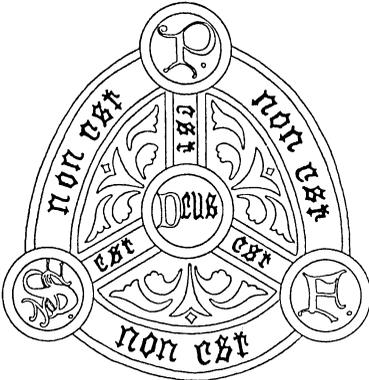


LORD'S DAY

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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

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 145.8-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 115

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From The Book of Common Prayer

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 164

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

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

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 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

“Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever”

Hebrews 13.7-16

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 246

MAN OF SORROWS, WHAT A NAME

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**

Praise the Savior, You Who Know Him!

words Thomas Kelly, 1806; mod. 2014
music Eileen Davis 2014



1. Praise the Sav - ior, you who know him! Who can tell how much we
2. Je - sus is the name that charms us; he for con - flict fits and
3. Trust in him, you saints, for - ev - er; he is faith - ful, chang - ing
4. Keep us, Lord, O keep us cleav - ing to your - self and still be -
5. Then we shall be where we would be, then we shall be what we



owe him? Glad - ly let us ren - der to him all we are and have.
arms us; no - thing moves and no - thing harms us while we trust in him.
nev - er; neith - er force nor guile can sev - er those he loves from him.
liev - ing, till the hour of our re - ceiv - ing prom - ised joys with you.
should be; things that are not now, nor could be, soon shall be our own.

-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 Romans 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: "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever" (Heb 13.7-16)

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.

Forever on His Mind: David prayed, "God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish" (Ps 9.18). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker* and *Wayne Snavely* are kept in the confident assurance that the Lord has not forgotten them and, indeed, is for them.

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 1.4 million Christians out of 34 million people in *Saudi Arabia*, a nation governed by Islamic law where Saudi citizens are required to be Muslim, non-citizens of other faiths may only worship privately, and those who convert from Islam to Christianity are shunned. Pray for isolated believers who lack fellowship and opportunity for spiritual nurture and growth. Pray that Christian Saudis find ways to share the gospel with their families. And pray that many Muslim Saudis come to trust in Christ as their Savior.

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 brings to nothing Putin's plans to destroy Ukraine.

Announcements

Financial Update: The August 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.

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 understand their significance for our Christian lives today. Class begins October 2. Join us!

Save the Date: Women's Ministry is meeting for a luncheon this Saturday, 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.

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