is TONIGHT at 6pm. Bring some chairs or a picnic blanket, along with a side dish or salad to share. We will gather on the church lawn for a BBQ before moving to the sanctuary for a time of singing. The signup sheet is still in the foyer to help us get an accurate headcount, so please add your name if you're planning to attend!

COLLEGE-AGE GROUP: will be at the Neufeld's home again this week. Meet at Jake & Cassie's tomorrow night at 6:30 pm for dinner and a Bible study. Please see the Friday eNewsletter or reach out to the church office for Jake's address.

FAMILY VBS: The final session of family VBS is Tuesday, August 19, from 5:30-7 pm. Contact Christina Davis with questions.

MISSIONS MEAL: Join us for a luncheon on August 24 after the 2nd service to hear an update from the Sheeran family. A signup sheet is in the foyer. Please plan to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: If your children have not attended Sunday school in the past and will be attending this year (ages 2-12th grade), please fill out one of the cards in the foyer. Note: We will return to our school year schedule (worship services at 8:15 & 11, with Sunday school in between @ 10 am) on September 14.

INTRODUCING FAITH COVENANT CLASS: If you're interested in membership at Faith Covenant, or simply want to learn more about our church and the PCA, sign up for Pastor John's Sunday school class, which will be starting September 14.

FRIDAY E-NEWSLETTER: Reach out to the church office (office@faithcov.com) if you want to start receiving our church newsletter.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted YTD Budget = \$403,846; YTD Offerings Received = \$394,788

If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk or Wade Carroll.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tronstads / Johnsons
Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / J. Thompson
Nursery: S. Morrison & fam / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: V. Creamer & D. Corder
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / J. Brown

Next Sunday August 17

Ushers: Bennetts / Bays
Children's Church: A. Ingram & E. Morin / Z. Falk
Nursery: Cunninghams / Walkers
Fellowship Hosts: A. Hobus & C. Duncan
Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / N. Moody

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