

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 3, 2026

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.
“Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their
labors, for their deeds follow them!”

Revelation 14:13

**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:** *Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Psalm 7:17*

I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

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*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus)

*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

*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 our sins
As we forgive those who have sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen
(Repeat All)

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen, amen

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 7:11-12*

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.

All: We confess that we have often grieved your Spirit. We have not heeded your life-giving Word, nor have we spoken the good news of Christ's lordship to our neighbor. We have not lived gloriously as the new temple of the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a great desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 7:9-10*

Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous—you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

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.

***BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693**

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Chorus 2x)

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)*

SPEAK, O LORD

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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.
A Joyful Reward—Revelation 14

¹“Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins... ⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.” ⁸Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.” ⁹And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”... ¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

I. Jubilee

II. Judgment

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. What are some of the contrasts between the followers of the beast in chapter 13 and the followers of the lamb in chapter 14? What protection is offered to those sealed by the Lord that is not given for those marked by the beast? Consider: “The name you bear determines your destiny.”
2. How does the 144,000 represent all of God’s people? What clues are given here and in chapter 7 to support this?
3. Read Revelation 7:14. What has made God’s people spiritually pure and acceptable?
4. Consider: “A true opium of the people is a belief in nothingness after death—the huge solace of thinking that our betrayals, greed, cowardice, murders are not going to be judged...yet all religions recognize that our deeds are imperishable.” —C. Milosz. How would you respond to someone who disregards the idea of God’s judgment on sin?
5. What concerns does the idea of judgment bring you? What comfort does it bring? Consider Genesis 18:25. It ends with a question that is also a statement of truth: *Shall not the judge of all the earth do what is just?*

Children’s Question

The name we bear determines our destiny. How are you encouraged and strengthened to bear the Lord’s name in your baptism? Our salvation in Jesus brings us joy. Singing his praises in church expresses that and encourages our hearts too.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

**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.

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)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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.

***THE GOD WE LOVE (NICENE CREED)**

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty the Maker of all
The One who rules the seen and unseen, we believe and we adore
Jesus Christ one Lord of creation from the Father, begotten not made
He is the Light from Light eternal and the God of every age

(Chorus)

*All glory to the Father now
All honor to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always
This is the God we love*

For this world and for our salvation, He came down from the heavens above
Born of a virgin and the Spirit, truly man and truly God
He was crucified under Pilate, suffered death and was laid in the grave
And in accordance with the scriptures on the third He rose again

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

And He has made His ascent into the heavens above
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now
But He will come back again and He will judge in truth
The Holy Spirit has come, voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us he has given us new life, forgiven now and baptized
One holy church we rise, we rise

(Chorus 2x)

This is the God we love

Now we wait to be resurrected
And we look for the world without end
This is our creed our faith our anthem

This is the God we love

***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: Fresh Life Church, Pastor Levi Lusko

MAY MISSION FOCUS: Garrett & Sarah Morrison, serving with Partner Architects

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: TODAY after the 2nd service for those in the Iddings/Carroll group.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We are pleased to share that Deanna Kotila is the new Women's Ministries Coordinator. She will be taking over from Sarah Morrison, and we're very excited to have her on board!

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: In lieu of the prayer service, there will be a time of Q&A with the pastors TONIGHT at 6 pm.

PARENTS' POTLUCK: Parents of youth (5th grade grads and up) are invited to dinner this coming Wed., May 6, from 6 - 8 pm. After dinner, Pastor Jake will lead a discussion with parents while leaders walk the youth to Sweet Peaks for ice cream. We'll share plans, listen to feedback, talk about the upcoming missions' trip, and discuss the future together.

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 Sun., 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.

HEART BUTTE YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP: From June 15th - 19th, our youth will be co-leading a VBS-style Kid's Club on the Blackfeet Reservation. Sign up in the eNews or w/ the QR code in the foyer.

OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS!: Women's Ministries would like to offer occasional classes to the congregation that cover topics such as flower arranging, needle arts, sourdough bread baking, etc. We're hoping to find instructors within the congregation, so if you have a hobby or interest you think others would enjoy, please add your name to the list in the foyer.

SERVING: May On-Call Deacon - Patrick Jentz

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday March 10

Ushers: G&C Bennett / Eck Family
Children's Church: D. Tinkham / J. Thompson
Nursery: Allinghams / S&B Votapka
Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / 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