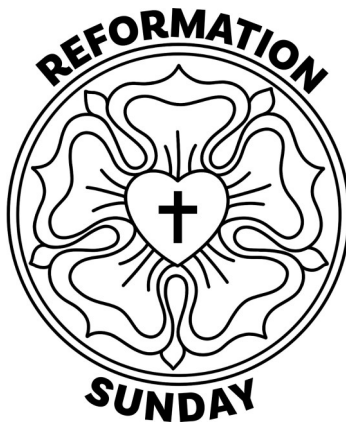


FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 26, 2025



“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:5-6

**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 47:6-7**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a
psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his
holy throne.

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - *Hymn #100*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"—

All: but we have been rich in pride.

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn"—

All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: "Blessed are the meek"—

All: but we are a stiff-necked people.

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"—

All: but we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful"—

All: but we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart"—

All: but we have impure hearts.

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers"—

All: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness—

All: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me"—

All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your blessings are perfect, but they are both too great for us.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:17*

If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

***BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693**

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Chorus 2x)

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)*

THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

(Chorus)

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

(Chorus)

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

(Chorus x 2)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Treasure of God—Exodus 19

Exodus 19:1-6; 10-13 (ESV)

¹On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” ...¹⁰the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.”

I. Set Free to Serve

II. Prepared to Meet God

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. God called Israel into Egypt and he called them out. What may be some reasons for this 400-year detour? How did God's great redemptive acts form their identity?
2. Consider: "The Law is more clearly seen as a gift of God's graciousness when tied to the story. Law becomes another part of the larger story of God's goodness and mercy."—T.E. Fretheim. How does the Exodus account help us from making the law of God impersonal?
3. Which came first, redemption or law? Why must we never reverse this order?
4. My obedience is to the Lord who gave the law and not to the law itself. What happens when we lose sight of the Lord who stands behind his law?
5. Looking at Hebrews 12:18-24, how are Mt Sinai and Mt Zion compared? What does Jesus do that Moses could not?

Children's Question

We do not obey God so that he will love us. We are loved by God and so we want to obey the God who loves us. Why is it important to understand which comes first?

***O GOD OF MERCY, HEAR OUR PLEA**

O God, we've seen Your faithfulness
You brought us from the wilderness
But now our faith is frail and weak
O God of mercy, hear our plea

When will You comfort our distress?
How long until the promised rest?
We cry to You from deepest need
O God of mercy, hear our plea

(Chorus)

*Abba Father, our Redeemer
In this barren land be our hope and strength
Until glory we will trust and sing
Abba Father, hear our plea*

We join creation's longing groan
To take Your ransomed children home
For then the eyes of all will see
The God of mercy hears our plea
(Chorus)

For then the eyes of all will see
The God of mercy hears our plea
(Chorus 2x)

Abba Father, hear our plea

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

*ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son, forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.
(Repeat)*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(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

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Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Great Plains Gathering, PCA Native American Church Plant, Pastor Josh Charette

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

CHILI & CORN MAZE: Join us TODAY for our annual chili lunch and visit to the Fritz Corn Maze after the second service. Check in at the ticket booth when you get there to let them know you're with Faith Covenant Church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE REFUGE: There is a signup sheet in the foyer showing some of the many ways you can get involved to help survivors of domestic abuse, as well as some free materials on various topics related to DV.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: will be ending next weekend. Remember to set your clocks back before church next Sunday!

PARENTING IN THE PEW: Pastor Lloyd will be teaching a class on Friday, Nov. 14, from 5:30-9 pm, to give parents practical solutions for helping their children engage in worship services. Cost: \$20/couple, which includes childcare, dinner, and a copy of Robbie Castleman's book, *Parenting in the Pew*. To register, sign up in the foyer or use the link in the Friday eNews.

NOVEMBER MISSIONS MEAL: On Sun., Nov. 16, after the 2nd service, come enjoy an authentic Ugandan meal and learn more about Trinity Center for World Mission. Charlie King, chairman of the board at TCWM, will be joining us, along with James & Belinda Mileur, who will talk about their time working on the TCWM campus in Kapchorwa, Uganda. Sign up in the foyer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: If you would like to pack a shoebox for a needy child, box labels and other supplies are available in the foyer. Help yourself to whatever you need! Collection Sunday will be Nov. 16.

SERVING: October On-Call Deacon - Ryan Petersen

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday November 2

Ushers: R&J Petersen / M&J Thompson
Children's Church: Tinkhams / Andersons
Nursery: K. Haymond & N. Streeter / M. Falk & K. Brown
Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / H. Embry

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