

October 27, 2024  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
Invocation

#92

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, how can we stand before you with many offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to amaze us today.**

**We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus we have mocked your gospel.**

**We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency.**

**We have not y loved your Church that you brought with your own blood.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world all around us.**

**Lord, it is only because of your compassion through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed.**

**We come to you renouncing, condemning, loathing our sin, but boldly hoping in the grace that flows even to the chief of sinners, so that, in Christ, we might become the righteousness of God.**

**Help us to fully believe the gospel for Christ's sake and pursue holiness for your glory! Through Christ our complete and perfect Savior, Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Eph 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

**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!**

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: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#342

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?

**The ninth commandment is: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

**The ninth commandment requires us to maintain and promote truth between men, and our own and our neighbour's good name,<sup>[a]</sup> especially when called upon to bear witness.<sup>[b]</sup>**

Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

**The ninth commandment forbids whatever misrepresents truth, or is injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Song: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks unto the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Repeat

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 7:30-60

Psalter: Ps 9 O Lord Most High

#48

Epistle: 1 Tim 1:12-20

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.

**But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

**But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.**

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience.**

By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,

**among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

Sermon: Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles Romans 15:17-21  
[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: Not All the Blood of Beasts

#242

Cup: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my Light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save;  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay;  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day;  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory,  
Sins curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the powr of Christ I'll stand.

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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