

July 9, 2023  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

Eph 4:21-24

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God when he said:

**Congregation: Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Lord you have declared your judgment and your hatred of sin. And you have punished sin in your own Son on the Cross. We are the recipients of a glorious redemption in Christ, but yet we sin. We do things that the world does. We do things that deserve judgment. We confess that we are still sinners even though purchased in the blood of Christ. We have even given our approval to the sin of others. We are guilty.**

**We pray that you will always regard us as righteous in Christ and that your justice will be satisfied in him. We ask for a powerful influence of your Spirit that would renew us and conform us to the image of your Son who died for us in whose name we pray, Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 103:2-4

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion

**Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.**

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

**Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ**

**All: Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. ( Ps 92:1 )

**Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)**

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Congregation: We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to you commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

Hymn: We Are God's People

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 1. What is the chief purpose for which man is made?

**The chief purpose for which man is made is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.**

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him?

**The Word of God, which consists of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him.**

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

Song: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain,  
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign;  
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,  
You will gather the nations before You.  
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb  
Who was cru – ci – fied;  
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign  
at your Fa - ther's side.

Chorus:

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r"  
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign  
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lord's"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,  
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;  
For the Father has told us, for these you have died,  
For the nations who gather before You.  
And ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb  
Who was cru – ci – fied;

Who rose from the grave and was raised up to reign,  
At His Fathers side.

(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 13:1-22

Psalter: Ps 133 How Beautiful the Sight (Tune Darwall #18) 356

Epistle: 1 Cor 13:13-21

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

**And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.

**Their end will correspond to their deeds.**

I repeat, let no one think me foolish.

**But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little.**

What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not with the Lord's authority but as a fool.

**Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast.**

For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves!

**For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you,  
or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.**

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

**But whatever anyone else dares to boast of--I am speaking as a fool--I also dare to boast of  
that.**

Sermon: One Body, Many Members Romans 12:3-8  
Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert

Lord's Supper

Bread: Here, O My Lord I See Thee Face to Face

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Cup: Under the Blood of Jesus

Under the blood of Jesus  
Safe in the Shepherd's fold  
Under the blood of Jesus  
Safe while the ages roll  
Safe though worlds may crumble  
Safe though the stars grow dim  
Under the blood of Je – sus  
I am secure in Him.

Offering:

Doxology:

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.

Prayer

Closing Song:       **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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