

November 3, 2024
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: O God of Mercy God of Might (Tune Greenwell #459)

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

Gal 5:19-21

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

Congregation: The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Gracious God and heavenly Father we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved you with all of our soul nor have we loved you with all of our mind. We know this is the greatest commandment and in not keeping it we recognize and confess that we are great sinners. We have loved ourselves before our neighbor and you. Our agenda, our demands, our comfort and pleasures are so often more important to us than your will and your glory. Though we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, we still bear the scars of Adam in our everyday lives. Help us! Grant us your mercy. Help us to see the Gospel more clearly and the Christ of that Gospel most clearly. May the love, mercy and truth of our blessed Savior transform us from the inside out. Make our lives a light before the fallen world, through Jesus our only 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: I Sought the Lord

#466

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.^[a]

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,^[a] especially when called upon to bear witness.^[b]

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.^[a]

Song: Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

(Repeat)

Great are you, Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord and worthy of praise!
Great are you, Lord; We lift up our voice,
we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 8:1-17

Psalter: Ps 10:1-9 (Tune Communion #428)

Why do You stand so far away, O LORD?
Why do You hide Yourself in troublous times?
In arrogance the wicked trap the poor;
Let them be caught in schemes they have devised.

The wicked boasts about his heart's desires;
The covetous renounces, spurns the LORD.
In pride the wicked see no need to seek;
In all his thoughts he says, "There is no God."

He's self-assured, Your judgments far from him.
At all his foes he only puffs in scorn.
In heart he thinks, "I never shall be moved;
Through ages all no evil shall I meet."

His mouth is filled with oaths and lies and threats:
Beneath his tongue are evil thoughts and deeds.
He sits in ambush 'mid the village homes;
The innocent he murders secretly.

In stealth he watches for some hapless one.
He like a lion crouches in his den.
He hides himself that he may seize the poor;
To seize the poor he traps him in his net.

Epistle: 1 Tim 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Sermon: Perfect Love Drives Out Fear

1 John 4:13-21

Lord's Supper

Bread: Arise My Soul Arise

#305

Cup: Depth of Mercy

Depth of Mercy! Can there be

Mercy reaching even me?
God, the just, his wrath forbears,
Me, the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed
From his kind and perfect ways,
Making clear my desp'rate need
For his blood poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own
All the wrongs that I have done.
Let me just my sins deplore,
Look to you and sin no more.
There, for me, the Savior stands
Holding forth his wounded hands,
Scars which ever cry for me
Once condemned but now set free

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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