

October 13, 2024
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Invocation

#53

The Law of Christ: The Law of Christ: 1 Thess. 5:15-22

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

Congregation: Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. 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.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

O, Lord our God, our Heavenly King, We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We acknowledge you to be our King, but we rebel against your rule. We resist your authority more than we like to admit. Lord we are guilty of treason, for as our King you stooped so low to help and save us!

Lord have mercy, on us! Grant us your forgiveness, since you have purchased us with your own blood, and paid our debt; and by your mighty hand, you have brought us into your kingdom. Increase our faith in you, and may obedience spring out of hearts filled with gratitude and hope - through the merits of our great and only Savior, the God-man, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon:

Leviticus 16:30

On that day, the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has atoned for our sins and cleansed us from them all.

Pastor: How has He made atonement for you?

Congregation: He has placed our sins on the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.

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

Pastor: 1 Cor 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Congregation: Holy Lord God, hear our words of thanks for sending us your Spirit, and that he now resides in us. Help us to follow him in all our thoughts, words, and actions, so that we would live to your glory. May He cause the love of Christ to shine forth from us. Through Christ our Lord. 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: We Are God's People

#355

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 73. Which is the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment is: *You shall not steal.*^[a]

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment requires us to obtain lawfully, and to further, the wealth and material well-being of ourselves and others.^[a]

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment forbids whatever does or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth and material well-being.^[a]

Song: Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer
Our Savior our friend
Creator of the universe
Your goodness knows no end
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
Oh God

Oh God our Deliverer
And Lord of all grace
How can I stand in silence
When the heavens sing Your praise
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed

In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 6

Psalter: Ps 7:9-17 (Tune Toulon #169)

O Let the evil of the wicked cease,
But every righteous one establish firm,
For You it is Who tries the minds and hearts;
Righteous God, You are the Judge of men.

My shield and my defense is found with God,
For He it is Who saves the right in heart.
A righteous judge, God judges righteously,
And God is filled with anger ev'ry day.

If one does not repent, God whets His sword;
He has His bow already strung and bent.
He has prepared His instruments of death;
He makes His arrows fiery, deadly shafts.

See how the wicked evil thoughts conceives,
Is pregnant with ill will, and brings forth lies.
He digs a pit, but stumbles in himself;
On his own head his plotted malice falls.

I will give thanks to Him Who is the LORD
According to His perfect righteousness:
And I will sing with psalms for evermore
The name of Him Who is the LORD Most High.

Epistle: 2 Thes 3:10-18

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed.

Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Sermon: The Offering of the Gentiles Romans 15:14-21
[Licentiate RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: When This Passing World Is Done
Cup: I Will Boast in the Cross

#545

God did not call us because we were wise
Or gifted with riches and might
His chosen ones are the weak in this world
Who hope in His all saving name,
That He might receive all the praise.

Chorus

So I will boast in the cross of Christ
And I will glory in Jesus and His sacrifice.
I will boast in the cross of Christ.
It is the power; it is the wisdom of God
And my great ransom, the cross of Christ.

Great is the mystery of God's sovereign ways
That flow from the depths of His grace.
That He would give up His one precious Son
To bear all the cost of my sin,
Is a wonder I can't comprehend.
(Chorus)

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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