

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 31, 2025

“...but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD....”

Psalm 78:4

**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:** *Isaiah 12:3-6*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known
his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is
exalted.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let
this be made known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in
your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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***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!

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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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!

All: O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: I confess before you the evil of my heart; I know that I am inclined to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to selfish ambition and pride. I put my desires above others. Lord, I have offended and grieved you by my transgressions. Forgive me my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness, for the sake of your Holy Son. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has 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.

***O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS! - Hymn #535**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to that glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus - spread his praise from shore to shore!

How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore

How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own

How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus - 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to 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.)

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)

HERE IS LOVE VAST AS THE OCEAN

Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
*Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to Him*

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Youth & Family Pastor Jake Neufeld
From Generation to Generation—Psalm 78:1-8

¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. ⁵He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, ⁶that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, ⁷so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; ⁸and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

I. Youth, incline your ears to listen.

II. Adults, tell of what you've heard.

III. The Lord is redeeming an inter-generational people.

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. What are some ways that you see a breakdown between the generations in our culture? In the church? Family?
2. Youth: what are three practical ways that you can improve in 'inclining your ears' to your elders?
3. Adults: what are three practical ways that you can get involved with youth in order to pass on what you've seen and heard?
4. Parents: in what ways have you succeeded and in what ways have you failed to transmit the faith to your children? How can you take the initiative to seek them out now?
5. Charles Spurgeon said, "Those who forget God's works are sure to fail in their own." In light of our sermon series on wisdom, why do we fail when we forget God's work? Can you think of a personal example when you've failed because God was an afterthought.
6. Who's the hero of the stories we tell? How can we do a better job of pointing to God in the stories we tell about ourselves?

Children's Question

Children, you are called to 'incline your ears' to God's teaching; that is, you are supposed to listen, submit, and do what it says. How can you show your parents or teachers that you value what they are saying more than what you have to say?

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY - Hymn #55**

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives
(Chorus)

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see
(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 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

*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 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

Youth & Family Pastor: Jake Neufeld

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,
Don Olmsted, Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, 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: Flathead Valley public and private schools and homeschoolers as they resume studies

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

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS POTLUCK: The next missions luncheon will be Sun., Sept. 7, following the 2nd service. We'll have an in-person update from J&E, missionaries in the Middle East. Sign up in the foyer to bring soup or salad to share.

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

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF: Middle and high school youth and their families are invited to Mike & Julie Thompson's home on Echo Lake on Wed., Sept. 10th, from 5 - 8 pm for an evening of food and fellowship. Pastor Jake will be laying out his plan for the 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 Sept. 14.

SUNDAY SCHOOL + SCHEDULE CHANGE: We switch back to our fall schedule in two weeks (Sept. 14), with service times at 8:15 and 11 am and Sunday school for all ages at 10 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES: We're compiling a list of folks who are willing to step in as a sub every now and then if a Sunday school teacher or helper is ill. You can sign up in the foyer for the ages (infants-high school) you'd most like to work with.

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.

REFUGE TRAINING: All are invited to a Refuge training on Sat, Sept. 20, from 8-4. This event will cover what abuse is, what God says about it, what we believe are biblical options for safety (and why), and also how & how not to respond to a friend in this type of situation. As always, if you're interested in becoming a mentor in our program, this is part of the required training, so take advantage of this opportunity and join us! Please sign up in the foyer if you're interested.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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 / R. McManus

Next Sunday September 7

Ushers: Bonners / W&T Carroll
Children's Church: S. Salyer & G. von O / Tinkhams
Nursery: K. Anderson / Streits
Fellowship Hosts: G. Tronstad & L. Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / H. Embry

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

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am