

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 22, 2016



*“Jesus said to him,
‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him.’”
John 14:6-7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Child Bridge*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *2 Samuel 22:2-4*

Leader: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

**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.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!** - *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
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Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
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**Indicates when to stand.*

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever
flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***TRINITARIAN CONFESSION:**

All: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto
all ages. Amen.

***GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)

Goodbye

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All: My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, greed, envy, hatred and malice. Lord, I further sin against you, by not deploring enough my sinful affections. I repent of my iniquities, and am sorry for them, and plead your mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. *(adapted from the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate -1585)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit; the Lord, and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS - Hymn #307**

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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)

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.)

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moon and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

Trinity Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Designed to Talk - John 14:5-10 (ESV)

John 1:1-4

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 14:5-10

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Sermon Outline

I. Made for Communication

II. Made for Relationships

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. The early church often expressed the foundation of the Trinity this way: God alone can save. Jesus is the Savior. Therefore Jesus must be God. (The Pharisees also wanted to stone Jesus because he made himself out to be God (John 10:33)). If Jesus is not God, then how does this affect our salvation? Consider this statement from theologian Carl F. Henry, “The doctrine of the Trinity is seldom preached in evangelical churches; even its practical values are neglected.” Why do you think this is?
2. In what way does having God’s Spirit free us to receive from someone or to give to someone even when we might be at odds with them?
3. Consider: “Father, Son, and Spirit are persons whose communal life is God.” –Robert Jenson. “God is love. Love always implies a communion between persons... The Father loves the Son in the communion of the Spirit. God has his being-in-communion.” – James Torrance
4. The writers of the New Testament assume the Trinity. There is no conflict or tension in their identifying the same work to either the Father, or the Son, or the Holy Spirit or simply referring to the work as God’s. How does this help us when dealing with those who think the Trinity is a “made up” doctrine?
5. In what way does having God’s Spirit free us to receive from someone or to give to someone even when we might be at odds with them?
6. The Holy Spirit brings us into this relationship of love. We are now a part of Christ’s body. How does that enable us to be an invitation for others to enter into the Church?

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.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q8: Are there more Gods than one?

A: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q9: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A: There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

***BENEDICTION**

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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Shane Waldron

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

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Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: All Souls, Missoula, PCA,
Pastor Ryan Sutherland

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray David & Ulrike
Byle in Turkey with the Bible Correspondence Course and Operation Mobilization.

YOUTH GROUPS LAST MEETINGS: Senior and junior youth groups will conclude for
the summer with last meetings on Wednesday, May 25.

GRADUATION SUNDAY! If you or someone you know is graduating (high school to
graduate school) **please fill out the card in the foyer** and put it in the box or leave in
the office. We will honor our graduates during the coffee hour on Sunday, June 5.

HIKING & SOFTBALL: Looking for outside fun with your friends from Faith Covenant
this summer? Terry Falk is looking for 3 or 4 people to lead hikes this summer on area
trails. If you're interested, contact Terry (270-1308). Matt Vander Ark is looking for soft-
ball players Thursdays at 6:30 or 8, starting June 2 - August. Cost is \$20. Contact Matt
(871-0615) ASAP if interested.

Pick up a baby bottle in the foyer TODAY to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that
serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy) with their Baby Bottle Fundraiser!
Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or
a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

SERVING: May Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Bud Salyer & Evan Iddings

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: H. Hanson/Uzzis

Toddler Nursery: Carlsons/Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday - May 29

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Bud Salyer & Evan Iddings

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: Bennetts/Buckners

Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Maryann Wilkerson & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Hanni Hanson

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

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