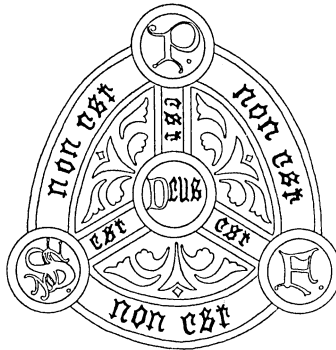


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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O God, who makes Thyself known in the stillness: Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth. Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that, going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 93.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 46

ROUND THE LORD IN GLORY SEATED

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all too easily. We pretend, lie, envy and lust, we criticize, brood, ignore and deny, we hoard, defame, distort and make excuses, and then we expect an easy forgiveness for the asking. Lord God, forgive us for our blatant disregard of your holy character. Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as if it were permissiveness. Astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1.15-16

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 170

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Confession of Faith

Which is the Eighth Commandment?

The Eighth Commandment is, “You shall not steal.”¹

What is required in the Eighth Commandment?

The Eighth Commandment requires that we utilize only lawful means in obtaining and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.²

What is forbidden in the Eighth Commandment?

The Eighth Commandment forbids whatever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor’s, wealth or outward estate.³

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 73-75

¹ Exodus 20.15 (ESV)

² “For you had a little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also” (Gen 30.30)? “But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Tim 5.8). “If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you” (Lev 25.35). “You shall not see your brother’s ox or his sheep going astray and ignore them. You shall take them back to your brother. And if he does not live near you and you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall stay with you until your brother seeks it. Then you shall restore it to him. And you shall do the same with his donkey or with his garment, or with any lost thing of your brother’s, which he loses and you find; you may not ignore it. You shall not see your brother’s donkey or his ox fallen down by the way and ignore them. You shall help him to lift them up again” (Dt 22.1-4). “If you meet your enemy’s ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him” (Ex 23.4-5). “And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh’s house. ...So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh’s” (Gen 47.14, 20).

³ “Whoever love pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich” (Pr 21.17). “Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags” (Pr 23.20-21). “Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty” (Pr 28.19). “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need” (Eph 4.28).

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Ritual Versus Reality”

Hebrews 9.1-15

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 518

CHRIST, OF ALL MY HOPES THE GROUND

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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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. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

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.

Sermon Notes: "Ritual Versus Reality" (Hebrews 9.1-15)

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.

Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (Boise): Jay Denton has accepted a call to plant a church in North Carolina. Replacing him is Drew Burdette, who has been a RUF minister for the past 10 years, eight at the University of Washington, and two at Oregon State University. Drew and his wife Jessica, and their boys Asa (8) and Beau (5), are moving to Boise this month. Pray for their transition, that their hearts are quickly knit together with the staff and students, and that God continues the good work he has been doing at Boise State University.

Hoping in God: The psalmist writes, "The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love" (Ps 147.11). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* set their hope this week in the LORD's steadfast love.

The Persecuted Church: There are 15 million Christians out of 25 million people living in *Cameroon*. Though a majority Christian nation, the country is divided, with parts of it dominated by Islam. In these regions, converting to Christianity carries significant risk of violence or ostracizing from family and community. And northern Cameroon is subject to attacks by Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that target Christians. Pray for those facing such threats because of their faith. Pray especially for those believed to be opposing the government; they are often tortured and killed. And pray that God turns to the light the hearts of those who are walking in darkness.

Announcements

Attention Women & Girls: Instead of a summer Bible study, Covenant Women would like to invite the women and girls of the church to read the Gospel of John in small groups this summer. More details to come!

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 Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.