

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*October 5, 2025*

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said,  
and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised.

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Genesis 21:1

**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 113:1-3***

Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**\*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.

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**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.

**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

**\*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**All:** Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen.  
(adapted from Psalm 5)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

### **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.

**\*I WILL TRUST MY SAVIOR JESUS**

I will trust my Savior Jesus  
When my darkest doubts befall  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my Savior Jesus  
Trust Him when my strength is small  
For I know the shield of Jesus  
Is the safest place of all

*(Chorus)*  
*Jesus, only Jesus*  
*Help me trust You more and more*  
*Jesus, only Jesus*  
*May my heart be ever Yours*

I will trust my Savior Jesus  
He has said His way is best  
And I know the path He's chosen  
Leads to everlasting rest

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*  
Oh on that cross, how it was seen  
I can go now ever trusting in the One who died for me  
What could I bring, for Your gift is complete  
So I trust You, simply trust You, Lord with every part of me  
*(Chorus 2x)*

## 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)*

### MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE - Hymn #648

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

### **Diaconal Offering**

The first Sunday of every month is the Diaconal Offering. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

*Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, PhD.  
*Father Abraham Had Many Sons—Genesis 16 & 21*

*Genesis 16:1-6 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. <sup>4</sup>And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!” <sup>6</sup>But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

*Genesis 21:1-7 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” <sup>7</sup>And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

I. Plan B—working for the gift

## II. Plan A—receiving the gift

### 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 Galatians 4:24, Paul says that Hagar represents slavery under the law and Sarah represents the freedom of God's promise of grace. How does Abraham's life show these two principles at work in his own life? How does God's grace triumph?
2. How does the birth of Isaac parallel the birth of Jesus? How are they different?
3. Regarding Genesis 22 and the sacrifice of Isaac, one commentator said, "The problem of this narrative is to hold together and embrace both the dark command of God and his high promise." —Walter Brueggemann. How does Jesus connect all the dots?
4. Consider: "Stop praying, 'Lord, I want you to make my life better.' Stop praying, 'Lord, I want you to make my husband or wife better. I want my children to behave. I want an ideal job.' When you pray that way, you can only end up frustrated, because God will not subordinate himself to any human agenda. Start praying, 'Lord, I just want you to be God to me. I want my life, with my problems, to show the world that you save sinners.'" —Ray Ortlund. How does a Christ-centered reality change the way we think and pray?
5. God's faithfulness to his promises in Genesis 3:15 and his preservation of Noah and all of mankind in Genesis 6-9 now enter into the life of Abraham. In what way is Abraham's life a microcosm of humanity?

### Children's Question

*God brings his promises to us by grace and not by our earning his favor.  
How does this encourage your own faith knowing the Lord is the one who fulfills his  
promises even though we are unworthy of them?*

**\*MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD - Hymn #465**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*(Chorus)*

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater— yes, grace untold—  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

*(Chorus)*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

*(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)*

**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.

**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.

## \*TURN YOUR EYES

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

(Chorus)  
Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins  
(Chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
'All glory to Jesus alone!'  
(Chorus 2x)

Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

## \*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:** Refuge & Turning Point Ministries

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Kelli Hansen, serving with One Collective in Athens, Greece

**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.

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

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

**FCC DIRECTORY PHOTO:** Please gather at the front of the sanctuary following the 1st or 2nd service if you would like to have an updated directory photo taken. (Thank you to Caroline Bennett & Alicia Brown for being our photographers!) You can also email a .jpg image to the church office if you already have a photo you'd like to use.

**CHILI & CORN MAZE:** Join us for our annual chili lunch and visit to the Fritz Corn Maze (entry paid by the church) on Sunday, Oct. 26, immediately following the second service. Sign up in the foyer.

**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.

**FRIDAY ENEWSLETTER:** Please reach out to the church office if you would like to be on the list to receive our weekly newsletter.

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted YTD Budget = \$525,000    YTD Offerings Received = \$511,706

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

**SERVING:** October On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: M&J Peters / A&K Scrima

Children's Church: Danielsons / A. Brown

Nursery: D. Tinkham / I&K Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: R. Bitney, C. Bitney, L. Cole-Tinkham

Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / J. Brown

#### **Next Sunday October 12**

Ushers: M&J Peters / A&K Scrima

Children's Church: Danielsons / A. Brown

Nursery: Morins / Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: J. Orndorff & J. Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / N. Moody

#### **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