

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 28, 2024*

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and  
forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is  
meant to lead you to repentance?

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Romans 2:4

## **Call to Worship**

Worship begins  
with God who  
invites us and  
welcomes us  
into his pres-  
ence. Because  
of Christ, we  
can approach  
God with  
boldness even  
though we are  
sinful and  
weak.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *1 Chronicles 16:8-11***

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make  
known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous  
works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the  
LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence  
continually!

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when to stand.  
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**\*O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – Hymn #164 (v. 1-4, 6)**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

\*PSALM 90 (SATISFY US WITH YOUR LOVE)

You have been our dwelling place  
O Everlasting God  
Before You formed the mountain tops  
You were before it all  
And soon our lives turn back to dust

*(Chorus)*

*When the sun comes up satisfy us  
Before the day has passed us by  
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness  
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin  
On Jesus crucified  
Consider Him our hiding place  
Our shelter is alive  
Because He lived and died for us

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Teach us, Lord  
To number our days on Earth  
Give us more  
Wisdom in the secret heart  
As You displayed amazing grace  
In Jesus Christ for us

*(Chorus)*

When the sun comes up satisfy us  
Before the day has passed us by  
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us

Satisfy us with Your love (3x)

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 John 1:6, 8-9*

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments... Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

**All:** Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except to you? Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'" Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side.

*(Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **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.

**\*ABIDE WITH ME**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

You on my head, in early youth did smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.  
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.  
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;  
*In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:**

*Rod Bitney  
Sam Carroll  
Sharon Juelfs  
Deanna Kotila  
Greg & Jennifer Morrison  
Daniel Neeley  
Corey Nickel  
Mike Tronstad  
James Walker*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

## THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*(Chorus)*

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer  
Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water, never thirst again  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*(Chorus)*

Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
He is all He said He would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*(Chorus x 2)*

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus

## 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—Romans: Coming Under Grace*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Impartial Judgment : Romans 2:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. <sup>2</sup>We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup>Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup>Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup>But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. <sup>6</sup>He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup>to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup>but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup>There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, <sup>10</sup>but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For God shows no partiality.

I. Without Excuse

II. Without Works



### Questions for Further Reflection:

1. What does Paul mean by saying God's kindness leads us to repentance?
2. Consider: "Paul is not preaching 'do this and you will live.' He is preaching about having a saving relationship with God that comes through faith." —Douglas Moo. How does this help us understand that Paul is not talking about works righteousness?
3. How does God's judgment free us from cycles of violence and reprisals?
4. What are the two ways to understand Paul in verses 6-11 on obedience? Is it hypothetical or is it real?
5. How might you respond to the statement: "A loving God would never condemn anyone to hell."? Where do people get their view of a loving God from?

### Children's Question

*It is easy to think we are better than someone else because we think their wrongdoing is worse than our own. Paul tells us that all wrongdoing breaks God's commands. Everyone needs to be saved by grace and not by their works.*

### 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.

**\*AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN - Hymn #455**

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

*(Chorus)*

*Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

*(Chorus)*

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

*(Chorus)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

*(Chorus)*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*(Chorus)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.*

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*RESCUER

*(Chorus)*

*He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord, our rescuer*

There is good news for the captive  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save  
*(Chorus)*

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive  
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life  
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth and life  
*(Chorus)*

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
For there is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary (2x)  
*(Chorus)*

### \*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

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley

Staff: Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Jenny Mattern

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz,

Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Jeff McGarvey,

Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Pastor Craig Nissen

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jim & Jill Hadlock, serving with CRU on the Jesus Film Project

**SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK:** Those in the Tom Jentz/Mike Stahlberg shepherding group (as well as anyone with questions about the annual meeting or anyone who hasn't been assigned a shepherding group) are invited to a potluck TODAY after the 2nd service.

**WORKSHOP ON *OUTSMARTING THE SCAMMERS*:** Meet in the FCC Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 10:15am for a 45-minute presentation and Q&A with Jesse Rigler to learn ways to outsmart the scammers and avoid falling prey to a scam.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual congregational meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 31. A 6pm soup supper will precede the 7pm meeting. Annual Reports are available in the foyer. Please take one per family.

**JR/SR HIGH WINTER CAMP:** will be February 16-18 at Dickey Lake. Signups available in the Friday eNewsletter or you can email the church office for a link. Please contact Tim Anderson with questions.

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**SERVING:** January Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

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

Ushers: Hobuses / Bonners

Children's Church: Russells / Sharon Salyer & Gracyn von Olhausen

Nursery: Kamela Anderson & family

Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan / Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday February 4**

Ushers: Sullivans / Matterns

Children's Church: Hanni Hanson / Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Falks

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Fenner / Arline Tinkham

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Wednesdays**

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Career Group 7 pm