

FAITH
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 16, 2026

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

Psalm 126:5

**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: *Psalm 145:18-21

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who
call on him in truth.

**All: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also
hears their cry and saves them.**

Leader: The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the
wicked he will destroy.

**All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let
all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

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***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your 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

*HE WILL BE

God is faithful to His word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been, faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been, gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves, He has redeemed

(Chorus)

*Worthy He has been, Worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be*

(Bridge 2x)

He is my provider, covenant protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God

(Chorus)

Worthy He has been, worthy He will be

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6:12-13*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

COME, YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 16:9-11*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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.

***‘TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

(Chorus)

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

Don & Beverly Phanco

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)*

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.

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Joy in the Journey—Psalm 126

¹A Song of Ascents. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! ⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! ⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

I. Joy Revisited

II. Joy Reclaimed

Questions for Further Reflection

1. How have you been able to draw on past victories for present distresses? Where does the psalmist's confidence come from?
2. Consider: "Joy cannot be commanded, purchased or arranged. But there is something we can do. We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God and not under the dictatorship of our own poor needs. We can decide to live in the environment of a living God and not our own dying selves. We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which greedily grab. One of the certain consequences of such a life is joy, the kind expressed in Psalm 126." —Eugene Peterson. In what ways are you living in response to the abundance of the Lord?
3. At the intersection of future hope and present sorrow, where does joy come in to your life? What is the role of praise and worship in reclaiming your joy in Christ?
4. The Psalms do not direct us to a phony and plastic faith. We do not pretend to be happy when we are not. What is different about biblical joy that allows you to walk in both the mountains and the valleys of life?
5. How does your relationship to Jesus encourage you to walk in joy? How are you being challenged to have your "tears" redeemed by the Lord?

Children's Question

In hard times, we can look back and see the Lord's goodness to us. How does this encourage us? What about Jesus makes you joyful?

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.

*HIS MERCY IS MORE

(Chorus)

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more
(Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more
(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.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*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 Christ 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: Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, Pastor Craig Scavo

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS: Kevin & Sarah Johnson

A BIG THANK YOU: to David Moody for his faithful service as our youth intern this summer. May the Lord bless him as he resumes classes at MSU!

OVERFLOW SEATING: We've had some very full Sunday services lately. (A good problem to have!) To that end, please note that the service is also being streamed on the TVs in the fellowship hall (downstairs) for overflow seating. In addition, the service can be viewed in the church library (located off the office area), which is set aside for nursing mothers.

VEGGIE GARDENING: is tomorrow from 9:30-10:30 am. Hosted by Cindy Browne at her allotment at the Glacier Church Community Garden, 690 Grandview Drive in Kalispell (near FVCC). There's still time to sign up!

CANNING BASICS: Check the foyer for more information and a signup sheet for these upcoming classes.

MISSION MEAL: for David & Ulrike Byle is next Sun., Aug. 23, after the 2nd service. To help the missions committee plan for food, please sign up in the foyer if you're planning to come.

WOMEN'S THEMED DINNER: On Wed., Sept. 2, at 6 pm, there will be a Mexican-themed potluck for the ladies of Faith Covenant. More information and a signup is in the foyer.

FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Faith Covenant takes part in this community ministry on a monthly basis and is greatly in need of some more volunteers who can donate food and/or help serve and clean up the second Thursday of every month. For more information, please contact Dawn Tinkham.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday school classes + our fall schedule will resume on September 13.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = \$484,976 Actual YTD Offerings = \$419,440

If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: G&J Morrison / D&B Phanco

Children's Church: T&T Jentz / J. Thompson

Nursery: Buis Family / Walker Family

Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / J&C Funk

Next Sunday August 23

Ushers: G&J Morrison / D&B Phanco

Children's Church: T&T Jentz / J. Thompson

Nursery: C&C Cole / Z. Hanson & J. Taylor & A. Eroh

Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson and J&C Funk

Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / Y. Hernandez

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