

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 5, 2026



Easter
SUNDAY

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:13

**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:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting, alleluia
Once he died, our souls to save, alleluia
Where thy victory O grave, alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia.

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia
Following our exalted Head, alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise, alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies, alleluia, alleluia

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

***UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE - Hymn #276**

Low in the grave he lay—Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord.

(Chorus)

*Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed—Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.

(Chorus)

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord.

(Chorus)

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?...If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather to God.

All: Our good and glorious God, you are holy and just; yet we are poor sinners. Our words are often instruments of wickedness, and we offer ourselves to the pleasures of sin. Father, forgive us, we pray, for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Forgive us for allowing sin to reign in us. By the power of your Spirit, produce in us the fruits of holiness and righteousness, pleasing in your sight. Enable us to offer ourselves fully to you through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

***COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

***YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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)*

TURN YOUR EYES

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

(Chorus)

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins
(Chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
'All glory to Jesus alone!'
(Chorus 2x)

Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

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: Easter
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
God Will Provide—Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

I. How we got here: Recounting our woes

II. Where we are going: Receiving our peace

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Blaming others is universal to humanity. Why do we all like to play “Pin the blame on the donkey?” How does Jesus break this cycle?
2. Puritan minister Thomas Goodwin wrote: “Christ died to make his enemies his friends even though he could have created new ones cheaper.” Reconciliation is at the heart of the gospel story. Are you reconciled to Father through the Son? How has this changed how you live with others who have wronged you?
3. Consider: “Stop praying, ‘Lord, I want you to make my life better.’ Stop praying, ‘Lord, I want you to make my husband or wife better. I want my children to behave. I want an ideal job.’ When you pray that way, you can only end up frustrated, because God will not subordinate himself to any human agenda. Start praying, “Lord, I just want you to be God to me. I want my life, with my problems, to show the world that you save sinners.” —Ray Ortlund. How does a Christ-centered reality change the way we think and pray?
4. When we are stuck in a cycle of blame, fear and anger are the results. Where are you at with this right now? How does being justified by faith free you both the need to defend yourself and the desire to accuse others?

Children’s Question

“It wasn’t me!” We often say this when something bad happens even if we did it. Jesus takes our blame and removes our shame. How does being forgiven by Jesus free you from shaming and blaming others? How does being forgiven also help us to confess when it is our fault?

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.

***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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***LIFT HIGH THE CROSS** - Hymn #263 vs. 1, 3-5

(Chorus)

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod

Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

(Chorus)

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree

As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

(Chorus)

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease

Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

(Chorus)

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone

Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

(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: Adventure Church, Pastor Harry Owczarek

APRIL MISSION FOCUS: John Hudson & 100 Fold Studio

EASTER LILIES: Those who purchased Easter lilies may take them home after the 11 am service.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY: Join us downstairs for breakfast served by our deacons between 9 and 11 am.

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

APRIL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

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

BRIDAL SHOWER: Ladies, 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 info, contact Hannah Cunningham.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS at Faith Covenant will be June 22-25 from 5:30-7 pm. Please contact the church office if you're willing to volunteer in some capacity.

SERVING: April On-Call Deacon - Mike Thompson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: R. Hadley & C. Duncan / Bennetts / McManus Family
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

Next Sunday April 12

Ushers: R. Hadley & C. Duncan / McManus Family
Children's Church: A&C Hanson / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster
Nursery: Morins / Hamlings
Fellowship Hosts: A. Ingram & D. Corder
Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / H. Embry

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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