

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 22, 2026

And I was told, “You must again prophesy about many peoples
and nations and languages and kings.”

Revelation 10:11

**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 29:1-2,4,11

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD
is full of majesty.

All: **May the LORD give strength to his people! May the
LORD bless his people with peace!**

Leader: Attribute to the LORD, O heavenly beings, attribute to
the LORD glory and strength.

All: **Attribute to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

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***ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL - Hymn #1**

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice!

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

***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

***GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING**

I approach the throne of glory nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise

(Chorus)

*You deserve the greater glory, overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend
Safe secure in You forever I pour out my praise again

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious King

(Chorus)

You're a good and gracious King

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 5:3-6*

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

All: O King and Father, your Son died and was raised in power.

Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our reluctance to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have. Forgive us of our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life, so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:8-10*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

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.

***HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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)*

BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of 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.)

Sermon Series—Revelation
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Providence Lived Out—Revelation 9-10

Revelation 9:1-11 (ESV)

¹And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. ²He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ³Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them. ⁷In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, ⁸their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; ⁹they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. ¹⁰They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. ¹¹They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

Revelation 10:8-11 (ESV)

⁸Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." ⁹So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." ¹⁰And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

I. Allowed by God

II. Foretold by 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. We speak of the world, the flesh, and the devil as enemies of our souls. In this chapter, the focus is on the demonic. Some overdo the demonic and others hardly consider it. How does Scripture teach us to maintain a proper perspective?
2. When we read that angels were given and demonic beings were told their limits, what does this tell us about God's providential care for us? Throughout Revelation, what is the predominate note of God's rule and reign in comparison to those who oppose him? Has this been yours as well or have fear and doubt crept in? How does the gospel recenter your outlook?
3. Consider: "The important thing about the locust is not how such creatures could exist, but what they mean."—Michael Wilcox. Why do you think many have gone to such extremes to find a literal interpretation to what is clearly biblical symbolism?
4. In 2 Corinthians 12:4, Paul speaks of hearing things in a heavenly vision that were not to be spoken of. Along with John in chapter 10, why might this be the case? Consider also Deuteronomy 29:29.
5. When we consider the difficulties of understanding biblical prophecy, what are we to make of the comments in Revelation 10:7 & 11? How does all of this drive us to humility in our approach?

Children's Question

When we see the chaos that can happen in the world, we can wonder if God still cares about us. But the Lord not only cares, he is actively working all things to his appointed end. How does Jesus teach you to trust in those moments of uncertainty?

***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 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

*AMAZING GRACE - Hymn #460

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

*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,
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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: Lisa Iddings

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Church of the Cross, Pastor Aaron Scott

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

REMINDER: There is NO Sunday school today.

NO YOUTH GROUP: on Wed., Mar. 25, because of Spring Break.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Tonight at 6 pm

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 next Sunday, Mar. 29. You can also order & pay online using the link in the Friday eNews.

SEWING PARTY: Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on Mar. 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.

LADIES' QUARTERLY COLLOQUIUM: *REVELATION*: Join us on Sat., Apr. 11th, 9-3pm as we go through a condensed overview of the book of Revelation. Lunch will be provided. Sign up in the foyer by Sun., April 5.

APRIL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

- Davis/Hanson: April 12
- Neumann/McGarvey/Jentz: April 19

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 / Lancasters
Fellowship Hosts: A. Haymond and R&C Bitney
Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / C. Scrima

Next Sunday March 29

Ushers: M&G Tronstad / Bonner Family
Children's Church: T&T Jentz / Pastor Jake
Nursery: Bergstedts / R. Hunter & fam
Fellowship Hosts: N. Moody & L. Gomez
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / 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

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