

FAITH
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 30, 2026

You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

Psalm 85:2

**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 12:3-6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - Hymn #115**

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright
that givest man both warmth and light,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
 O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
 O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*PSALM 8 (HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME)

When I look at Your heavens
The moon and stars You set in motion oh God
I sing all glory and honor
What is man that You are mindful
The son of man that You would care for Him
We sing all glory and honor

(Chorus)

*Oh Lord our Lord oh how awesome are Your ways
How majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord may we see Your kingdom come
Father may Your will be done in all the earth*

All the earth You gave dominion to Your children
And You crowned them oh God
With glory and honor
So we'll sing of Your name
Live our lives for Your greatness oh God
And Your glory and honor
(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

The earth is full of
The glory of God
Come make much of
The name above all names
Creation cries out
And every knee bows
Jesus, we crown You
Oh Lord our Lord
(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!

All: O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: I confess before you the evil of my heart; I know that I am inclined to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to selfish ambition and pride. I put my desires above others. Lord, I have offended and grieved you by my transgressions. Forgive me my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness, for the sake of your Holy Son. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has 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.

***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

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Sophia Calvi

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)*

WHEN TRIALS COME

When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told

Within the night I know Your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercy flows
As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own
For ev'ry battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Till You complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope You called me to
And in Your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

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.)

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Lord Speaks Peace to His People—Psalm 85

¹TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF THE SONS OF KORAH. LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ³You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. ³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

I. The Prayer of God's People

II. The Lord's Answer

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. Given the rebellion of Korah in Numbers 16, how do the Psalms of the sons of Korah show us the Lord's great mercy and redemption?
2. How does the Lord's faithfulness to his people in the past shape our prayers for present distresses? How is God's covenant faithfulness a source of encouragement for you?
3. The stain and stigma of our sin is removed by a greater stain and stigma in the cross of Christ. What part of your own testimony demonstrates this?
4. In the Lord, our failures are never the final. In Jesus, his grace and mercy are his last words for us. In what ways can you speak Christ's peace into the lives of others?

Children's Question

The Lord has removed all of our guilty stains through Jesus. He has spoken his peace to us through the Prince of Peace. In the Lord, our failures are never the final word. How is that an encouragement to you?

***BE STILL MY SOUL - Hymn #689**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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)*

**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.

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

*TURN YOUR EYES

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

(Chorus)
Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins
(Chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
‘All glory to Jesus alone!’
(Chorus 2x)

Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

*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: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Brian Lee

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS: Kevin & Sarah Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: happening TODAY between services to vote to release Associate Pastor John Sackett from Faith Covenant so he can pursue a call with the PCA's Ministry to State in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK: This Wed., Sept. 2, at 6 pm, there will be a Mexican-themed dinner for the ladies of Faith Covenant. This is the last week to sign up!

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR: Meet in the fellowship hall after the first service on Sun., Sept. 6, to say goodbye to John & Susan Sackett as they prepare to depart for John's new call in Cheyenne, Wyoming. There will be a basket available for cards, or feel free to drop something off in the church office throughout the week during our hours of operation (M-Th, 9 am-3 pm).

VESPERS: our Sunday evening service of prayer and reflection will be Sept. 13 at 6 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday school classes + our fall service schedule will resume in two weeks. On Sept. 13, the worship services will be at 8:15 & 11, with Sunday school for all ages at 10 am.

FOOD PRESERVING BASICS: There is one more class available in this series. If you'd like to learn how to can homemade applesauce (and take home a pint jar of your own), sign up in the foyer by Sept. 13. Class will meet in the FCC kitchen on Sat., Sept. 19 from 9-11 am.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: A&C Hanson / Bay Family

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / S. Salyer & E. Anderson

Nursery: T. Jentz & E. Morin / I&K Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: A. Haymond + R&C Bitney

Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Johnson / K. Brown

Next Sunday September 6

Ushers: C&C Cole / Falk Family

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / J. Adney & C. Kliem

Nursery: G&C Bennett / Hunter Family

Fellowship Hosts: L. Pierson & D. Kotila

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

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am