

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 26, 2026*

“Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.”

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Revelation 13:10b

**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:** *2 Samuel 22:47, 50*

**Leader:** The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation.

**All:** For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.

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when to stand.  
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**\*O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING - Hymn #660**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**\*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

**\*BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL**

*Blessed are the merciful (3x)*

For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

*Lord have mercy on us*

*Show Your mercy through us (2x)*

Mercy

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"–

All: **but we have been rich in pride.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn"–

All: **but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Leader: "Blessed are the meek"–

All: **but we are a stubborn people.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"–

All: **but we are filled to the full with other things.**

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful"–

*(cont. opposite)*

All: but we are harsh and impatient.  
Leader: “Blessed are the pure in heart”–  
All: but we have impure hearts.  
Leader: “Blessed are the peacemakers”–  
All: but we have not sought reconciliation.  
Leader: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness”–  
All: but our lives do not challenge the world.  
Leader: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me”–  
All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.  
Leader: Your Law is holy and your blessings are perfect but they are both too great for us.  
All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.  
*(adapted from Matthew 5:3-11)*

**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.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 9:15*

For this reason, Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

**\*ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

*(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.)

**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)*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus)*

*It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

*(Chorus)*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*(Chorus)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus)*

*Sermon Series—Revelation*  
Pastor John Sackett  
*The Unholy Trinity —Revelation 13*

<sup>1</sup>And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. <sup>2</sup>And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" <sup>5</sup>And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup>Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup>and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain <sup>9</sup>If anyone has an ear, let him hear: <sup>10</sup>If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints. <sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast whose mortal wound was healed... <sup>14</sup>and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived... <sup>16</sup>Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup>so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

*The only safe place is when our focus is on the LORD.*

I. The counterfeit Christ

## II. The false spirit

## III. A few survival tips

### **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. Robert Mounce notes, “Together with the dragon the two Beasts form an unholy trinity of malicious evil.” How can this idea drive us back to look to the Lord?
2. How is the first Beast a counterfeit Christ?
3. What are some of the blasphemous words attributed to this Beast?
4. In what ways does the second Beast parody the Holy Spirit?
5. Verse 18 appears to invite us to try and determine who exactly is the man with the number 666. And yet roughly 2000 “years of conjecture have not brought us any closer” What’s going on here?

### **Children’s Question**

*Verse 11 tells us that the second beast appears like a lamb but speaks like a dragon. What gives us a better idea of who a person really is: How they look or What they say? How can this help us as we follow Jesus?*

**\*NOTHING LEFT TO SAY/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

The firstborn over all creation  
Far beyond imagination  
All visible and invisible things  
Bow before Christ our king

The Godhead dwelling fully in Him  
Yet crucified for our salvation  
So incredible indescribable God  
Jesus Christ Lord of all

*(Chorus)*

*Holy*

*All God's children singing holy  
Nothing left to say but holy  
Oh Lord Almighty*

The radiance of God in person  
Beyond all human explanation  
Once invisible now a visible God  
Jesus Christ Lord of all

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Sing now sing as one  
Come and join the angels  
Come and join the song  
A melody well known  
From beginning of creation  
To the end of kingdom come

*(Chorus)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

**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

### \*WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

*(Chorus)*

*Because of His great love we are not overcome  
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

*(Chorus)*

Offer up your shoes and shirt  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke of love and death  
The Lord will give all life and breath

*(Chorus)*

*Because of His great love we are not overcome*

### \*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:** Faith Free Lutheran Church, Pastor Tim Herset

**APRIL MISSION FOCUS:** John Hudson & 100 Fold Studio

**MISSION MEAL:** There is a mission meal TODAY after the second service. Come for lunch and hear an update from the Berlin mission team.

**CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:** next Sun., May 3, there will be a time of Q&A with the pastors at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

**MAY SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:**

- S. Iddings/W. Carroll: May 3

**COMMUNICANTS' CLASS:** Pastor Lloyd will be teaching a class for new communicant members May 18-21 from 3:45-4:30 pm in the church library. A signup sheet is available in the foyer if you wish to enroll your child. Please sign up by May 17.

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:** Sun., May 17, will be our final day of Sunday school for all ages. Starting the following week, May 24, we will switch into summer mode at Faith Covenant, with service times at 8:15 & 10:15 and no Sunday School.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** If you or someone you know is graduating, please fill out the card in the foyer and put it in the box or leave in the office by Sun. May 17. We will honor our graduates during coffee hour on Sun., May 24.

**REFUGE KIDS:** is in need of more volunteers! Reach out to Sean Iddings or Jeanie Haugstuen or contact the church office if you're interested in helping out with this important support ministry of the Refuge. Refuge Kids meets from 5:30-7:30 on Thursday evenings.

**YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP:** to Heart Butte, MT, will be June 15-18. More information coming soon.

**ENEWSLETTER:** If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday eNewsletter, contact the office at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).

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**SERVING:** April On-Call Deacon - Mike Thompson

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: J. Jenks & N. Streeter / Falk Family  
Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / A. Brown  
Nursery: Morrison Family / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez  
Fellowship Hosts: P. Albert & J. Orndorff  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / N. Moody

**Next Sunday May 3**

Ushers: G&C Bennett / Eck Family  
Children's Church: D. Tinkham / J. Thompson  
Nursery: Morin Family / M. Falk & K. Brown  
Fellowship Hosts: M. Wilkerson / K. Bay  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / K. 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