

September 8, 2024
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Hymn: Lord with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee
Invocation

#80

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:

Almighty, eternal, most just and gracious God, help me to know that
all things are shadows, but You are substance; all things are quicksand, but You are mountain;
all things are shifting, but You are anchor; all things are ignorance, but You are wisdom.

You are thrice Holy, yet my life and heart abound with
Apologies not made, repentance not completed, forgiveness not offered,
Brothers not respected, reputations not defended, peace not pursued,
Neighbors not loved, Sabbaths not kept, appetites not restrained,
Parents not honored, spouse not cherished, children not trained,
Prisoners not visited, strangers not clothed, hungry not fed,
Providences ignored, envy unchecked, prayers unspoken,
Fears not conquered, truth not defended, sheep not fed,
Feet unmoved, tongue unbridled, eyes unguarded,
Time wasted, talents wasted, treasure wasted.

Lord Jesus, deliver me from these chains, from the wretchedness of the old man who
still lives, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, so that with earnest heart searching I may
come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You. I appeal from the
throne of Your perfect justice to the throne of your boundless grace. Grant me to hear Your voice
assuring me that I am guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but
cleansed; Give me perpetual broken heartedness; keep me always clinging to Your cross; flood
me every moment with descending grace. Through Christ our glorious 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 us of our sins and cleansed us from unrighteousness.

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

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

All: **Praise and glory be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us.

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: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

#172

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 63. Which is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is: Honour your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.^[a]

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment requires us to preserve the honour and perform the duties belonging to everyone in their different positions and relationships in life.^[a]

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment forbids us to neglect or to do anything against the honour and duty which belongs to everyone in their various positions and relationships in life.^[a]

Q. 66. What is the reason attached to the fifth commandment?

The reason attached to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (so far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all those who keep this commandment.^[a]

Song: All I Have

All I have is by your mercy,
And all I have is all of grace.
All I am is what your love has made of me
Now I am your new creation,
Your workmanship in Jesus Christ,
Made to walk in works you have prepared for me.

Chorus:

I rejoice in all your kindness,

and I rejoice in all your goodness.
I rejoice in your great love for me.

All I have is from you, Father,
the Author of each perfect gift.
You gladly give me all things to enjoy in you.
You who did not spare your Son
But freely gave him for us all,
Will you not with joy supply my ev'ry need?

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 3

Psalter: Ps 3 (Tune Amazing Grace, #460)

O LORD, how are my foes increased!
Against me many rise.
How many say, "In vain for help
He on his God relies!"

You are my shield and glory, LORD;
You lifted up my head.
I cried out, "LORD!" and from His hill
To me His answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again
The LORD is keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men
Entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God!
You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men,
Their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD,
Salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore
Be on Your people shown!

Epistle: 1 The 5:16-28

Be joyful always;

pray continually;

give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not put out the Spirit's fire;

do not treat prophecies with contempt.

Test everything. Hold on to the good.

Avoid every kind of evil.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Brothers, pray for us. Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Sermon: Christ's Instruction Romans 15:1-6

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: What Wondrous Love Is This

#261

Cup: Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace.
*One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my 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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