

Feb 23, 2025
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: How Firm a Foundation
Invocation

#94

The Law of Christ:

Rom 12:10-18

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

Congregation: Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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Corporate Confession of sin:

Great Shepherd of the sheep, we confess our lack of trust, our anxiety despite your assurance, our restlessness despite your offered peace, our covetousness despite your abundant provision, our never believing we have enough. Father please forgive our sin and rebellion. Our only hope is in the merits of your Son and our Great Savior. Please forgive us and renew us that we may so rely on your faithfulness as to pursue a new obedience and find freedom to be generous givers and grateful stewards of your bounty - Through Jesus the great lover of our souls. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: 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.²⁵ 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: O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

#535

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 91. How do the sacraments become effective means of salvation?

The sacraments become effective means of salvation not because of any power in them or in him who administers them, but only by the blessing of Christ and the working of his Spirit in those who receive them in faith.^[a]

Q. 92. What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a holy ordinance appointed by Christ,^[a] by which, by visible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed and applied to believers.^[b]

Q. 93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

The sacraments of the New Testament are, two only, Baptism,^[a] and the Lord's Supper,^[b] /and these take the place of Circumcision and the Passover in the Old Testament./

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 17

Psalter: Ps 21:7-13 (Tune Forrest Green #119)

Because the king trusts in the LORD,
Through cov'nant love that's proved,
Through grace of Him Who is Most High,
The king shall not be moved.

Thy hand shall reach to ev'ry man
Who is thine enemy,
And thy right hand shall find out all
Who hate thee needlessly.

For thou wilt make them blaze as fire
In presence of thy power.
The LORD shall swallow them in wrath;
The fire shall them devour.
Their offspring thou wilt strike from earth,
Their seed from sons of men.
Their evil plans, their cunning plots
Against thee are in vain.

For thou wilt make them turn their back;
Thou wilt thine arrows place
Upon thy strings, in readiness
To fly against their face.
In Thine omnipotence, O LORD,
Exalt Thyself on high;
Then we shall sing; with psalms of praise
Thy might we glorify.

Epistle: 2 Tim 2:11-19

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,

and their talk will spread like gangrene.

Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened.

They are upsetting the faith of some.

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his,"

and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

Sermon: Crushing Satan Romans 16:17-23

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

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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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