

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 26, 2020

*“Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!”
Psalm 44:26*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Daniel 4:3 & 7:13-14*

Leader: I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

All: Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.

***KING OF LOVE**

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth

(Chorus)

*Never failing, Ruler of my heart, everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is*

continued above

KING OF LOVE, *continued

Lost and foolish off I strayed, but yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me
(Chorus)

Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (2x)
(Chorus 2x)

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever, within Your house forever

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***OH WHY SO HEAVY OH MY SOUL**

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed
Oh why so heavy, oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

(Chorus)

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy glory and thy endless praise
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

(Chorus 2x)

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul?

**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.

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COMMON CONFSSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Hebrews 3:7-8; 12-14*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness...Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

All: Heavenly Father, we recognize the deceitfulness of our sin. Too often have we been blinded by its charms; too often have our rebellious hearts hardened against you. Take away our unbelieving hearts we pray, and give us gospel hope. Replace our feeble faith with a vibrant faith that will hold confidently to the end. Forgive our sins by the power of your Beloved Son. Grant us humility, and shower him with glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFSSION 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: *Hebrews 10:4, 12, 14*

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins... But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** - 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.

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

(Chorus)

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him

(Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

(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.)

Pastor John Sackett
Longing for Redemption — Psalm 44 (ESV)

¹ O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:² you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free;³ for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them.

⁴ You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob!⁶ For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.⁷ But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.⁸ In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. *Selah*

⁹ But you have rejected us and disgraced us ...¹¹ You have made us like sheep for the slaughter and have scattered us among the nations ...¹⁵ All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face.

¹⁷ All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you ...¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way;¹⁹ yet you have broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death ...²² Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

²³ Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? ...²⁴ Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?²⁵ For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground.²⁶ Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

Sermon Outline

I. Delighted: before the face of God (vs 1-8)

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Rejection: shame has covered my face (vs 9-22)

III. Revelation: God reveals his face in redemption (vs 23-26)

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.

Sermon Questions

1. If this psalm is primarily about a “national” defeat, how might it apply to each of us as individuals? How can we keep from being “demoralized” in our discouragement?
2. What are some examples in Biblical history where what felt like rejection, or being scattered among the nations was evidence that God was at work (and not distant or aloof)?
3. Derek Kidner offers the “revolutionary thought that suffering may be a battle scar rather than a punishment, the price of loyalty in a world which is at war with God.” How might Paul quoting verse 22 in his argument in Romans 9:36 speak to that idea?
4. Verse 23 starts with a “wake up call” to God. What’s your reaction to that? The psalmist felt separated from God by a great distance. How does Mark 4:33 speak to these feelings?
5. The psalmist calls for redemption (vs 26) for the “sake of your steadfast love”. How does that compare with, and challenge, our motives for redemption?

Children’s Question

The psalmist wants to see God’s face, he “delights” in it, for he knows God loves him, provides for him and protects him, even when it doesn’t seem that way.

Whose face do you love to see? How can you develop more of a love to “see God’s face”?

*HOW LONG

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

(Chorus)

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

(Chorus)

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.

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed 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. 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. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94, vs. 1-3, 6

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.
What more can he say than to you he has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to His foes.
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake.*

*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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,

Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Calvary Lutheran Church, Evergreen
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg with Eden Reforestation Pro-
jects and Sarobidy Maternity Center in Madagascar.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**.

A 6 p.m. soup supper will precede meeting at 7 p.m. The annual report and 2020 budget infor-
mation is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have concerns or questions about
the budget, contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting on the 29th.

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer.

Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 29.

NO YOUTH GROUP JAN. 29 for annual meeting. Youth groups will resume on Feb. 5 at 6
for junior high and 7:30 for senior high students.

MOMS HELPING MOMS: Come meet FCC moms of all ages for help and encouragement

Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). Childcare
available. Contact Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS JANUARY CAMP: Junior high girls are invited to a "January Camp
In" at the church on Friday, Jan. 31, starting at 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Bring a sleeping bag and pillow — dinner, breakfast and snacks provided. Please RSVP to
Elizabeth Hanson (871-9210) or Abbey Sackett (307-287-5325) to sign up!

WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY: Susie Sullivan will begin an 8-week study on Philippians

Wednesdays at 9:30-11 a.m. at the church starting Feb. 12. Books are \$10. Sign up in the foyer
by Feb. 2 if you would like to join in! Contact Susie with questions (752-3024).

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP: We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with
7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February - April
and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). Sign
up by Feb. 2 in the foyer!

HANDWORK & FELLOWSHIP: Women are invited on the second Mondays of the month
starting Feb. 10 at 1-3 p.m. to Susan Sackett's studio for handwork and fellowship (800 Steel
Bridge Rd.). Bring your craft/sewing projects and enjoy company while you work.

SERVING: January Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/James & Belinda Mileur

Children's Church: Tom Jentz/Tim Anderson

Early Nursery: Lillards

Late Nursery: Buckners

Fellowship Hosts: Jenny Heyboer & Sam Hudson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday February 2nd

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Volunteers Needed

Children's Church: David & Annie Lillard/Tim Anderson

Early Nursery: Streichs

Late Nursery: Falks

Fellowship Hosts: Vicky Creamer & Debbie Corder

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 6 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Youth Groups

Sept.-May Wed. 6 & 7:30 pm

Vespers

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

Elizabeth Women Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays