

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 8, 2026

“...These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:14

**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 18

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

All: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.

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*OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus 2x)

*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

**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.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!** - *Hymn #296*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
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Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all!
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Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
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Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 51:5-6, 16-17*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart ... For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, and you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (*Psalm 51:1-4, 10*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 23:1-4*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

***WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS** - Hymn #252

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
*Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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)*

THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

Sermon Series—Revelation
Pastor Jake Neufeld
The Seal of the Living God—Revelation 7:1-17

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. ⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

I. Who Can Stand?

II. Those Sealed by the Living God

III. The Hope and Reassurance of God's Seal

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. Revelation 6 ends with the question 'Who can stand?' [in the great day of wrath]. How does Revelation 7 answer that question?
2. In light of 2 Corinthians 1:22, "and [God] who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" (see also Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:40; 2 Timothy 2:19), how are we sealed?
3. Should the 144,000 be interpreted as exactly 144,000 Jewish men or should it be interpreted symbolically? Symbolically, what does it mean?
4. G.K. Beale explains: "The sealing enables them to respond in faith to the trials through which they pass, so that these trials become the very instruments by which they can even be strengthened in their faith (see 6:1-8)... The nature of this protection is spiritual. This is apparent from the fact that believers and unbelievers suffer similar physical afflictions. But, whereas these trials purify God's servants, they harden the ungodly in their response to God." What does it look like to respond differently (in faith) to life's trials? In your experience have you seen two people respond completely differently to the same situation?
5. How does the heavenly vision of 7:9-17 give you encouragement and reassurance in the midst of your present relational conflict... health problems...or financial struggles?

Children's Question

How do you know that God will protect you when you're scared?

What promises does he give you?

***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)

**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.

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)

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 GOD WE LOVE**

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty the Maker of all
The One who rules the seen and unseen, we believe and we adore
Jesus Christ one Lord of creation from the Father, begotten not made
He is the Light from Light eternal and the God of every age

(Chorus)

*All glory to the Father now
All honor to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always
This is the God we love*

For this world and for our salvation, He came down from the heavens above
Born of a virgin and the Spirit, truly man and truly God
He was crucified under Pilate, suffered death and was laid in the grave
And in accordance with the scriptures on the third He rose again

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

And He has made His ascent into the heavens above
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now
But He will come back again and He will judge in truth
The Holy Spirit has come, voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us he has given us new life, forgiven now and baptized
One holy church we rise, we rise

(Chorus 2x)

This is the God we love

Now we wait to be resurrected
And we look for the world without end
This is our creed our faith our anthem

This is the God we love

***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: Kalispell First Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Joe Arnold

MARCH MISSION FOCUS: David & Ulrike Byle and the Berlin Easter Outreach Team

VESPERS SERVICE: TONIGHT at 6 pm. The theme is *"The Love Of Christ In Community."*

SEWING PARTY: Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on March 12 and/or 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.

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: For folks in the Olmsted (Jentz)/Tulloch group will be next Sun., March 15, after the 2nd service.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to order an Easter lily in honor/memory of a loved one, fill out one of the forms in the foyer and drop it in the box with \$10 by Sunday, March 29.

You can also order & pay online using the link in the Friday eNews.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There will be two GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES on April 3 (6pm & 8pm) and three services on EASTER SUNDAY (8:00, 9:30 and 11 am) Note: On Easter Sunday, children's church and nursery will be available at the 8 & 11 am services only, and there will be no Sunday School classes that day. Faith Covenant Deacons will cook and serve breakfast between 9 and 11 am.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Faith Covenant will be returning to a traditional VBS format this summer. We will host VBS June 22-25, from 5:30-7 pm each night. One of our goals this year will be to incorporate our local community, so registration is open to kids within our church & within our community. It takes around 30 volunteers to make VBS run smoothly, so we need YOU! Please contact the church office if you're able to help.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = 129,327 Actual YTD Offerings = \$118,833

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

SERVING: March On-Call Deacon - Scott Cunningham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus Family / von Olhausen family
Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / J. Adney & C. Kliem
Nursery: Buis Family / K. Anderson family
Fellowship Hosts: L. Pierson & J. Orndorff
Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / J. Brown

Next Sunday March 15

Ushers: M&J Peters / Eck Family
Children's Church: A. Ingram & E. Morin / J. Thompson
Nursery: Hobus family / Josts
Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & C. Scrima
Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / 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

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