

August 10, 2025
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 68:26
Praise God in the great congregation; praise the LORD in the assembly

Hymn: Our God Our Help in Ages Past
Invocation

#30

The Law of Christ: Matt. 5:46-48

Pastor: Our blessed Lord Jesus summarized the moral law of God by saying:

Congregation: If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

Corporate Confession of sin: *From the Book of Common Prayer*

Most merciful God, you are of purer eyes than to look on iniquity, and have promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before you in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many sins. O gracious Father, who does not desire the death of a sinner, look upon us in mercy, as we acknowledge all our sins. Make us deeply aware of the great evil of them, and work in us a heartfelt contrition, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Eph 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

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: Not What My Hands Have Done

#461

Confession of faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong--body and soul, in life and in death--to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song: The Wonder of Your Mercy, Lord

Chorus:

The wonder of your mercy, Lord
The beauty of your grace;
That you would even pardon me
And bring me to this place.
I stand before your holiness,
I can only stand amazed.
The sinless Savior died to make
A Covenant of Grace.

I only want to serve you,
Bring honor to your name,
And though I've often failed you,
Your faithfulness remains.
I'll glory in my weakness,
That I might know your strength;
I will live my life at the cross of Christ
And raise a banner to proclaim

Chorus

You welcome us before you,
Into this holy place,
The brilliance of your glory
Demands our endless praise.
The one and only Savior

Has opened heaven's doors;
We can enter in free from all our sin,
By your cleansing sacrifice.

Chorus

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 5:27-48

Psalter: Ps 45 My Heart Does Overflow

#169

Epistle: Heb 6:1-10

Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

And this we will do if God permits.

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,

and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.

But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things--things that belong to salvation.

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Sermon: The Lord Added to Their Number

Acts 2:42-47

Lord's Supper

Bread: Christ Shall Have Dominion

#439

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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