

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 29, 2021

*“The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.”*

Proverbs 4:18

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah 12:3-6*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING

I approach the throne of glory nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King
I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise

(Chorus)

*You deserve the greater glory, overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend
Safe secure in You forever I pour out my praise again

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Holy holy Lord Almighty
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy holy Lord Almighty, good and gracious King

(Chorus)

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

All: O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: I confess before you the evil of my heart; I know that I am inclined to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to selfish ambition and pride. I put my desires above others. Lord I have offended and grieved you by my transgressions. Forgive me my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness, for the sake of your Holy Son. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

OFFERTORY: (*Offerings can also be given online at faithcov.com*)

Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 10 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)

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.

THE LORD IS MY SALVATION

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation *(Bridge 2x)*
The Lord is our salvation *(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.)

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor John Sackett
A Fork in the Road — Proverbs 4:10-19 (ESV)

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

**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.

Sermon Outline

- I. An Invitation
- II. A Warning
- III. A Revelation

Sermon Questions?

- 1. In verse 1, Solomon implies that if his children accept his words of wisdom, the years of their lives may be many. Is that a guarantee? Is it that simple?
- 2. In what sense is the “way of the righteous” easier?
- 3. Why is “instruction” called “our life”?
- 4. Verses 14 and 15 sound so final, as if being able to turn back may not be an option. Is this true? What hope is there for those who have turned down this path?
- 5. How can we see Jesus in verses 18 and 19?

Children’s Question

Sometimes when we already want to do what our parents want us to do, obeying is easy. Other times, when we would rather do something else, that choice to obey can be very hard. How can Jesus help you choose wisely?

***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!

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

**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.

Leaders & Staff

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

Youth/Refuge Director: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli *Music Director/Assistant:* Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

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

Elders: Tim Anderson, 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

**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.

***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome (2x)

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

***BENEDICTION** *(If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder will be up front after the service.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Canvas Church, Pastor Kevin Geer

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: J & K family serving in the Middle East

FAITH COVENANT CAMP: Register at faithcov.com for camp Friday-Sunday Sept. 3-5.

Celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat!

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY: Budget = \$328,048; Offerings received = \$326,900

FALL CLASSES: Sign up for fall Bible studies and Sunday school classes in the foyer.

SERVING: August Deacon – Ryan Petersen

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Today, August 29th

Children's Church: Pastor Ben Nursery: Matterns
Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Maryann Wilkerson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Staci Bennett
Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons — 10 Davis

Next Sunday, September 5th

Children's Church: Tom Jentz Nursery: S. Thompson
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Gloria Johnson
Ushers: 8:15 N. Hansons — 10 Volunteers Needed

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:00am

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 a.m.

Youth Groups Ben Melli 885-4916

Career — Patrick Jentz 471-0875

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm