

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 24, 2025

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 12:15

**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 149:1-2,4-5

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise
in the assembly of the godly!

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion
rejoice in their King!

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the
humble with salvation.

All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on
their beds. Praise the LORD!

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***REJOICE THE LORD IS KING - Hymn #310**

Rejoice the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

(Chorus)

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice again I say rejoice!*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

(Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.

(Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command and fall beneath His feet.

(Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home

(Chorus)

***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

***THE LORD IS MY SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

*Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation
(Repeat)*

The Lord is our salvation

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father. By your goodness, grant us to walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL: *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

What is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ?

All: That Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

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.

***THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart; Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

(Chorus)

*Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (4x)
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS:

Kate Russell

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)*

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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.
‘No’ is Good for the Soul

Proverbs 3:7

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 16:2

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit.

Matthew 26:38-44

³⁸Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ... ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ...he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

I. Stretches for the Soul

II. A Submissive Heart

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 Scripture, we see people being told no even for doing good things. King David was told no in his desire to build the temple (1 Chronicles 28:3). The Apostle Paul was told no in his desire to go to Bithynia (Acts 16:7). These men submitted to the Lord's direction. How is seeing good and right desires being told no instructive for us?
2. In Numbers 22:12, God clearly tells Balaam not to go with the men of Moab. He asks three times and then it seems that God allows him to go, but he is almost struck down by an angel. Even after this Balaam still proceeds. What can we learn from this?
3. What if we are sure that what the Lord is telling us is the right thing to do but others tell us no? How should we respond? What are some wise steps in this process?
4. Why is it that we do not tend to doubt our own hearts and motives even when we fully know that we are sinners and we doubt the hearts and motives of others?
5. The initial no is sometimes easy to hear, but then it starts to gnaw at us and resentment grows. What are some wise steps to help avoid this?
6. How we deal with the No's of life show us most clearly our own submission to Christ. How are you currently doing with your God-given No's?

Children's Question

When we are told "no" by our parents, we often complain and get upset.

How does my relationship with Jesus help to respond differently?

How can I grow in my faith and character during these times?

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

**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.

***CHRISTUS VICTOR (AMEN)**

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of Wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen

O Most High Dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

(Chorus)

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah*

*With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah [Amen]*

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever
(Chorus 2x)

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen

***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: Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, Pastor Craig Scavo

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

AUGUST MISSIONS MEAL: Join us for a missions potluck with the Sheerans TODAY after the 2nd service.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS POTLUCK: The next missions luncheon will be Sunday, September 7, following the 2nd service. We'll have an in-person update from J&E, who work to spread the gospel in the Middle East. A signup sheet is in the foyer.

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

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF: There will be a "Launch at the Lake" on Wednesday, September 10th, from 5 - 8 pm. All middle and high school youth and their families are invited to Mike & Julie Thompson's home on Echo Lake for an evening of food and fellowship. The youth can enjoy supervised fun while Pastor Jake lays out a vision with the parents for this upcoming year.

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Mark your calendars! We resume Sunday school classes for all ages and return to our fall service times (8:15 & 11 am) on September 14th.

LOOKING AHEAD—SEPTEMBER SHEPHERDING GROUPS: will be September 14 (Tim Anderson/Ryan Petersen) and September 21 (Don Olmsted [w/Tom Jentz as stand-in while Don's on sabbatical]/Bruce Tulloch), both after the 2nd service.

TRUSTEES NEEDED: Are you a handyman (or woman) who enjoys helping people? Do you love a good project? Do you have a little extra time on your hands? We are in need of a few more trustees to help out with miscellaneous needs around the church.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: G&C Bennett / B&K Bay
Children's Church: H. Hanson & E. Morin / J&J Brown
Nursery: A. Hobus / M. Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: H. Hanson & L. Cole-Tinkham
Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday August 31

Ushers: N. Streeter & J. Jenks / S&G Johnson
Children's Church: M&K Danielson / T. Anderson
Nursery: A. Vander Ark / Hunters
Fellowship Hosts: T&N Moody
Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / N. Moody

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