

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 29, 2026



Palm
SUNDAY

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

**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 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in
battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O ancient
doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the
King of glory!**

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***COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING - Hymn #101**

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;

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have mercy on us (*Alleluia*),

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*),

have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;

Son of God, capture me and make me your own;

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*),

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*),

have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

Amen, Amen

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

All: Father cleanse us, for our secret thoughts savor our lusts and our wicked desires.

Leader: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

All: Almighty God forgive us, for in our pride we despise humility and submission to others, and do not consider others before ourselves.

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

All: Father we confess that our hearts are filled with deceit, and that we often treat the truth with indifference.
(*adapted from Psalm 5:4-6*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

God will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our 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.

***ALL MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
*On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living and in dying
All must be well*

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)*

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS! - Hymn #498

Jesus! what a friend for sinners, Jesus, lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins

(Chorus)

Jesus! what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul

(Chorus)

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he my pilot, hears my cry.

(Chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series—Palm Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The King of Glory—Matthew 21:1-14

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." ¹²And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." ¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

I. Who He Is

II. What He Came To Do

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. Everyone was sure they knew what the Messiah was going to be like, but Jesus continually caught them off guard. What were some of the differences?
2. In verse 4, we read: “This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet.” What is the significance of this? What are some of the reasons it is hard to connect the dots in biblical prophecy until after the fact?
3. Disappointments are hard to take by anyone; yet the Lord calls us to trust him in the midst of them—to walk by faith and not by sight. What has helped you with this in your own life? In what ways do you still struggle?
4. Consider Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheap goods.... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.” For yourself, in what ways have you wanted cheap grace? How are you stepping toward costly grace?

Children’s Question

We are disappointed and hurt when our expectations are not met. We can even be upset with the Lord when we think he has not done what we wanted him to. How does Jesus call you to change your expectations as you trust in him?

***WHAT LOVE, MY GOD**

What love my God would bring you down to earth
What king would take a low and lonely birth
Yet to this dark and broken place you came
To sleep beneath the stars that you had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life
To walk the road, rejected and despised
That you might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

(Chorus)

*O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood*

What love my God could hold you to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side
The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die
(Chorus)

What love my God, so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight for me
To go through hell and down into the grave
And raise me up to see you face to face
You raise me up to see you face to face
(Chorus 2x)

In his love like a mighty flood

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 KING OF GLORY COMES - Hymn #240

(Chorus)

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory, what shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

(Chorus)

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people curing their illness.

(Chorus)

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself the sin of the nation

(Chorus)

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom

(Chorus)

*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

Music Director: Lisa Iddings | Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Easthaven Baptist Church, Pastor Chad Warren

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

EASTER LILIES: This is the **LAST DAY** 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There will be two **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES** this Fri., Apr. 3 (6pm & 8pm, w/nursery available at 6 pm only) and three services on next Sunday for Easter (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.

APRIL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

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

LADIES' QUARTERLY COLLOQUIUM: REVELATION: Join us on Sat., Apr. 11th, from 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., Apr. 5.

BRIDAL SHOWER: You are invited to join us at the church on Fri., Apr. 17, from 6-8 pm, as we celebrate God's gift of marriage. Through prayer, conversation, and cake, we will celebrate the upcoming marriages of Anna Thompson, Abby Hudson, and Linda Sarkadi. For more information, contact Hannah Cunningham.

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. Please contact the church office if you're able to volunteer!

SERVING: March On-Call Deacon - Scott Cunningham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday April 5 (Easter Sunday)

Ushers: R. Hadley & C. Duncan (8) / Bennetts (9:30)/ McManuses (11)
Children's Church: A&C Hanson (8) / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster (11)
Nursery: D. Tinkham (8) / K. Neumann (11)
Fellowship Hosts: Deacons
Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / Y. Hernandez

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