

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 25, 2026*

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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Revelation 1:8

**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:** *1 Chronicles 16:8-11*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make  
known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous  
works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek  
the LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence  
continually!

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when to stand.  
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**\*O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – Hymn #164**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*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

**\*THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

The King of Love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

*(Chorus)*

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart; Everlasting, Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me

*(Chorus)*

*Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (4x)  
(Chorus 2x)*

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise  
*Within Your house forever*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 2 John 1:6, 8-9

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments... Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

**All:** Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except to you? Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'" Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. (*Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions*)

## 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.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**\*CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE** (*Heidelberg Catechism #1*) :

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

**All:** Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD - Hymn #253**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:**

*Chelsea Hanson*

*Simeon Lassinger*

*Kaitlyn Brockman*

## 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)*

## WHEN TRIALS COME

When trials come no longer fear  
For in the pain our God draws near  
To fire a faith worth more than gold  
*And there His faithfulness is told*

Within the night I know Your peace  
The breath of God brings strength to me  
And new each morning mercy flows  
*As treasures of the darkness grow*

I turn to wisdom not my own  
For ev'ry battle You have known  
My confidence will rest in You  
*Your love endures Your ways are good*

When I am weary with the cost  
I see the triumph of the cross  
So in its shadow I shall run  
*Till You complete the work begun*

One day all things will be made new  
I'll see the hope You called me to  
And in Your kingdom paved with gold  
*I'll praise Your faithfulness of old*

## 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.)

*Sermon Series—Revelation*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Revelation 1:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. <sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

I. Contending with Crazy

II. Contemplating the Joy



## Questions for Further Reflection

1. Consider: “And in the book entitled the Apocalypse there are, to be sure, many obscure sayings, to exercise the mind of the reader; and there are a few so clear enough to throw light on the meaning of others, even at the cost of effort.”—Augustine. From the beginning, Revelation has challenged and encouraged God’s people. How has the book challenged you to “exercise” your mind?
2. What are some of the unique challenges of understanding symbolism for our time? How is Revelation “resistant to the way of regular interpretation as applied to other books?”—Moses Stuart, 1845.
3. So often, fear and anger have been the result of disagreements on how to understand Revelation. How is it that joy and anticipation get lost so easily in the conversation? What encouragements could you give yourself or someone else stuck in disagreement?
4. There are four main approaches to interpreting Revelation that will set the direction before a page is read. How can you posture yourself to receive insight from these positions even if some of them might not be yours?
5. Jesus takes the center stage from the beginning of the book. He is the beginning and the goal of all history. How does his good news strengthen your resolve when facing uncertainty?

## Children’s Question

*People always wish they could know what is going to happen in the future. How does knowing that Jesus has won, is winning, and will win encourage you when you feel like you’re losing?*

## 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.

**\*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)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance 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

### \*REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus)*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,  
the only wise King.*

*(Chorus)*

*Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
at the mention of your name.  
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery!*

*(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, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,  
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch*

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

*Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham*

*Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett*

*Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Pastor Craig Nissen

**JANUARY MISSION FOCUS:** MTW Internships

**EVENING PRAYER SERVICE:** Tonight at 6 pm

**ANNUAL MEETING:** If you missed it last week, pick up your Annual Report in the foyer (one per family) in preparation for the annual congregational meeting that is taking place this Wed., Jan. 28. A 6 pm soup supper will precede the 7 pm meeting. Sign up to bring a pot of soup or a side to share. (We're still greatly in need of signups for food!)

**QUILTERS UNITE!** Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on Jan. 29, Feb. 12, and/or Feb. 26 from 9:00 - 3:00 to work together to make gifts for Faith Covenant's new babies and brides.

Lunch is provided! For more information or to RSVP, reach out to Arlene.

**FEBRUARY SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:**

- Riley/Thompson: Feb. 1
- Iddings/Carroll (formerly Feb. 15, now rescheduled to May 3)

### GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = \$700,000      Actual YTD Offerings = \$840,831

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

**SERVING:** January On-Call Deacon - Wade Carroll

### WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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

Ushers: Petersen Family / Lancaster Family  
Children's Church: A&C Hanson / J&J Brown  
Nursery: Riekes / J. Taylor & Z. Hanson  
Fellowship Hosts: G. Tronstad & J. Haugestuen  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / C&L Scrima

#### Next Sunday February 1

Ushers: N&H Hanson / B&K Bay  
Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson  
Nursery: Ourslands / M. Falk & K. Brown  
Fellowship Hosts: M. Wilkerson & K. Bay  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / T. Paolini

#### **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**

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

#### **Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

#### **Men's Breakfast**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am