

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 15, 2026

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal,
there was silence in heaven...

Revelation 8:1

**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

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Berlin Mission Team*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 103:1-5, 8*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless
his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all
your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so
that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.

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***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(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

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery,
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 10:13*

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:6-7*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

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.

***CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore! (3x)*

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore (3x)

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

Clint Kliem

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 HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Hymn #521**

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

(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.)

Sermon Series—Revelation
Pastor John Sackett
Prayers & Trumpets—Revelation 8

¹When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, ⁴and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. ⁵Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. ⁶Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. ⁷The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. ⁸The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. ¹⁰The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter. ¹²The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night. ¹³Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!”

God hears the prayers of His children and responds in merciful judgment.

I. Setting the Context

II. Effective Prayers

III. Mercifully Destructive Trumpets

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. Why is it important to regularly set the context in a study of Revelation?
2. What might be significant about the 30 minutes of silence in heaven?
3. What do you think of how God treats your prayers? What emotions does this generate? As you consider your answers, what in your life would you desire? Are there choices you need to make to realize that desire?
4. As the trumpets are introduced and begin to be described, what is familiar? Is it imperative to dogmatically hold to either the sequential or cyclical view of the scenes of Revelation?
5. If the trumpet warnings are primarily for unbelievers, how can believers be blessed in the reading and application of this section? How do we take these warnings to heart?
6. Where is the mercy in these warnings and judgments? How can that shape our interactions with our unbelieving friends and family?

Children's Question

What do you think of when you hear a trumpet sound? In our text they announce warnings. Why is the trumpet such a great instrument for a warning?

***EVEN SO COME**

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus)

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*So we wait, we wait for you
God, we wait; you're coming soon
(Chorus)*

Even so come Lord Jesus come

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

*THE LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder, hear His people sing

(Chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord almighty reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord our God the almighty reigns

We will join the feast, rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

Like the roar of mighty seas
Rolls of thunder, all the church will sing

(Chorus)

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim
Oh, that more would share the prize—salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring
A mighty chorus rising to the King

(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,
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:** Cornerstone Community Church, Pastor Luke Knoll
- MARCH MISSION FOCUS:** David & Ulrike Byle and the Berlin Easter Outreach Team
- SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE:** Tonight at 6 pm
- SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK:** For folks in the Olmsted (Jentz)/Tulloch group is TODAY, 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.
- SEWING PARTY:** Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on March 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.
- 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.

SERVING: March On-Call Deacon - Scott Cunningham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday March 22

Ushers: M&J Peters / Eck Family
Children's Church: A. Ingram & E. Morin / J. Thompson
Nursery: Streits / Lancasters
Fellowship Hosts: A. Haymond and R&C Bitney
Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / C. Scrima

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