

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 19, 2026

“...Surely there is a reward for the righteous;
surely there is a God who judges on earth.”

Psalm 58:11

**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:** *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

All: The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

All: All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94 (1-4,6)**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

***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 IS MY SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

*Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation
(Repeat)*

The Lord is our salvation

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 6:20-21, 15*

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck ... A wicked man ... with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; therefore, calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.

LORD HAVE MERCY

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

(Chorus)

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us*

For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

(Chorus)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 118:19-21*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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.

***ALL MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
*On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well*

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.)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

*Gabriel Masato Hernandez
Isaiah Akito Hernandez
(at Lawrence Park following the 10:15 worship service)*

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

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Pastor John Sackett

The True Judge—Psalm 58

¹Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge the children of man uprightly? ²No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth. ³The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies. ⁴They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear, ⁵so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter. ⁶O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord! ⁷Let them vanish like water that runs away; when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted. ⁸Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who never sees the sun. ⁹Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away! ¹⁰The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked. ¹¹Mankind will say, “Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth.”

Understanding mankind's depravity helps us long for and trust in the coming justice of our Holy God.

I. The Flow

II. The Difficulties & Pain

III. The Application

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. As you initially read this Psalm, what emotions are stirred in you? Does it feel too harsh? Do you long for vengeance? Do particular wrongs or wrongdoers come to mind?
2. If leaders/judges have “both the means and the responsibility to care for the common people,” how great of a sin is it when they distort justice?
3. Augustine remarks, “So then Christ is speaking here in the prophet. I say it boldly, Christ is speaking.” What’s your reaction to that idea? Does Jesus ever speak this sharply? Is it okay for us to pray this way?
4. Of the 7 curses listed in this Psalm, is there one that is particularly troublesome?
5. Imprecatory Psalms can convict us of our own guilt. As OT scholar John Bright remarks, “...we know this man well: there is more than a little of him in most of us.” Bring those convictions to the Lord in prayer.
6. What is the reward the righteous receive? How does this hope strengthen us?

Children’s Question

How would knowing that God will one day make every wrong right help you when things or people don’t seem fair? How does this truth change your attitudes and actions?

***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)

**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.

***ALL MY BOAST IS IN JESUS**

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified
The work is finished

(Chorus)

*All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy?

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ, my Lord*

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me
(Chorus)

Now I stand in His freedom
Ransomed, clean in His sight
And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ (3x)

***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: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pastor Matthew Nelson

JULY MISSION FOCUS: J&E, serving in the Middle East

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC: Join us at Lawrence Park after the second service TODAY for a potluck BBQ!

YOUTH GROUP HIKE: This Sat., July 25, middle and high schoolers are invited on a hike to Finger Lake. Reach out to David Moody with any questions.

MISSIONS LUNCH: Next Sun., July 26, after the 2nd service, the Heart Butte mission team will be sharing about their experiences and how it impacted them. Come for lunch and hear how God worked through them and in them! A signup sheet is in the foyer. (*Please note that a signup for food has been added; if you're able to bring something to share, it would be a great help to the mission team!)

FIELD DAY FOR MOMS & KIDS: with fun activities and fellowship time @ Deanna Kotila's home on Tues., July 28, from 9-11 am.

LADIES' OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER: will be on Sat., Aug. 1st, 9-11am at Zach and Maggie Falk's home to honor the recent marriage of Claire Cole and the upcoming marriages of Lacey Tinkham and Kristen Haymond. For more details and to RSVP, see the signup in the foyer or reach out to Hannah Cunningham.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: with the pastors will be Aug. 2 @ 6 pm.

LOST AND FOUND: The table in the fellowship hall overfloweth. Please take a moment to check if anything of yours is there before it gets donated!

REFUGE KIDS: Is in need of volunteers on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 pm. Sign up in the foyer if you're willing to help out.

PRAYER CHAIN/ENEWS: If you would like to be added to the email lists for either of these things, please let the church office know (office@faithcov.com).

SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER: Mark your calendars! Our annual outdoor picnic at the church is Sun., Aug. 9, at 6 pm.

SERVING: July On-Call Deacon - Tom Moody

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: M&J Peters / M&J Thompson

Children's Church: A&C Hanson / Z. Falk & D. Moody

Nursery: Allingham Family / K. Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & D. Kotila

Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / N. Moody

Next Sunday July 26

Ushers: M&J Peters / M&J Thompson

Children's Church: A&C Hanson / Z. Falk & D. Moody

Nursery: Tinkham Family / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & J. Orndorff

Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / J. Benson

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)

College Age/Young Adult Group

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am