

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 28, 2025

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Genesis 9:15

**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:** *Psalms 68:32-35*

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the
Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient
heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—
he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

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*** PSALM 8 (HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME)**

When I look at Your heavens
The moon and stars You set in motion oh God
I sing all glory and honor
What is man that You are mindful
The son of man that You would care for Him
We sing all glory and honor

(Chorus)

*Oh Lord our Lord oh how awesome are Your ways
How majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord may we see Your kingdom come
Father may Your will be done in all the earth*

All the earth You gave dominion to Your children
And You crowned them oh God
With glory and honor
So we'll sing of Your name
Live our lives for Your greatness oh God
And Your glory and honor
(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

The earth is full of
The glory of God
Come make much of
The name above all names
Creation cries out
And every knee bows
Jesus, we crown You
Oh Lord our Lord
(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

***O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING - Hymn #660**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than us, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Micah 7:7-9*

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

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.

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.)

*BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.*

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)*

FAIREST LORD JESUS - *Hymn #170*

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness
Pastor Jake Neufeld
God’s Common Grace—Genesis 6 & 9

Genesis 6:5-8

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 9:1-17

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.” ⁹Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

I. Man's faithless heart inclined towards evil [6:5-8]

II. God faithfully reaffirms man's role as image-bearers [9:1-7]

III. God graciously covenants to preserve the earth [9:8-17]

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. Does the doctrine of 'total depravity' mean that mankind is as bad as they can be? What does 'total depravity' rightly mean?
2. Based on Genesis, mankind has been described as 'glorious ruins.' In what ways do we still reflect God's image? What are ways that fallen mankind fails to reflect God's image?
3. How is God's common grace different than his redemptive grace?
4. How does this 'Noahic covenant' give us hope for the world?
5. How should God's common grace direct our responses to non-Christians?

Children's Question

*Does the symbol of the rainbow mean that God affirms each one of our self-expressions?
Instead, what did God say the rainbow symbolizes? How is this kind?*

**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.

***CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR**

Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn
In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endured

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

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.

***RESCUER**

(Chorus)

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer
We are free from sin forever more
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save
(Chorus)

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
(Chorus)

*So come and be chainless, come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary
(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

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, 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: St. Herman Orthodox Church, Fr. Panayiotis Tekosis
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, serving in Medellín, Colombia; currently on educational leave in the U.S.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle & High Schoolers are invited to come for worship, prayer, dinner, discipleship, and fun! Middle School [6th - 8th grade] from 5:30 - 7 pm; High School [9th - 12th grade] from 6:45 - 8:15 pm.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: The ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to a Soup & Cider Luncheon TODAY following the 2nd service. If you forgot to sign up, you are still welcome to join us!

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: begins Wed., Oct. 1. Books and workbooks are now available in the office area. Cost is \$10 for the pair.

OCTOBER SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS (all after the 2nd service):

- 5th - Jason Davis/Kyle Hanson
- 12th - Sean Iddings/Wade Carroll
- 19th - Trent Neumann/Jeff McGarvey/Patrick Jentz

FCC DIRECTORY: It's that time again! We will be printing updated church directories in October/November. To that end, on Oct. 5 & 12, we are offering an opportunity for families & individuals to have a directory photo taken after church if they wish. (Signups in the foyer.) Also, if you need to update or add your contact information, please fill out one of the slips in the foyer and drop it in the box.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO USE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS?: The Music Team has some openings! We are looking for additional guitarists, percussionists, and vocalists. If you have some experience and/or a desire to join our team, please contact Lisa Iddings or Laura Sackett.

SERVING: September On-Call Deacon - Wade Carroll

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N&H Hanson / B&J Eck
Children's Church: T&T Jentz / J&J Brown
Nursery: Ourslands / Lancasters
Fellowship Hosts: J. Orndorff & G. Tronstad
Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / A. Tinkham

Next Sunday October 5

Ushers: M&J Peters / A&K Scrima
Children's Church: C. Duncan & E. Morin / A. Brown
Nursery: D. Tinkham / I&K Neumann
Fellowship Hosts: R. Bitney, C. Bitney, L. Cole-Tinkham
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / J. Brown

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Sunday Evening Prayer Svc

Non-Vespers Sundays @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

5:30-7 pm (MS) / 6:45-8:15 pm (HS)

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am