

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

March 1, 2026

Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals,
and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice
like thunder, “Come!”

Revelation 6:1

**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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 9:9-11**

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

***GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN - Hymn #345**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—
grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasures, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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when to stand.
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***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

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.

***PSALM 8 (HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME)**

When I look at Your heavens
The moon and stars You set in motion oh God
I sing all glory and honor
What is man that You are mindful
The son of man that You would care for Him
We sing all glory and honor

(Chorus)

*Oh Lord our Lord oh how awesome are Your ways
How majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord may we see Your kingdom come
Father may Your will be done in all the earth*

All the earth You gave dominion to Your children
And You crowned them oh God
With glory and honor
So we'll sing of Your name
Live our lives for Your greatness oh God
And Your glory and honor

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

The earth is full of
The glory of God
Come make much of
The name above all names
Creation cries out
And every knee bows
Jesus, we crown You
Oh Lord our Lord

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Acts 4:11-12*

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

***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

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 JESUS, I LOVE THEE - Hymn #648

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Diaconal Offering
The first Sunday of every month is the Diaconal offering. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

Sermon Series—Revelation
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Breaking the Seals—Revelation 6:1-17

Revelation 6:1-11 (ESV):¹Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”²And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.³When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”⁴And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.⁵When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand.⁶And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!”⁷When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!”⁸And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”¹¹Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

I. Come!

II. How Long?

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. Throughout church history, there have been various ideas of how we are to understand the meaning of the seals being broken. What caution does this give us? What encouragement does this give us?
2. There are OT parallels to the four riders (Ezekiel 14:21, Zechariah 1:8-10; 6:1-7). In what way can we speak of God's judgment operating throughout history? How does this correspond with Jesus' comments in the gospel (Luke 17:26-30)?
3. The activity of the riders does not have to be understood as a solitary act or chronologically separated. We also see that all people feel the effects of these judgments. What is the rationale for the saints' perseverance in these hard times?
4. The question presented in verse 17—"who can stand?"—is answered in chapter 7. Who is shown to be in control of everything happening to the world? How does this also conquer our fears?
5. How is the tension between the Lord's gracious offer of repentance and the rejection of that offer part of the message of Revelation?

Children's Question

When bad things are happening, it can be hard to think the Lord is still in control of our lives. How does Jesus continue to reassure our faith in hard times?

***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

*CHRISTUS VICTOR (AMEN)

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of Wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen

O Most High Dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

(Chorus)

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah*

*With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen*

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever
(Chorus 2x)

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen

*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: Church at Creston, Pastor Kyle Winter

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

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: TODAY after the second service for those in the Anderson/Petersen group

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Tonight at 6 pm

VESPERS SERVICE: next Sunday, March 8, at 6 pm.

FREEZER MEAL PARTY: Last day to sign up! This Sat., March 7, join Jessica Brown from 10 am to 1 pm to help re-stock the supply of freezer meals we use to bless members of the body amid births, moves, losses, and other times of need. No culinary skills are necessary and lunch is provided!

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

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: Bennetts / Matterns
Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & K. Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / A. Tinkham & K. Brown

Next Sunday March 8

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

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