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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*August 2, 2020*

*“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.”*

*Psalm 32:1*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13**

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. We thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

### **\*COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.

**\*BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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 CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All:** Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### 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.

**\*KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

*(Chorus)*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

*(Chorus)*

*Praise forever to the King of Kings*

**OFFERTORY:** *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com))*

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 9:30 & 11 services (downstairs 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.)

*Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*A Forgiven Happy Life — Psalm 32:1-5 (ESV)*

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
<sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**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 Outline**

- I. The Joy of Forgiveness
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Confession really is good for the soul

**Sermon Questions**

1. The Psalm uses three different words for sin with three different remedies. What is significant about this?
2. Psalm 32 was Augustine’s favorite psalm. He said of it: “The beginning of knowledge is to know oneself to be a sinner.” What do you think he meant by this? How does this go against the grain of our culture?
3. Consider this opposite: “Blessed is the one who learns to be okay with himself, whose well being is found in a good self-image, and who takes no responsibility for anything bad in his life.” Has this mentality produced happiness in our culture? Why or why not?
4. What is significant about Paul’s usage of these verses in Romans 4:7-8?
5. How might you explain the joy of forgiveness in Christ to an unbeliever using your personal testimony?

## Children's Question

*Confessing our sin and asking Jesus to forgive us is good for us. We should not hide what we have done wrong, but admit it. How does Jesus help you to confess your sins?*

### \*FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show  
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below  
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own  
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

*(Chorus)*

*Forgiven, forgiven  
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own  
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below  
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown  
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

*(Chorus 2x)*

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past  
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last  
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong  
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

*(Chorus 2x)*

### 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

#### **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.

**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.

**\*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.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** St Peter Lutheran, Whitefish, Pastor Tim Christenson  
**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** J & K from Faith Covenant serving in the Middle East.  
**SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER:** You're invited Sunday, Aug. 9, at 6:00 p.m. to the church backyard for singing & supper together. Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets; picnic dinner provided.  
**FAITH COVENANT CAMP:** Did you respond to the email about Faith Covenant Camp Friday-Sunday Aug. 21-23? Please respond by Aug. 9 so we can plan for camp in some form this year! Questions? Contact the church office at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com) or 752-2400.

**SERVING:** July Deacon— Kyle Hanson

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Children's Church: 9:30 Pete & Jenny Heyboer — 11 Terry Falk

Nursery: 9:30 Bennett— 11 Falks

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Staci Bennett

**Next Sunday August 9th**

Children's Church: 9:30 David & Annie Lillard — 11 Terry Falk

Nursery: 9:30 J. Thompson — 11 Clark

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Gloria Johnson

**Worship Services**

8, 9:30 & 11 am

Streaming Sundays

at 11 am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday of the

Month June-Aug.

at 6:30 p.m.

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