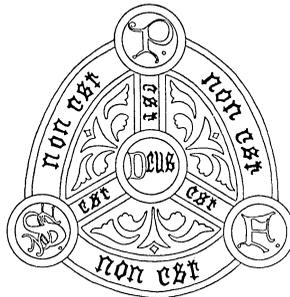


# LORD'S DAY

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
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 145.8-21

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

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

*Hymn No. 115*

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts. Praise has often been praiseless sound. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection, yet all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed; that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 696*

*I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!*

**\*Confession of Faith**

Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

**No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 27

**Prayer for the Church and the World**

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<sup>1</sup> “For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ” (Rom 5.17).

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 13.10-35

**Sermon**

“The Scandal of the Christian Faith”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 469*

*HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE*

**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.*

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## 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. 693*

*BLESSED ASSURANCE*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### \*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

### Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day, may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

*Today:* N/A

*Next Week:* N/A

### 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, is meeting this summer at the Curfman's (1123 Olive 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 in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. The group is studying Revelation 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.

*Psalm Sing* is on break for the month of July.

*The Women's Study* is on break for the summer.

## **Sermon Notes: "The Scandal of the Christian Faith" (Luke 13.10-35)**

1. Its Message and Decree

2. Its Widespread Rejection

3. Its Wonder and Treasure

## **Prayer Concerns**

*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.

*Rick Myers* is recovering from shoulder and arm surgery. Pray for continued healing, for freedom from pain, and for increased strength and mobility.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Soldotna, AK)*: Pray for the congregation as they await the arrival of their new pastor/church planter, and for Rev. Jeff Glover who is completing the last two months of chaplaincy duties in the US Army. May they be ready to receive him and his family, and may he and his family quickly feel a part of the congregation.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:*

July 8	Clint and Elizabeth Miller
July 10	Sandy and Nicole Miller
July 13	Caleb Early
July 13	Katie Early

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

*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 fellowship.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. Positively, two affirmations are made about each person of the Godhead. Reading from the center circle outward: God (Deus) is (est) Father (P is for Pater), God is Son (F is for Filius), and God is Holy Spirit (SS is for Spiritus Sanctus). Reading from the outer circles inward: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Negatively, two affirmations are likewise made about each person of the Godhead. Reading clockwise and counter-clockwise from one outer circle to the other two: the Father is not (non est) the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.