

***SEEK YE FIRST** – words included

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: Words

Sermon Text: Proverbs 18:20-21

(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)

****I AM THINE, O LORD, I HAVE HEARD THY VOICE***
– Hymn #533

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Pastor Shane Waldron

****AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN***
– Hymn #455; vs. 1,3,4,5

***BENEDICTION**

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Galatians 5:13

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LORD’S SUPPER OBSERVANCE

At Faith Covenant, the Lord’s Supper is observed 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. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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 wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.”*
Proverbs 18:21

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 118:26-29*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to
shine upon us.

**All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

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

*(*Indicates when to stand)*
We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.

***I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD** – words included
(Men lead/women echo)
(Verse)

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
who is worthy to be praised. (echo)
So shall I be saved from my enemies. (echo)
I will call upon the Lord. (together)
(Repeat)

(Chorus)
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
and may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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and may the God of my salvation be exalted.
(Verse)
(Chorus)

***GLORY BE / AGNUS DEI** – words included
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (Alleluia),
have mercy on us (Alleluia),
have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

(Chorus)
Glory be to the Father, Amen.
Glory be to the Son, Amen.
Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (Alleluia),
have mercy on us (Alleluia),
have mercy on us.
(Chorus 2x)
Amen, Amen.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THE STAND** – words included
You stood before creation, eternity in your hand.
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.
You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.
My sin weighed upon your shoulders, my sould now to stand.

(Chorus)
So what can I say? And what can I do,
but offer this heart, O God, completely to you?
So I'll walk upon salvation, your Spirit alive in me;
my life to declare your promise, my soul now to stand.
(Chorus 2x)
So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
in awe of the the one who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to you surrendered.
All I am is yours.
(Repeat 2x)
All I am is yours. All I am is yours.

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Psalm 36:5-7*
**All: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the
heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your
righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your
judgments are like the great deep...How precious
is your steadfast love, O God! The children of
mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSON OF SIN
SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 95:8-11*
Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the
proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I
loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go
astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.”
Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my
rest.”

**All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps
covenant and steadfast love with those who love
him and keep his commandments, we have sinned
and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and rules.
To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us
open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy
and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him
and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our
God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord,
forgive. (adapted from Daniel 9)**

SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*
“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when
I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall
reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved,
and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by
which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

***THERE IS A REDEEMER** – words included
There is a Redeemer – Jesus, God’s own son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus)
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
(Chorus)

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
(Chorus 2x)

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE
(Diaconal Offering today: Please use the
Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.)

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Serious JuJu Skateboard Ministry, Kalispell, led by JD Carabin.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

David & Ulrike Byle and their 5 children, missionaries to Istanbul, Turkey.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, OUR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH will be tubing, skiing, wakeboarding and swimming on Lake Blaine at the Tams residence. We will leave after the Coffee Hour. **BRING: swimming attire (towel, swimsuit, sunscreen, etc.), a change of clothing and \$5.** Food will be provided. Those in the Senior High Youth Group and anyone of that age is welcome to attend! Contact Trent Neumann with questions.

There will be a **MEETING FOR ALL SMALL GROUP LEADERS** next Sunday, August 12 during the Fellowship Hour. We will talk about the upcoming year, discuss any needs that leaders may have, and give leaders the opportunity to offer suggestions for the future of our small group ministry. The meeting will be held in the Overflow Room next to the sanctuary. It will start at 11:00 a.m. and run for 20-30 minutes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 9 and continues through mid-May. Classes are offered for all ages– babies through adults– and are held from 11:15 a.m.–12:00.

MADAGASCAR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING REMINDER:

There is a container on the window sill in the foyer for your Clarisse and Andry offerings. Offerings may also be put in the offerings bags, please make a note designating them to Madagascar.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GUITAR PLAYERS who would like to join our music team for Sunday morning worship. Contact Joyce Schmautz at 756-6325 if interested.

WE ARE IN NEED OF 2–3 MORE VOLUNTEERS to run our Sound System on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary–you will be trained and put on a rotating schedule with other volunteers. Please contact the church office if you can help or for more information.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, August 9** at *Central Christian Church*. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

A CANCER AND CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

for caregivers, survivors and those in treatment now meets at Faith Covenant on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:00 p.m–6:30 p.m. to pray together and share our faith in the midst of turmoil. Facilitators are Joyce Schmautz and Cyndi Heath.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK FOODS OF THE MONTH:

Macaroni & cheese, school snacks and soup may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen. Their Thrift Store accepts donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY is collecting school supplies for children of families who lack the needed supplies to get a good start for the new school year. See the list of items needed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. They will pick them up at the church or you can drop them off at 110 Bountiful Dr. in Kalispell.

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.

AUGUST MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bruce Tulloch
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Bud & Zane Salyer
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Hunnicutts
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Rileys
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Jeanie Brenneman & Nicole Hill
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPGloria Hanson

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USHERS/GREETERS Bud & Zane Salyer
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Hills
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Paolinis
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Tamie Jentz & Carol Stewart
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 12 – Small Group leader’s meeting, 11:00 a.m.
– Sr. High Youth party at Lake Blaine
Tuesday, August 21 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 26 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 28 – Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 4 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 9 – Sunday School begins, 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, September 11 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 13 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Tuesday, September 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 25 – Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE
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SERMON TEXT: various Proverbs texts (ESV)

PROVERBS 10:19-21

¹⁹ When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. ²⁰ The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth. ²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

PROVERBS 18:20-21

²⁰ From the fruit of a man’s mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. ²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

PROVERBS 10:31-32

³¹ The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. ³² The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

PROVERBS 10:20

²⁰ The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

PROVERBS 15:4

⁴ A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

PROVERBS 25:11-12

¹¹ A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reproof to a listening ear.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Consider: “*Words do not come from nowhere. Out of his bounty, his goodness, God has supplied human beings with all the words in each particular language.*” –Prof. Vern Poythress
2. MIT professor, Noam Chomsky, explaining his theory of Universal Grammar, says that the human ability to know languages is hard-wired into the brain.
3. How is our speech an index of our character?
4. Why is guarding our tongue also a major step in guarding our hearts?
5. If you are one who is given to speaking more and listening less, what are some helpful ways to correct this?
6. Jesus is the Word made flesh. How does this inform our own communication? What does it mean to speak redemptively?
7. How does the gospel provide for us a means for bringing life through our words?

I. The beginning of words

II. The battle of words

III. The beauty of words