

November 17, 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: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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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:

**Father we are guilty of duplicity – a cursed duplicity. We try to serve you, but we mix that service up with serving all sorts of other gods. Our hearts are not pure; our love is not complete, and we are not holy as you are. We confess that we are often interested in serving ourselves and our peace and comfort. We do not regard you as the Creator and Sustainer as we ought. We are deficient in acknowledging you as Redeemer! We need your forgiveness!**

**Purge this folly from us, and grant us the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins accomplished for us only in the blood of Christ. May your grace be shed abroad in our hearts so that we will live grateful and obedient lives focused on your glory as our greatest good – through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 103:2-4

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

**Congregation: We give praise to God for the abundance of His blessings. For His forgiveness, healing, redemption, and compassion.**

Pastor: How has He shown you compassion?

**Congregation: He cast all our sins into the depths of the sea in the death of His Son (Micah 7:19).**

All: **Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.**

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Congregation: We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to you commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings**

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: Victory in Jesus (HWC #473)

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 79. Which is the tenth commandment?

**The tenth commandment is: You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or his donkey, or anything which belongs to your neighbour.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 80. What is required in the tenth commandment?

**The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition,<sup>[a]</sup> and a right and charitable attitude toward our neighbour and all that is his.<sup>[b]</sup>**

Q. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

**The tenth commandment forbids all discontent with our own state;<sup>[a]</sup> envying and grieving at the good of our neighbour, together with all ungoverned longings and desires for things that belong to him.<sup>[b]</sup>**

Song: Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died,  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death?  
Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King;  
Christ, Christ He is risen.

#### CHORUS

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!  
Oh, sing hallelujah.  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;  
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,  
They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen,  
Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,  
They preached the truth and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life, life everlasting.

#### CHORUS

The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace;

Go tell of His goodness.

CHORUS

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 9:1-22

Psalter: Ps 11 (Tune Terra Beta, #111)

My trust is in the LORD;  
How can you say to me,  
"Now like a bird from peril haste  
And to your mountain flee!  
The wicked bend the bow  
With arrow fixed for flight,  
And stealthily in darkness go  
The true in heart to smite.

"Foundations are destroyed!  
What can the righteous try?"  
The LORD is in His holy place;  
The LORD'S throne is on high.  
His eyes will surely see,  
His eyelids try men's sons.  
The LORD tries just and wicked men;  
His soul hates cruel ones.

Upon all wicked men  
He'll rain entangling snares.  
Brimstone and fire and burning wind  
He for their cup prepares.  
For righteous is the LORD,  
And He loves righteousness;  
And every one who upright is  
Will see His gracious face.

Epistle: 1 Tim 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.

**Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife,**  
sober-minded, self-controlled,

**respectable, hospitable, able to teach,**

not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

**He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if  
someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?**

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

**Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a  
snare of the devil.**

Sermon: Faith Is the Victory

1 John 5:1-5

Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Cup: Selected Scripture

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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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