

# LORD'S DAY

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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure  
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 95.1-7

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 119*

*SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

\*Song of Praise to Christ

Glory to God on High!

words James Allen, 1761  
music Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Glo - ry to God on high! Let earth and skies re -  
 2. Je - sus, our Lord and God, Bore sin's tre - men - dous  
 • 3. While they a - round the throne Cheer - ful - ly join in  
 4. Join all ye ran - som'd race, Our ho - ly Lord to  
 • 5. What though we change our place, Yet we shall nev - er  
 6. Then let the hosts a - bove, In realms of end - less

ply Praise ye His name: His love and grace a - dore, Who all our  
 load, Praise ye His name: Tell what His arm hath done, What spoils from  
 • one, Prais - ing His name: Those who have felt His blood Seal - ing their  
 • bless; Praise ye His name: In Him we will re - joice, And make a  
 • cease Prais - ing His name; To Him our songs we bring, Hail Him our  
 love, Praise His dear name; To Him a - scribed now be Hon - our and

sor - rows bore, Sing a - loud ev - er - more, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 death he won: Sing His great name a - lone, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 • peace with God, Sound His dear fame a - broad: Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 joy - ful noise, Shout - ing with heart and voice, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 • gra - cious King, And with - out ceas - ing sing, Wor - thy the Lamb!  
 maj - es - ty; Through all e - ter - ni - ty: Wor - thy the Lamb!

## **\*Confession of Faith**

What is God?

**God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 2

## **Congregational Petitions 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 also have forgiven 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.

## **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 6.12-26

**Sermon**

“So Send I You”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 450*

*SO SEND I YOU*

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<sup>1</sup> “There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God....But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ps 86.8-10, 15).

## Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

### -OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

#### The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are admitting that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use during this time.

#### *A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

## **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 308*

*JESUS PAID IT ALL*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Closing Prayer**

Grant us, O Lord, each day, to hunger for you more than anything else; and in so doing to discover the life for which we were created. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Jenni Early

*Next Week:* Abigail and Annie Carpenter

### **Gatherings**

*A Children's Catechism Class*, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group* led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is currently studying Exodus and all men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

*Psalms Sing* resumes tonight. The Schroeders (55 Buttonquail Ln) invite you to join them at 6:30 PM, to sing the Psalms and enjoy a time of fellowship. All ages and voices are welcome.

*The Women's Study:* A study of the Book of Acts, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the Church (childcare is provided), and all are welcome.

## **Sermon Notes: "So Send I You" (Luke 6.12-26)**

1. The Appointing of the Twelve (vv. 12-16)

2. The Good Life to which they were Called (vv. 17-26)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen:* Pray the drugs Andrew is taking arrest the cancer, that he is granted strength to endure, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

*The Christian Aid Center* cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to use its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

*Mike Givens:* Pray for relief from the pain Mike is experiencing, and that God brings healing to his shoulder without the need for surgery.

*Oaks Parish:* Pray for Rev. Bryan Buck, our church planter in southeast Portland, that God strengthens and uses him as he preaches the gospel and reaches out to the community.

*Mel Witters* (Heidi Leinweber's dad) had a stent inserted this week to restore blood flow to his heart. Pray for renewed strength and that he is kept from further incidents.

## **Announcements**

### *Birthday's this Week*

January 14	Veronica Klicker
January 16	Elijah Klicker
January 18	Del Klicker

*Christian Aid Dinner:* We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow night. If you would like to help, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."