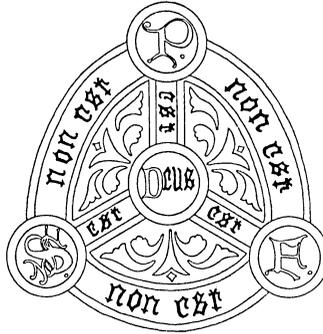


LORD'S DAY

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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

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 77.11-14

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 38

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 468

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

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

“Evidence of Things Not Seen”
Hebrews 11.1-7
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 109

LORD, MY WEAK THOUGHT IN VAIN WOULD CLIMB

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 SACRAMENTS-

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 ring 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

Jesus, I Am Resting

words Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.
music David B. Hampton
1998 New Spring Publishing, CCLI# 2415226

1. Je - sus I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness; vast - er, broad - er than the sea.
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on _____ me as I work and wait for Thee;

_____ I am find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart.
_____ How _____ mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, lav - ished all _____ on _____ me. _____
_____ And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies _____ my _____ heart;
_____ Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows _____ flee. _____

_____ Thou hast bid me gaze up - on _____ Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul. _____
_____ Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
_____ Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
_____ Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

_____ For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me _____ whole. _____ Je - sus,
_____ know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it _____ mine. _____ Je - sus,
_____ com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed. _____ Je - sus,
_____ keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill _____ me with Thy _____ grace. _____ Je - sus,

I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. _____ I am
find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart. _____

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesday of the 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: "Evidence of Things Not Seen" (Hebrews 11.1-7)

Prayer Concerns

Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church: Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessing 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.

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, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* might know God's deliverance from every fear.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God uses them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number on the reservation come to know the Savior and grow in him.

The Persecuted Church: There are only a few thousand Christians out of 29.5 million people in *Yemen*. Civil and political unrest has made it dangerous to be a follower of Christ; open church services are prohibited and Muslims who decide to follow Christ often face the death penalty. Pray for peace, as opposing sides continue to clash and leave Christians quite vulnerable. And pray especially for those who convert from Islam, that they have courage and perseverance in their faith.

Ukraine: Pray for safety, comfort, and courage for Ukrainian churches and their pastors. Pray for peace in Ukraine, for wisdom, for provision, and that God would bring to nothing Putin's plans to destroy Ukraine.

Announcements

Financial Updates: The July financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to access it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to help you.

Session Meeting: The elders will meet Thursday, at 5:30 PM, 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 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 Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.