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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*June 25, 2017*

*“LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?”  
Psalm 15:1*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-7**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**All: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.**

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

### **\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

*(Chorus)*

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*(Chorus)*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

*(Chorus)*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

*(Chorus)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*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 mystery!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**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.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Deuteronomy 32:4; 5:32-33*

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

**All:** O Lord, my every sense and affection is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me or I despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty and I am proud and unmerciful to the poverty of others. When I see beauty it is a bait to lust. When I see deformity, it stirs up loathing and disdain. I slander those made in your image and I allow godless speech to creep out of my heart. Forgive me Lord Jesus. Cleanse me from my sin—both my outward acts and the sinful thoughts of my heart. Wash me that I would be clean.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Psalms 145:8-9*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**\*BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*(Chorus)*

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

*(Chorus)*

*You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)*  
*(Chorus)*

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:**

*Connie Grayson  
Greg & Heliana Embry*

**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 Corner Classroom)*

**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.)

## THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite;  
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,  
From them let us learn to trust for our bread:  
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied,  
So long as it's written, the Lord will provide

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed  
On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost.  
Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide,  
The promise engages, the Lord will provide.

His call we obey, like Abram of old,  
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold;  
For though we are strangers we have a good Guide,  
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide

When Satan appears to stop up our path,  
And fill us with fears, we triumph by faith;  
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,  
This heart-cheering promise, the Lord will provide

He tells us we're weak, our hope is in vain,  
The good that we seek we ne'er shall obtain,  
But when such suggestions our spirits have plied,  
This answers all questions, the Lord will provide

No strength of our own, or goodness we claim,  
Yet since we have known the Savior's great name;  
In this our strong tower for safety we hide,  
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide

When life sinks apace and death is in view,  
This word of his grace shall comfort us through:  
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side,  
We hope to die shouting "the Lord will provide"

*Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Who May Dwell With God?- Psalm 15 (NIV)*

A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?

<sup>2</sup>The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;  
<sup>3</sup>whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others;  
<sup>4</sup>who despises a vile person  
but honors those who fear the LORD;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;  
<sup>5</sup>who lends money to the poor without interest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things  
will never be shaken.

### Sermon Outline

I. The God Who Invites

## II. The Guests Who Attend

### A. Character

### B. Community

#### Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. The question of “who” is really a questions of “what kind of person?” Read Psalm 24:3-6 and Isaiah 33: 14-16. How are these similar? What kind of composite picture do they give us?
2. Psalm 15 is not giving us a call to moralism (we must perform so that God will bless), but it is telling us that to be around a holy God, we must be holy people. How do we get from here to there without going down the path of moralism?
3. Our relationship to God is always lived out in our relationships to others. What are some descriptions of what this looks like given in this psalm?
4. Consider: “Psalm 15 could effectively become a barrier, closing off all from worship; since none qualify fully, none may worship. What transforms the psalm from a barrier to a gateway is the realization that the preparation for worship illuminates also the necessity of worship.” — Peter Craigie
5. How does being in God’s presence make possible this kind of worshipper? Is there a difference between temple conduct and life conduct?
6. What is being promised at the end of verse 5? How is this true even when things in life seem to be going against us?

**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.

**\*THY WILL BE DONE**

My God and Father! while I stray,  
Far from my home in life's rough way,  
Oh! teach me from my heart to say,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If Thou shouldst call me to resign,  
What most I prize, it ne'er was mine.  
I only yield Thee what was Thine;  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

If but my fainting heart be blest,  
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,  
My God! To Thee I leave the rest,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Renew my will from day to day,  
Blend it with Thine, and take away,  
All now that makes it hard to say,  
"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!"

Then when on earth I breathe no more,  
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,  
I'll sing upon a happier shore,  
*"Thy will be done!" "Thy will be done!" (2x)*

**\*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.

**God Communes  
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. 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.

## 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

#### **\*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

*If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.*

#### **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.

#### Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Taylor Clark

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

*Elders:* Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Stillwater Free Lutheran Church, Pastor Craig Scavo

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** David & Ulrike Byle with Operation Mobilization in Istanbul, Turkey.

- **UPWARD BOUND: An Epic VBS Adventure** -

Time to register for this year's VBS Upward Bound and follow Christ to the summit!!

For children ages 4 to starting sixth grade

Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, at 6-8:15 p.m.

Register online at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com) or fill out a card in the church foyer!

**LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB:** Ladies are invited to our summer book club Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss "Crazy Busy" by Kevin DeYoung. On August 9, we will discuss the novel Cutting for Stone. For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

**PASTOR SABBATICAL:** Just a reminder the elders approved a six-week research sabbatical for Pastor Lloyd so he will be out of the office July 1-August 12. If you need any assistance during that time, contact the office. Other area PCA pastors will be providing the sermon on those Sundays.

**GLACIER CHORALE AUDITIONS:** Voices needed in every section for men and women! Come audition (no solo required) Monday or Tuesday, June 26-27, for the 2017-2018 season. Contact Micah Hunter at [micahai@hotmail.com](mailto:micahai@hotmail.com) or 406-382-0571 ASAP to schedule your audition.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, July 13, at Central Christian Church. To assist, contact Dawn Tinkham (208-640-6060).

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**SERVING:** June Deacons: Mike Stahlberg/Phil Van Duyne

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Brian & Kristin Bay

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Ecks

Nursery 11 a.m.: Petersen/Goodell

Fellowship Hosts: Ellen Rowe & Audrey Goodell

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Mark Rice

**Next Sunday - July 2nd**

Ushers: Tom & Niam Moody/

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Russells

Nursery 11 a.m.: Buckners

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Benni Tulloch

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Trustees**

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

**Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

**College/Career Small Group**

Wednesdays 6:30 pm