

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues...)

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

Prayer of Consecration

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

**Lord, when we eat this bread and drink the cup,
we proclaim your death, we experience your presence,
and we anticipate your coming in glory.**

(Prayer continues...)

The Communion: "Seek Ye First"

"Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 899

LUYH 840

Response of Praise and Prayer

Let us thank God for the holy mystery we have received.

Eternal God, in Christ you give yourself to us.

**By your Spirit, grant that we can go into your world
and give ourselves to you and others.**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

*Song: "And Can It Be"

LUYH 695:1,2

*Benediction



Matthew 4:3-4

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

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Worship Participants

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Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Song: "Come, Holy Ghost" LUYH 232

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LUYH 898

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43

What benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

By Christ's power our old selves are crucified,

put to death, and buried with him,

so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us.

Instead, as we are raised to newness of life,

God forms us into new persons.

**By grace, we can walk by the Spirit and offer our new selves to Christ
as living sacrifices of gratitude.**

Offertory Prayer

Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries.

Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Loves Me" LUYH 709:1

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 p.1499

Sermon: "Fields of Fighting and Fascination" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

**1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.**

**2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (to chorus)**

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We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

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The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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