

Sept 14, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 106:48

Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD.

Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Mark 12:31

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

**Congregation: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

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

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. 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 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: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us. 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: Am I a Soldier of the Cross

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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: I Stand in Awe of You

You are beautiful beyond description,  
too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension,  
like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom,  
who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description,  
majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You,  
I stand, I stand in awe of You;  
Holy God, to Whom all praise is due,  
I stand in awe of You.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 8:1-13

Psalter: Ps 49:1-9 Tune Mercy #673)

Hear this, all ye peoples, hear;  
Earth's inhabitants, give ear;  
All of high and low degree,  
Rich and poor, give ear to me:

For my mouth shall wisdom speak:  
Knowledge with my heart I'll seek,

Lend to parables my ear,  
With the harp make dark things clear.

Why should I to fear give way  
When I see the evil day,  
When with wickedness my foes  
Shall surround me and oppose?

They that trust in treasured gold,  
Though they boast of wealth untold,  
None can bid his brother live,  
None to God a ransom give;

Life's redemption—high its price!  
Nothing can for it suffice,  
That from death one should be free  
And corruption never see.

Epistle: Heb 9:1-10

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness.

**For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place.**

Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.

**Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat.**

Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

**These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties,**

but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

**By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age).**

According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,

**but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.**

Sermon: Lord Consider Their Threats

Acts 4:23-31

Lord's Supper

Bread: He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

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Cup: I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer

Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm, held by His grace  
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I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold

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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