

# 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 in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross. Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Help us, by your Spirit, to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-3

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

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

*Hymn No. 2*

*O WORSHIP THE KING*

## **-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.*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 159*

*O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR*

**Confession of Faith**

What is a sacrament?

**A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, in which, by perceptible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.<sup>1</sup>**

Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

**The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism<sup>2</sup> and the Lord's Supper.<sup>3</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 92-93

**Prayer for the Church and the World**

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<sup>1</sup> "And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ...This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised" (Gen 17.7, 10). "For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread. ...For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor 11.23, 26).

<sup>2</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28.19).

<sup>3</sup> "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Mt 26.26-28).

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Sermon**

“How God Makes a Man Holy”

Hebrews 12.1-13

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 108*

*WHATE’ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT*

**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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## **-OBSEVRING 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**

*Hymn No. 648*

*MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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### **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: "How God Makes a Man Holy" (Hebrews 12.1-13)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 66 million Christians out of 1.3 billion people in *India*, which is a Hindu nation. Since the ruling party took control in 2014, attacks against Christians have become common. In their view, to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith is viewed as non-Indian. Pray for strength for all Christians, but especially for Christian converts who are particularly mistreated. Pray for God's protection over those preaching the gospel in places with anti-conversion laws. And pray that India's leaders would change those laws to allow for more religious freedom.

*Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens* (Ukraine), along with their children, traveled back to the UK this week in the hope that they would be allowed to stay in Northern Ireland as they wait for it to be safe to return to Kyiv. Pray they are granted permission to do so.

*Our Strong Tower:* Solomon writes, "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe" (Pr 18.10). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* take refuge in the LORD's strong presence this week.

## **Announcements**

*A Vision for the Church:* "The world seems to be coming apart at the seams... Many Christians despair. Others flee to safe spaces waiting for Jesus to come. But it's not a moment for despair or retreat. It's a time for hopeful action. When everything unravels, God calls the church to minister to the dying and to rebuild the ruins." Peter Leithart, President of the Theopolis Institute, will explain how the church can meet this challenge on Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 16-17, at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Yakima. To learn more: [www.saintandrewsyakima.org/events](http://www.saintandrewsyakima.org/events).

*Men & Boys:* Join us downstairs this coming Saturday, at 8:00 AM, for another Fellowship Breakfast, and bring a friend or neighbor!

*Potluck in the Park:* Join us for a potluck at Pioneer Park on Sunday, September 11. Lunch will start at noon, so we will not have Coffee Hour on the day. More details to follow.

*Save the Date:* Women's Ministry is meeting for a luncheon on September 24, from 11-2. We will discuss the book of John which we have been reading this summer. There is still time to grab a book if you would like to join in the discussion.