

June 1, 2025
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: Lord with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee
Invocation

#80

The Law of Christ:

John 13:34-35

Pastor: Jesus our Savior summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Great forgiving God of Grace, we come to you to humbly to confess our sin. We are sinners by birth, and by choice. We know that the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that we do not do what we want. There is a desire in our new hearts to serve you but we find a different desire present in us. We have followed too much the desires that lead away from you. We have sinned! We thank you that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for us in order to present us faultless before you. O Holy Spirit continue to renew us into the image of our blessed Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus through whose merits we pray. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has liberated us from our trespasses.

Pastor: How has He freed you from your trespasses?

Congregation: He has canceled the record of debt that stood against us, having crucified it in Christ at the cross (Col 2:14).

All: Praise and glory be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of your Holy Spirit and faith in You. Amen.

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: Rejoice the Lord Is King

#310

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth request?

In the sixth request (which is, *And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one*) we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin,^[a] or support and deliver us when we are tempted.^[b]

Q. 107. What does the conclusion attached to the Lord's Prayer teach us?*

The conclusion attached to the Lord's Prayer (which is, *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever, Amen*) teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only,^[a] and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him.^[b] And in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.^[c]

Song: He Will Hold Me

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 26:1-15

Psalter: Ps 35:1-8 (Tune Sweet Hour, #634)

Plead; LORD, against contending foes,
And fight with them who fight with me.
Take hold of buckler and of shields
Rise up and my defender be
Draw out the spear and stop the way
Against the men pursuing me;
and to my soul in mercy say,
"Lam salvation unto Thee."

Let those who seek to take my soul
Themselves be humbled, shamed of face;
Let them be thwarted and turned back
Who are devising my disgrace
Let them be chaff before the wind,
Jehovah's angel driving them,
All dark and slipp'ry be their way,

Jehovah's angel chasing them.

Without a cause their net they hid
To take me in the pit prepared,
Without a cause they dug a pit
In which my soul might be ensnared
Let him the unexpected meet;
Let him be caught within the snare
Which he has spread for other feet,
And fall to desolation there.

Epistle: Heb 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
**but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.**

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Sermon: Samson Part 2 Judges 15-16

Lord's Supper

Bread: As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised

#506

Cup: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to Glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,

His wounds have paid my ransom. (repeat)

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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