

March 2, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 138:1-2 I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
Invocation

#38

The Law of Christ: The Law of Christ: Col 3:8-9

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

**Congregation: But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Almighty and Holy God you are the great and awesome Creator You have made all things for your own glory including mankind, but we have taken your creation and used it for our glory. We have hoarded, stolen, and abused your creation. We have used it to boast and gloat over others. We have withheld it from those in need. We have worshipped and served the creature rather than you, the Blessed Creator.**

**We have allowed our minds to drift away from you; and because of things that have happened in our lives we have also allowed our minds to doubt your love for us. We are vile sinners – in constant need of your grace.**

**Thank you for loving us in Christ despite our rebellion. Thank you for dealing with us according to your own loving kindness and not according to our performance. Build our faith in Christ so that we will live in greater faithfulness to you. Through Christ our only Savior and Hope. 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: Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Congregation: We praise you for the position we have in Christ. We pray that our lives will reflect him in all we do. Thank you that in Christ we too have died to sin. Help us to set our minds on the heavenly things so that we would love you above all and our neighbors as ourselves.**

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: How Great Thou Art

#44

Confession of Faith: 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.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 92. What is a sacrament?

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

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

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

Song: Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to You,  
O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to You among the nations.  
For Your steadfast love is great,  
Is great to the heavens;  
And Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Your glory be over all the earth.  
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Let Your glory be over all the earth.  
Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 18:1-16

Psalter: Ps 22 My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me

#79

Epistle: 2 Tim 2:19-26

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."

**Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.**

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

**So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.**

Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

**And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.**

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

**and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**

Sermon: Doxology

Romans 16:25-27

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#304

Cup: 'Tis finished' The Messiah Dies

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies.

Cut off for sins, but not His own

Accomplished is the sacrifice,

The great redeeming work is done.

'Tis finished! all the debt is paid:

Justice divine is satisfied;

The grand and full atonement made;

God for a guilty world hath died.

The veil is rent in Christ alone:

The living way to Heaven is seen,

The middle wall is broken down,

And all mankind may enter in.

The types and figures are fulfilled;

Exacted is the legal pain:

The precious promises are sealed.

The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

The reign of sin and death is o'er,

And all may live from sin set free,-

Satan hath lost his mortal power.

'Tis swallowed up in victory.

Saved from the legal curse I am,

My Savior hangs on yonder tree'

See there the meek, expiring Lamb'

'Tis finished! He expires for me.

Accepted in the Well-beloved.

And clothed in righteousness divine.

I see the bar to heaven removed:  
And all Thy merits, Lord. are mine.  
Death, hell. and sin are now subdued:  
All grace is now to sinners given.  
And lo, I plead the atoning blood,  
And in Thy right I claim Thy Heaven'

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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