

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 19, 2025

As for you, you meant evil against me,
but God meant it for good, to bring it about that
many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Genesis 50:20

**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 136:1-3*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever.

All: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love
endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love
endures forever.

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***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

***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

*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*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride
When our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide
All the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters
For the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other
And lay down our stones

Lord, forgive us for our love
Of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above
For all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters
We do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure
Is in You alone

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:32, 3:16*

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

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.

***FORGIVEN, cont.**

Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ
We are forgiven

Lord, forgive us for our shame
When we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame
But forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters
For the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other
Through Your only Son

*Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ
We are forgiven*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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.)

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS - *Hymn #629*

What a Friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness
Pastor John Sackett
The Power of the Gospel in Us & Through Us —Genesis 45:1-15

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

*In Joseph’s life we see the Gospel: the good news that God as done all the work
to save Joseph, his brothers, and their future generations.*

I. In Joseph’s life: Protection

II. Through Joseph to his brothers: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

III. Blessing all those around Joseph (and future generations): Preservation and Provision

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 your thoughts about Joseph's understanding that God willed him to be sold into slavery? How does the truth that God is always sovereign and always good function to protect Joseph? Are there areas of adversity in your life that this truth could function as Gospel?
2. Joseph's faithfulness in little prepares him for faithfulness in much. Where are you laboring to be faithful? In your life? At home? In the church?
3. Judah functions as a type of Christ: foreshadowing Christ's substitutionary atonement. Are there relationships in your life that, through your dying to self, God might save?
4. The good news (Gospel) in Joseph's life also served to bless all those around him. We see this in Potiphar's house, in the jail, and throughout Egypt. Is your view of what God can do through you large enough? Are you willing to be similarly used by God?

Children's Question

How can remembering that God is always good and always in control help you when life is really hard, or when friends betray you?

*HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

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

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.

***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94 (1-4,6)**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

***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

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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: Faith 117, partnering with foster and adoptive families

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES MYSTERY DINNER EVENT: is happening Fri., Oct. 24.

More information and signups in the foyer. Reach out to Kim Hansen with questions.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE REFUGE: There is a signup sheet in the foyer showing some of the many ways you can volunteer to help survivors of domestic abuse, as well as some free materials on various topics related to DV.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: will be ending on Nov. 2. Remember to set your clocks back!

FRIDAY ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be on the list to receive our weekly church newsletter, let the office know! (office@faithcov.com/406-752-2400)

SERVING: October On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: J. Jenks & N. Streeter / McManus family
Children's Church: Danielsons / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster
Nursery: Riekes / S. Votapka & B. Votapka
Fellowship Hosts: D. Corder & E. Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / C&L Scrima

Next Sunday October 26

Ushers: J. Jenks & N. Streeter / McManus family
Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / J&J Brown
Nursery: Cunninghams / S. Haymond & J. Taylor
Fellowship Hosts: P. Saldamando & D. Kotila
Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson/R. McManus

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

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

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am