

April 12, 2026
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Hymn: Exalt the Lord His Praise Proclaim
Invocation

#12

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: *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: Ps 103:2-4

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

Congregation: We give praise to God for the abundance of His blessings. For His forgiveness of all our sins.

Pastor: What has He done with your sins?

Congregation: He has trampled them underfoot at the cross of Christ (Micah 7:19).

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor.

Pastor: Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Congregation: **We praise you for the position we have in Christ. We pray that our lives will reflect him in all we do. Thank you that in Christ we too have died to sin. Help us to set our minds on the heavenly things so that we would love you above all and our neighbors as ourselves.**

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 Rest on Thee

#449

Confession of Faith: Q 29 Heidelberg Catechism

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Saviour?

A. Because He saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

Song: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain,
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign;
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was cru – ci – fied;
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign
at your Fa - ther's side.

Chorus:

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r"
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lord's"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;
For the Father has told us, for these you have died,
For the nations who gather before You.
And ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was cru – ci – fied;
Who rose from the grave and was raised up to reign,
At His Fathers side.

(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 1

Psalter: PS 57 (Tune: Germany #520)

Thy mercy, God, to me extend;
On Thy protection I depend,
And to Thy wings for shelter haste
Until this storm be overpast.

To Him I will in trouble cry,
The sovereign Judge and God most high,
Who wonders hath for me begun,
And will not leave His work undone.

For He from heav'n shall quell the power
Of him who would my life devour;
Forth shall His truth and mercy send,
And my distracted soul defend.

For I with cru-el men converse,
Like hungry lions wild and fierce;
With men whose teeth are spears, their words
Envenomed darts and two-edg'd swords.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And, as Thy glory fills the sky;
So be it o're the earth displayed;
And Thou as there be here obeyed.

Epistle: James 4:8-17

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Be wretched and mourn and weep.

Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers.

The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law.

But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy.

But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"-- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring.

What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

As it is, you boast in your arrogance.

All such boasting is evil.

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Sermon: 2nd Missionary Journey

Acts 15:35-16:12

Lord's Supper

Bread: Thy Works Not Mine O Christ

#524

Cup: He Will Hold Me

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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
Postlude

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