

September 17, 2023

Welcome

Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Hymn: Lift High the Cross

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

John 13:34-35

Pastor: Jesus our Savior summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

My Heavenly Father, If your mercy had bounds, where would my refuge be from your just anger? But your love in Christ is without measure.

Therefore I present myself to you with sins - the things I have done which You have forbidden and the things you have commanded me to do which I have left undone-sins against you My Father

sins against you, My Savior and Redeemer

sins against you and your work, O Holy Spirit

sins against my own conscience

sins against the teachings of your word

sins against my neighbors, my family and myself

Do not enter into judgment against me, for I plead no righteousness of my own. But your only Son has been my sacrifice and has granted me his righteous merit. So my only plea is your boundless mercy and your limitless love - through Jesus, Your Son and my Savior. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: We give praise to God who is faithful and just. Who has forgiven our sins and cleansed us of unrighteousness.

Pastor: How pure has the blood of Christ made you?

Congregation: Although our sins were like crimson, they are as white as wool (Isa 1:18).

All: Praise and glory be to God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit the Lord.

Pastor: Rom 6:6-8

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Congregation: O Lord, thank you that in your crucifixion we too died to sin. We thank you for freeing us from sin. Grant us your grace that we will live to your glory and grow in works that honor your name. Amen.

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)

Hymn: Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 10. How did God create man?

God created man, male and female, in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with rule over the creatures.

Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preservation and control of all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state in which he was created?

When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil on penalty of death.

Song: Jesus Is King

Jesus is King, let all the earth be glad.
He sits enthroned, He is exalted on high.
Behold your God; behold your God!
He is surrounded with glory.
He is surrounded with glory.

Jesus is King, let all the earth rejoice.
He moves in power, He reigns in majesty.
Behold your God; behold your God!
He is surrounded with glory.
He is surrounded with glory.

As we draw near, we see His glory shine.
We see the pain, yet we see triumph in His eyes.
Behold your God; behold your God!
We are surrounded with glory.
We are surrounded with glory.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 19:29-48

Psalter: Ps 5, O Jehovah, Hear My Words

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Epistle: Gal 4:21-31

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman.

But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.

Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants.

One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.

Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!"

For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

But what does the Scripture say?

"Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman."

So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Sermon: Contend for the Faith Jude 3-4

Lord's Supper

Bread: Man of Sorrows What a Name

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Cup: His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!

Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.

Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.

In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain:

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:

Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.

Bought by such love, my life is not my own.

My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?

God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.

Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.
(Refrain)

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.
(Refrain)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!
(Refrain)

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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