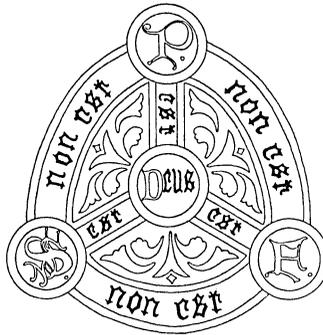


LORD'S DAY

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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, most kind and generous: We come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you; we come to you as our Lord and God, because we are in awe of you and worship you; we come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather in his name. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Eternal Son, and to the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 18.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so, and help us to follow you in every way and always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from Augustine’s *Confessions*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 167

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed¹

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Miracles”
1 Kings 17.8-24
Rev. Ron Gonzales

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

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. We will partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging 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 but commend to you instead the following prayer 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.

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 674

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying 1 Kings and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited!

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

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

The Women's Ministry Study, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying the Psalms of Ascent (120-134), on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. (Morning coffee provided!) All women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Miracles" (1 Kings 17.8-24)

Prayer Concerns

Deliverance From Every Fear: David prayed, "I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears" (Ps 34.4). In addition to strength and healing, pray that this week *Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, Vickie Myers, and Samantha Schroeder* might know God's deliverance from every fear.

Hilltop Presbyterian Church: Rev. Jon Neville is planting a church in Ferndale. Pray for God's blessing as he gives himself to this new work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

The Pacific Northwest Presbytery is meeting this Thursday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Issaquah. Pray for travel mercies for the ministers and elders attending, and that their work honors the Lord and is a blessing to the Church.

The Persecuted Church: There are approximately 500,000 Christians out of 4.2 million people in *Kuwait*, which borders Iraq to the North and Saudi Arabia to the South. Converts from Islam face pressure from both family members and the local community to recant their Christian faith. Conversion often leads to legal problems in personal status and property matters. Evangelism is strictly forbidden, as is Christian education and religious literature that is considered offensive to Islam. Pray for Christians who are discriminated against and considered infidels because of their faith in Jesus. Pray that they are strengthened in grace and enabled to remain faithful despite the risks and hardships they endure. And pray for the growth and maturing of the church in Kuwait.

Announcements

Financial Update: The April financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the trinity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.