

March 8, 2026
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Hymn: Our God Our Help in Ages Past
Invocation

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The Law of Christ

Matt 22:37-39

Pastor: The Lord Jesus Christ 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.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

From the 1585 Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate.

I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal (silent)

1 John 1:8-9

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: 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: Who Is on the Lord's Side

#587

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q 25

25. Q. Since there is only one God, why do you speak of three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because God has so revealed Himself in His Word that these three distinct persons are the one, true, eternal God.

Song: All That I Need

All that is good; all that is right;
All that is truth, justice and light;
All that is pure, holy indeed,
All that is You, is all that I need.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Matt 22:1-22

1 Psalter: Ps 53 (Tune Leominster, #169)

"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.

Epistle: James 2:12-26

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder!

Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"-and he was called a friend of God.

You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Sermon: Iconium, et.al.

Acts 14

Lord's Supper

Bread: What Wondrous Love Is This

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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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