

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

May 24, 2026



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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Acts 1:8

**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 22:2-4**

**Leader:** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and  
the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge,  
my savior; you save me from violence.

**All:** I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

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**\*O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – Hymn #164**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*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

**\*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)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**All:** My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, greed, envy, hatred and malice. Lord, I further sin against you, by not deploring enough my sinful affections. I repent of my iniquities, and am sorry for them, and plead your mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. (*adapted from the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate -1585*)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **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.

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD - Hymn #253**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

**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)*

## THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity  
It is my story my Father's plan the Son has rescued me  
Oh, what a Gospel oh what a peace,  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling all else I count as loss  
For there where justice and mercy meet; He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring;  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found the empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down; He lives and I am free  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes;  
My life is His and His hope is mine  
For he has promised I too will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one; we do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on; to lead us safely home  
*And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior the King of life;  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

Praise to my Savior the King of life  
*I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

*Sermon Series—Pentecost*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Book Ends—Acts 1 and 2*

*Acts Chapter 1:4-8*

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

*Acts Chapter 2:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

I. The Types

## II. The Task

### **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. At the giving of the law at Mt Sinai, Israel became a nation. At the giving of the Spirit, Israel is sent into the nations. What are some other parallels?
2. In what way do we see Babel in Genesis 11 connected to what is happening in Acts 2? How does the Holy Spirit unite us?
3. What are the OT significances of the three symbols: wind, fire, and languages?
4. How does the Holy Spirit launch the Church into action at Pentecost? In what way is this unrepeatable? In what way does it continue?
5. How has Pentecost refocused your mission in following Jesus?

### **Children's Question**

*At Pentecost, the disciples were sent out into the world to tell people about the good news of Jesus. What is this good news and how are you encouraged to share Jesus with others?*

**\*HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

**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)*

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 LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS

There's an endless song waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ on that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder, hear His people sing

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah*

*For the Lord almighty reigns*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah*

*For the Lord our God the almighty reigns*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

Like the roar of mighty seas  
Rolls of thunder, all the church will sing  
*(Chorus)*

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim  
Oh, that more would share the prize—salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring  
A mighty chorus rising to the King  
*(Chorus 2x)*

### \*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:** Gideons

**MAY MISSION FOCUS:** Garrett & Sarah Morrison

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** Join us downstairs between services TODAY and enjoy a slice of cake in honor of our graduates.

**COLLEGE-AGE/YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Tim and Kate Anderson are hosting a summer Bible study for college-age/young adults at their home on Thursday nights from 6-8 pm beginning June 4. Dinner will be provided. RSVPs to David Moody are appreciated!

**HEART BUTTE YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** Just a reminder that if your teen is planning to go on the youth group mission trip to the Blackfeet Reservation June 15-19, make sure you fill out the online registration form!

**VBS:** for ages 4 to entering 5th grade runs from June 22-25 (5:30-7 pm). There are still lots of volunteer spots we need to fill to make the program run smoothly; check out the clipboards in the foyer to find opportunities to serve!

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday, June 28, we will have a churchwide BBQ and potluck at Lawrence Park following the second service. This will also be a time to say goodbye to Jake Neufeld and his family before they move to start their new adventures in Lander, Wyoming.

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**SERVING:** May On-Call Deacon - Patrick Jentz

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: N&H Hanson / Mattern Family  
Children's Church: S. Duncan / T&K Anderson  
Nursery: G&C Bennett / Wilbur Family  
Fellowship Hosts: G. Tronstad & S. Salyer  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / Y. Hernandez

**Next Sunday May 31**

Ushers: M&G Tronstad / Falk Family  
Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / Pastor Jake  
Nursery: Buis Family / Jost Family  
Fellowship Hosts: J. Haugestuen & L. Cole-Tinkham  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / T. Paolini

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 10:15 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May @ 10 am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 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