

June 28, 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: Lift High the Cross
Invocation

#263

The Law of Christ: 1 Thess. 5:15-22

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

Congregation: Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

My Heavenly Father, If your mercy had bounds, where would my refuge be from your just anger? But your love in Christ is without measure.

Therefore I present myself to you with sins - the things I have done which You have forbidden and the things you have commanded me to do which I have left undone-sins against you My Father

sins against you, My Savior and Redeemer

sins against you and your work, O Holy Spirit

sins against my own conscience

sins against the teachings of your word

sins against my neighbors, my family, and myself

Do not enter into judgment against me, for I plead no righteousness of my own. But your only Son has been my sacrifice and has granted me his righteous merit. So my only plea is your boundless mercy and your limitless love - through Jesus, Your Son and my Savior. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 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: Take up Your Cross the Savior Said

#610

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #40

Q. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble Himself even unto death?

A. Because of the justice and truth of God satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.

Song: Nothing but the Blood

#307

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 6:35 -56

Psalter: Ps 68 (Tune Melita, #322)

#71

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:1-6

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Sermon: Paul Speaks to the Crowd

Acts 21:37-22:29

Lord's Supper

Bread: No Not Despairingly Come I to Thee

#495

Cup: Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one may go free?

Chorus: Amazing love, O what sacrifice!
 The Son of God, giv'n for me.
 My debt He pays, and my death He dies
 That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected.
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me.

Chorus

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers.
Come wash your guilt away...live again!

Chorus

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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