

September 28, 2025
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 104:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising
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:

O Lord our God you are genuine and true – always. We are not. We tend to say one thing and do another. We hide behind sham and faking. We are guilty of forms of hypocrisy that we are still unaware of. You know us inside and out and you are fully aware of all those times we judge others and do the same things. Lord we are sinners and have been from the beginning of our lives. Our only hope is in the sacrifice and genuine righteousness of your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we find salvation; so in Him forgive us and renew us. Turn us from hypocrisy to integrity. May we embrace and live the truth of Christ in all we do.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12, 14 When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has made us perfect before Him.

Pastor: How has He made you perfect?

Congregation: By Christ's single sacrifice for all my sins.

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our High Priest, and the Holy Spirit our Witness.

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 your 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: We Come O Christ to You

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Confession of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism Q2

Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Song:

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 9:1-13

Psalter: Ps 51 God Be Merciful to Me

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Epistle: Heb 9:22-28

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Sermon: Paul's Prayer, Part 1

Eph 1:15-28

Lord's Supper

Bread: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

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Cup: Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side,

To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Chorus O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the Holy Lamb of God,
 O wash me in His precious blood,
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus
I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and Rod
And to be called the lamb of God.

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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