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WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we confess our sins?

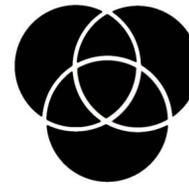
Being called into the presence of a righteous and holy God makes us painfully aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We think of the prophet Isaiah who cried out: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5, compare Revelation 1:17).

God made a way for the people of Israel to approach Him through sacrifice. The first sacrifice was the *sin offering* or *purification offering* (Lev. 9:7,15; 2 Chr. 29:21). This sacrifice dealt with the sin in a worshipper's life at the very beginning of the service, so that he could continue to approach God knowing the penalty for his sin had been paid by the animal who died in his place. We still approach God on the basis of a sacrifice. But in our case that sacrifice was the crucifixion of Christ. His sacrifice on our behalf has dealt with our sin once and for all (Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10).

The importance of confessing sins is taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of these passages appear in our worship service as the "Call to Confession," reminding us not only of the need to confess, but of God's promise to forgive us when we do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (John 1:8).

We confess our individual sins silently to God. But because we are one body in Christ we also join our voices in a corporate confession of sin. These traditional prayers of confession are based on Biblical teaching. For example: "We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." This is a prayer based on Jesus' summary of the Law (Matt. 22:36-40, etc.).

The other reason we confess our sins is because the Bible teaches us that repentance leads to joy (Psalm 51:8, 12; Luke 15:17)! Having been honest about our sin we have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness in the next portion of our service: The Assurance of Forgiveness.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18th, 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

Elisa Cook, Evelyn LeFeber, Sylvioia LeFeber

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-30

†Congregational Singing

"Come People of the Risen King"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

†Collect

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Before the Throne of God Above"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the way of the world. We have failed to give Him

glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing “Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 8

Epistle Reading Acts 17:16-17, 21-34

†Gospel Reading Mark 13:9-13

†Profession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

“You Bring Some Strange Things to Our Ears”

Sermon Series: The Acts of the Apostles

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord’s Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing “All Glory Be To Christ”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson

Nursery Volunteers: Sarah Salyer

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, May 18th - *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

No Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

- ◆ **Sunday School** classes have ended for the semester. Classes will resume September 7th. Shout out to our amazing teachers and substitute teachers: Thank you for your faithful ministry to the children of our church!
- ◆ **Congratulations** to our graduating high school seniors: **Elisa Cook, Evelyn LeFeber, and Sylvia LeFeber.** May the Lord guide and bless you in your future adventures!
- ◆ Have you ever wanted to study the Bible with childlike awe and wonder... but didn’t know where to start? Join us for a **7-week Bible Study Workshop** starting Sunday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We’ll use both modern technology and trusted print resources to help you explore God’s Word. All are welcome—no experience needed! Refreshments and childcare provided. Bring a Bible and/or device (phone/tablet/laptop) if you’d like—but nothing is required. Questions? Contact David Lano at (308) 293-5463.
- ◆ **Ladies!** Please join us on **June 21** at 10am to **celebrate our expecting mothers,** Bethany Remm and Megan Holl. There will be brunch goodies, games, and an opportunity to encourage Bethany and Megan as they approach the arrival of their sweet babies. Please consider bringing some diapers and/or wipes to help with preparations for these two little ones. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please talk to Kristin Holl.
- ◆ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$74,679.47. Received 4/27: \$2,390.32. Received year-to-date: \$57,262.84.
- ◆ **May Birthdays:** (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean, (30) Eleanor Scott, (31) Mike Johnson
- ◆ **June Birthdays:** (16) Aria Goodbrake 2016, (17) Floyd Butterfield, (25) Mimi Frerichs, (26) Nora Hooton 2010

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would bless our church with many children and give us grace to nurture them in the faith.
- ◆ **Presbytery:** Grace Covenant Church in Grand Island (Pastor Todd Bowen)
- ◆ **Missions:** Chuck and Nancy Larsen - Water4Haiti
- ◆ For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano