

LORD'S DAY
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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

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 104.24, 31-34

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 122

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord God, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches. We thank you for the treasures given us in Jesus; for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where we behold his character, grace and glory, as well as his sufferings, death and resurrection. We come to you in his all-prevailing name, with nothing of our own to plead: no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often knowingly opposing your authority, often abusing your goodness. Impress us deeply with a sense of your presence; that you are about our paths, our ways, our lying down, and our end. Subdue in us the love of sin and let us know the need of renewal as well as forgiveness; that we may wholeheartedly serve and enjoy you forever. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3.4-7

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 254

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

Confession of Faith

What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, in which by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's direction, his death is shown forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.¹

What is required to be worthy of receiving the Lord's Supper?

It is required of those who would receive the Lord's Supper worthily that they examine themselves, as to their knowledge to discern the Lord's body,² as to their faith to feed on him,³ and as to their repentance,⁴ love,⁵ and new obedience;⁶ lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment on themselves.⁷

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Nos. 96-97

¹ See 1 Corinthians 11.23-26.

² "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself" (1 Cor 11.28-29).

³ "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test" (2 Cor 13.5)!

⁴ "But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged" (1 Cor 11.31).

⁵ "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10.16-17).

⁶ "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor 5.7-8).

⁷ See 1 Corinthians 11.28-29 above.

Prayer for the Church and World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Look of Faith”
Hebrews 13.1-6
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 131

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

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. 469

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

-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: "The Look of Faith" (Hebrews 13.1-6)

Prayer Concerns

The Christian Aid Center cares for many in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to convey his love and grace to those they serve.

Established and Guarded by the Lord: Paul assured the Thessalonians, “The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one” (2 Thess 3.3). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* know God’s confirming and shielding care this week as they look to him.

The Persecuted Church: Nearly half of the 200 million people living in *Nigeria* are Christians, though many in the country routinely suffer at the hands of Islamic extremists. Some are deprived of their land and means of livelihood; others face rejection from their communities. Pray that they know God’s presence, are kept in his peace, and are provided with what they need to survive. Pray for their adversaries, that God touches and changes their hearts. And pray for the pastors who are seeking to help them grow spiritually and rebuild their lives.

Announcements

The Heart of Wisdom: Proverbs, Job & Ecclesiastes: This year the adult class will study the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament: Proverbs in the fall, Job in the winter, and Ecclesiastes in the spring. We will learn how to read and interpret these books in light of their original meaning and understanding their significance for our Christian lives today. Class begins October 2. Join us!

Potluck in the Park: Join us at noon today, at Pioneer Park, for pulled pork sandwiches and even tastier fellowship. Bring your own tableware and drinks, as well as a side or dessert to share.

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.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as we do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

A Vision for the Church: There is still time to register for the Peter Leithart seminar in Yakima this Friday and Saturday. To learn more: www.saintandrewsyakima.org/events.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek “Jesus,” XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, “Christ”; and NIKA means “He conquers.” The symbol then reads, “Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross” or “Jesus Christ, Victor.”