

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Faith Lutheran Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Steve Snipstead

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Jamie and Alissa
Shattenberg, and their children, as they labor with World Ventures in Madagascar.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY, Easter Sunday. Join us down-
stairs for Easter breakfast served by our deacons at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume
meeting on Sunday, April 3.

NURSERY RELOCATION: We are trying out a new location TODAY for our infant and toddler
nursery in the overflow classrooms adjacent to the sanctuary. We are hopeful that this will
provide parents with a more accessible resource while meeting our Child Protection Policy
goals. Please follow the signs and remember to check-in!

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 30: Junior and senior high youth groups will not
have their regular Wednesday night meetings, March 30, during the school spring break.

MISSION COMMITTEE is looking for a few more people who are interested in missions to join
their group. Join in at their next meeting is right after second service Sunday, April 3.

PRIME TIMERS POTLUCK: If you're 50 or older, you're invited to a potluck Sunday, April 10,
after the second service. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Help with set
up and clean up is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering
with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, April 14, at Central Christian Church. If you
have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their
worship services on the third Sunday of each month - next on **April 17** - at 5 p.m. at the White-
fish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.



March 27, 2016



*"The angel said to the women,
'Do not be afraid, for I know that you
are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.'"
Matthew 28:5-6*

SERVING: March Deacon - Ike Eisentraut

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Phil & Carol Van Duyne

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: Motley/Buckners

Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Easter Breakfast - Deacons

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday - April 3

Ushers: John & Marty Mullins/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/Jentz

Toddler Nursery: Uzzi/Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosberry & Terri Miller

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Lori Vander Ark

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11

Sunday School for All

Sundays 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

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

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - Hymn #277

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell, alleluia
Death in vain forbids His rise, alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting? alleluia
Once he died, our souls to save, alleluia
Where thy victory, O grave? alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted Head, alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave the skies, alleluia

**Indicates when to stand.*

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PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - Hymn #263 vs. 1, 3-5

(Chorus)

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

(Chorus)

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

(Chorus)

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

(Chorus)

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

*BENEDICTION

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Associate Pastor Shane Waldron & Pastor of Music Aaron Scott

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,
Jan Wassink Deacons: Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut, Terry Falk, Bill Gamble (emeritus), Micah Hill,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

Our worship is a response to God's initiative. The pattern of our worship reflects the gospel.

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

***IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been re-established. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

***TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Notice that the angels did not say: "Go and pray about it with all your heart." Rather they said: "Come and see." How is this very different? Why is our Christian faith not a blind faith?
2. What about good news compels us to share with others? What does this say about the nature of humans?
3. Consider: Alexander Schmemmann: "The full triumphant power of Easter consists precisely in the fact that there is nothing here to prove, that all of man's knowledge, all human proofs are totally powerless before this reality."
4. According to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, forgiveness itself is a form of suffering. "When I forgive I have not only suffered a violation but also suppressed the rightful claims of strict restitutive justice." Have you experienced forgiving someone of a great wrong as suffering? What comfort do you have in Christ for such events?
5. When we consider the overall effect of a religion's belief system in action, Christianity stands completely unique in its call to love your enemies. This is true both in theory and in practice. How was this demonstrated in both the Amish school shooting in 2006 and the Charleston shooting in 2015?

God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

God Consecrates Us

Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

Easter Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Forgiveness Unleashed - Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon Outline

I. Come and See

II. Go and Tell

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

The Apostle's Creed is an ancient summary of what Christians believe. By confessing the Creed in worship, we are uniting with all of God's people in our common faith in Christ. We joyfully declare who we are while we remember what truly matters. The word "catholic" is a Greek word that simply means 'universal'. It speaks of all Christians everywhere.

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH OF THE CROSS, *Whitefish*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise
King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mys-
tery!

(Chorus 2x)

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.)