

September 15, 2024
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: O Lord How Shall I Meet You
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Col 3:1-2 & 5-6

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Lord why is it that the world has such power in our lives and in our thinking? We have been redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ; we have been granted your Spirit to indwell us; we are in union with Christ, but yet we heed the siren call of the world in so many ways. We acknowledge here this morning that to do this is to hold your gifts in contempt, and this is a great sin! Thank you for the forgiveness we have in Christ, but we need a powerful renewing. Turn our longings from the world to Christ and his Kingdom. We know that the world will pass away, so by your grace, may we be among those who do your will in the world.

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: Children of the Heavenly Father

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is: *You shall not murder.*^[a]

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life and the life of others.^[a]

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment forbids us to take our own life or to take unjustly the life of our neighbour, or anything tending to these ends.^[a]

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.
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Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 4:1-17

Psalter: Ps 4 (Tune Mueller 204)

Answer when I call, O God who justifies.
In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.
Sons of men, how long will you my glory shame?

Will you love what's worthless? Will lies be your aim?

Know the LORD His saints has set apart in grace,
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.
Tremble in your anger, yet from sin depart.
On your bed in silence speak within your heart.

May you sacrifice now sacrifices just.
In Jehovah only placing all your trust.
"Who will show us goodness?" many people say;
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.

You have given my heart greater joy by far
Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,
For, O Lord, You only will me safely keep.

Epistle: 2 Thes 1

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering--

since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us,

when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Christ's Acceptance Romans 15:7-13

Lord's Supper

Bread: Ah Holy Jesus How Hast Thou Offended

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Cup: Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,

And to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the Holy Lamb of God,
 O wash me in His precious blood,
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus
I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and Rod
And to be called the lamb of God.

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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