

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on August 13th, 2023
The 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word: [congregation standing]

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:19-23 **Come Worship the King of Kings!**

God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration: [based on Psalm 145:10]

O worship the King all glorious above,	Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Hebrews 1:1, 2]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit **Amen!**

Jehovah be with you! **And also with you!**

God spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

God has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.

Whom He has appointed heir of all things,

Through whom also He made the worlds.

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us” Hebrews 12:1a

The Call for Confession From God’s Word:

“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? Hebrews 2:1-4

God’s People Sing Our Hymn of Confession: [congregation standing] Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH (7 7. 7 7. D.)
Joseph Parry, 1879

Charles Wesley, 1740

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bo - som fly;
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help-less soul on Thee;
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:
4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high:
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - right - eous - ness;
Thou of life the foun - tain art; Free - ly let me take of Thee;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
Cov - er my de - fense-less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.
Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Silent Confession: "We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." *Hebrews 6:11,12*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

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 broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But have mercy upon us, as miserable sinners, O Lord. Spare us, O Lord, for we humbly confess our faults. Grant unto us the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives; to the glory of your holy Name. AMEN!

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." *Hebrews 6:17-20*

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy

Psalm 47

PETERSHAM (C.M.D.)

Clement W. Poole, 1875

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. All peo-ples, clap your hands for joy; To God in tri - umph shout;
 2. The land of our in - her - i - tance He choos - es out for us,
 3. For God is King of all the earth; Sing praise with skill - ful - ness.

For awe-some is the LORD Most High, Great King the earth through - out.
 And He to us the glo - ry gives Of Ja - cob whom He loves.
 God rules the na-tions; God sits on His throne of ho - li - ness.

He brings the peo-ples un - der us In mas - ter - y com - plete;
 God is as - cend - ed with a shout, The LORD with trum - pet - ing.
 As - sem - ble, men of A - brah'm's God! Come, peo - ple, princ - es, nigh!

And He it is Who na - tions all Sub - dues be - neath our feet.
 Sing prais - es un - to God! Sing praise! Sing prais - es to our King!
 The shields of earth be - long to God; He is ex - alt - ed high.

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Hebrews 8:1,2,10-12

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

Exodus 20:1-17 with responses from the words of Jesus

[20:1] And God spoke all these words, saying: "I *am* Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. "You shall have no other gods before Me.

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Matthew 4:10

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, Jehovah your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

"You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain, for Jehovah will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear and understand: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." Matthew 15:10-11

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of Jehovah your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. For *in* six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which Jehovah your God is giving you.

He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? “For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’” Matthew 15:3-4

“You shall not murder.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ “But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.” Matthew 5:21-22

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Matthew 5:27-28

“You shall not steal.

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.” Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.” Luke 3:12-14

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” Matthew 5:11-12

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.”

And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” Luke 12:15

Jesus reminds us that the Law of God was given as the perfect standard for righteousness and holiness: Matthew 5:17-19 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!" Psalm 105:1,*

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

*The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the
LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Ps. 19:8*

1. The law of God is good and wise and sets his
2. Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts the knowl - edge
3. To those who help in Christ have found and would in
4. When men the of - fered help dis - dain and wil - ful -

will be - fore our eyes, shows us the way of
of our sin - ful hearts, that we may see our
works of love a - bound it shows what deeds are
ly in sin re - main, its ter - ror in their

righ - teous - ness, and dooms to death when we trans - gress.
lost es - tate and seek de - liv - 'rance ere too late.
his de - light and should be done as good and right.
ear re - sounds and keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5. The law is good; but since the fall
its holiness condemns us all;
it dooms us for our sin to die
and has no pow'r to justify.
6. To Jesus we for refuge flee,
who from the curse has set us free,
and humbly worship at his throne,
saved by his grace through faith alone.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

"God's Holy Covenant"

From Pastor John Stoos

Based on Luke 1:67-79

God's People respond with a Hymn of Praise:

[congregation standing]

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

UNION (C.M.)

Alexander Gillet, *Harmonia Sacra*, 1867

William Cowper, 1774

1. God moves in a mysterious way His
2. Deep in unfathomable mines Of
3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The
4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But
5. His purposes will ripen fast, Un-
6. Blind unbelievers are sure to err And

Melody

wonders to perform; He plants His foot - steps
never failing skill; He treasures up His
clouds ye so much dread Are big with mer - cy
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
fold - ing every hour; The bud may have a
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -

in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
bright de - signs And works His sov - ereign will.
and shall break In bles - sings on your head.
prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flower.
ter - pre - ter, And He will make it plain.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord’s Day 33

88. In how many things does true repentance or conversion consist?

In two things: the dying of the old man,[1] and the making alive of the new.

[1] Rom. 6:4–6; Eph. 4:22–24; Col. 3:5–10; 1 Cor. 5:7.

89. What is the dying of the old man?

Heartfelt sorrow for sin, causing us to hate and turn from it always more and more.[1] [1] Rom. 8:13; Joel 2:13.

90. What is the making alive of the new man?

Heartfelt joy in God through Christ,[1] causing us to take delight in living according to the will of God in all good works.[2]

[1] Rom. 5:1; 14:17; Isa. 57:15. [2] Rom. 8:10–11; Gal. 2:20; *Rom. 7:22.

91. What are good works? **Those only which proceed from true faith,[1] and are done according to the law of God,[2] unto His glory,[3] and not such as rest on our own opinion [4] or the commandments of men.[5]** [1] Rom. 14:23. [2]

1 Sam. 15:22; Eph. 2:10. [3] 1 Cor. 10:31. [4] Deut. 12:32; Ezek. 20:18, 20; Isa. 29:13. [5] Matt. 15:9; *Num. 15:39.

92. What is the law of God? **The Ten Commandments, which we read earlier.**

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated “king of righteousness,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “king of peace,” without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.” *Hebrews 7:1-4*

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 27:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: One thing from God have I desired, 2: In troubled times He makes me hide.
That in His house I may inquire, He hides me secretly inside.
So on His beauty I may gaze. Within His tabernacle home,
I seek to dwell there all my days. He sets me high upon a stone.**

**3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady bass line and a more active treble line. The lyrics are: "I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth; And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men."

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth;

8 And in Je-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord; Who was con-ceived by the

16 Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius

25 Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to

35 hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to

43 heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From

52 thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

60 I be-lieve a ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the

70 re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23

ST. COLUMBA (8 7. 8 7)
Old Irish hymn melody

Henry W. Baker, 1868

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine
6. And so through all the length of days Thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
corn - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.” Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” *Hebrews 12:22-24,28-29*

God's People Go Forth Singing:

Rise Again Ye Lion-Hearted

RISE AGAIN (8 7. 8 7. 6 6. 7 7)

James B. Jordan, 2002

from *LOWEN, LASST EUCH WIEDERFINDEN*

Bernard Klein, 1817

anon., 1712

tr. Martin Franzmann, 1940

1. Rise a - gain, ye li - on - heart - ed Saints of ear - ly Chris - ten - dom.
 2. These the men by fear un - shak - en, Fac - ing dan - ger daunt - less - ly;
 3. Great of heart, they know no turn - ing, Hon - or, gold, they laugh to scorn,
 4. Would to God that I might e - ven As the mar - tyred saints of old,

Whith - er is your strength de - part - ed, Whith - er gone your mar - tyr - dom?
 These no witch - ing lust hath tak - en, Lust that lures to van - i - ty.
 Quench de - sires with - in them burn - ing, By no earth - ly pas - sion torn.
 With the help - ing hand of Heav - en, Stead - fast stand in bat - tle bold!

Lo, love's light is on them, Glo - ry's flame up - on them,
 Mid the roar and rat - tle Of tu - mult - ous bat - tle
 Mid the li - ons' roar - ing Songs of praise out - pour - ing,
 O my God, I pray Thee, In the com - bat stay me.

And their will to die doth quell E'en the lord and prince of hell.
 In de - sire they soar a - bove All that earth would have them love.
 Joy - ous - ly they take their stand On th'a - re - na's blood - y sand.
 Grant that I may ev - er be Loy - al, staunch, and true to Thee.

God Blesses His People - The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.... Grace be with you all. Amen" Hebrews 13:20, 21, 25

The Response to God's Commission - Simeon's Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser-vant de-part in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va-tion, Which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all peo-ple;

A light to ligh-ten the Gen-tiles, and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple is - - - ra-el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

August 13th, 2023

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~Worship begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply ~ Pastor John Stoos ~

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Claire Smith, & Sarah Sifford, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong, & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- Praise that Rosalie & Susannah Contreras are now home from the hospital & prayer for their continued healing.
- For our families who are seeking to move, that our Lord would provide for their needs.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, & that His Name would be glorified as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed.
Give us this day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading By This Standard: The Authority of God's Law Today by Greg Bahnsen. Contact Pastor Stoos.

Sacramento Area Bible Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. Contact Patrick Avanto.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Thursdays at rotating locations; reading No Mere Mortals by Toby Sumpter. Contact Nathaniel Pettyjohn. (530)205-5162

Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading How To Be Free From Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian Relationships by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda Stoos.

Vallejo Area Study:

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Damell Kendrick.

Birthdays

AnnaRose VanNess ~ July 30th
Ariel VanNess ~ August 7th
Nate Pettyjohn ~ August 13th
Kataleya Kendrick ~ August 19th

Hall Takedown Today

Nate & Spencer Pettyjohn, Damell Kendrick, Jonathan Liberati, Sean VanNess

Next Week's Playground Duty

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