

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

Glorious Lord, it is the passion of our lives to worship you, the crown and glory of our souls to adore you. Enable us by your Spirit to do so now, that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 113.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 3

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groanings, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned; to you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. Turn your face again, O Lord, upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray. Assure pardon for our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving-kindness and mercy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3.4-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 166

WONDEROUS KING, ALL-GLORIOUS

Confession of Faith

Which is the Sixth Commandment?

The Sixth Commandment is, “You shall not murder.”¹

What is required in the Sixth Commandment?

The Sixth Commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own lives,² and the lives of others.³

What is forbidden in the Sixth Commandment?

The Sixth Commandment forbids the taking away of our own lives or the lives of our neighbors unjustly, or whatever tends to do so.⁴

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 67-69

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.

¹ Exodus 20.13 (ESV)

² “In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the Church” (Eph 5.28-29).

³ “And when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water” (1 Kgs 18.4).

⁴ But Paul cried out with the loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here” (Acts 16.28). “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image” (Gen 9.6).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Way of Salvation”

Hebrews 7.1-17

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Not What My Hands Have Done

words, Horatius Bonar, 1861;
music, Eileen Davis, 2002

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y
2. Your work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di -
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and

soul; Not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it
sin; thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with -
speak; thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age
vine; and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior
might; he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my

whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not
in Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can
break. No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do; no
mine. His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each
light. 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives; I

all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

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

SERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice in the outer rings. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of 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 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. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

-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 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying Hebrews 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.

Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement: On the second Sunday of each month, we gather from 6:00 to 7:15 PM for a brief time of worship followed by teaching and discussion of issues relevant to our society's cultural moment. Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder are leading a study on human sexuality, based on the report adopted by our General Assembly this past June. Reports can be found on the literature table. We meet in the sanctuary, and children are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "The Way of Salvation" (Hebrews 7.1-17)

Prayer Concerns

Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church: Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessings as he gives himself to this work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

Cast Your Burden on the Lord: David writes, "Cast your burden of the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved" (Ps 55.22). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavelly* know the Lord's sustaining presence.

The Pacific Northwest Presbytery is meeting this Thursday and Friday at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Yakima. 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 30,000 Christians out of 800,000 people in *Bhutan*, where everyone is expected to be a Buddhist. Converts are closely watched. Religious leaders, local communities, and families try to persuade converts to abandon the faith, and authorities refuse to issue certificates needed for jobs and loans. Pray for those who convert to Christianity, that efforts to dissuade them will instead strengthen their commitment to Christ. And pray that the Lord softens the hearts of those in power, making them receptive to the gospel.

Ukraine: Pray for an end to the war, that Ukraine remains a free nation, and that God uses the church to care for the hurting and the lost.

Announcements

Covenant Women's Luncheon: Discipleship. Is it good? Is it intimidating? Is it for everyone? What did Jesus say about it? Come to our women's luncheon this Saturday, from 11:00 to 2:00 at the church, to explore this together.

Financial Update: The April financial statement and our new fiscal year budget 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.

Second Sunday Evening Worship & Cultural Engagement meets tonight, from 6:00 to 7:15. The topics are Friendship, and Repentance and Hope (pp. 12-13 of the Report on Human Sexuality; copies are available on the literature table). All are welcome.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.