

October 12, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 149:1 Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Hymn: Like a River Glorious  
Invocation

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The Law of Christ: Eph 4:31-32

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

Congregation: **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin: - General Confession from the Book of Common Prayer

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we ought to have done, and we have done those things, which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may, from this time onward, live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: 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: John 3:17-21

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Congregation: **We give thanks to you, Heavenly Father, for sending your Son into this world to be the Light to us. We pray that we will live according to that light and do things that are true, thereby and demonstrating that you are at work in us by your Holy Spirit**

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: Thy Works Not Mine O Christ

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Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q5

5. Q. Can you keep all this perfectly?

**A. No,[1] I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbour.**

Song: I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,  
But You clothed Yourself in frail humanity.  
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,  
But You let me hear Your voice calling me, and ...

I'm forever grateful to You,  
I'm forever grateful for the cross.  
I'm forever grateful to You,  
That you came ... to seek and save the lost.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 9:27-38

Psalter: Ps 53 (Tune: Dennis, # 359)

"There is no God," has said  
The foolish in his heart;  
Corrupt are they; their works are vile;  
They all from good depart.

Upon the sons of men  
God looked from heav'n abroad,  
To see if any understood,  
If any sought for God.

Together all are vile;  
They all are backward gone;  
And there is none that doeth good,  
No, not so much as one.

Have men that evil work  
No knowledge gained at all,  
Who eat my people as their bread,  
And on God do not call?

Great terror on them came,  
And they were much dismayed,  
Although there was no cause why they  
Should be at all afraid.

His bones who thee besieged  
God has dispersed abroad;  
Thou hast them put to shame, because  
They were despised of God.

Let Is-r'el's help arise  
From Zion! God will bring  
His captives! Jacob shall rejoice,  
And Is-ra-el shall sing.

Epistle: Heb 10:11-25

And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.

**For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.**

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And upon their mind I will write them," *He then says,*

**"And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."**

Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.

**Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,** and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.**

Sermon: Paul's Prayer, Part 2

Eph 1:19-23

Hymn: Hark the Voice of Love and Mercy

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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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