

August 16, 2026
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Invocation

#32

The Law of Christ: Col 3:1-2 & 5-6

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

Congregation: Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things... Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Gracious God and heavenly Father we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved you with all of our soul nor have we loved you with all of our mind. We know this is the greatest commandment and in not keeping it we recognize and confess that we are great sinners. We have loved ourselves before our neighbor and you. Our agenda, our demands, our comfort and pleasures are so often more important to us than your will and your glory. Though we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, we still bear the scars of Adam in our everyday lives. Help us! Grant us your mercy. Help us to see the Gospel more clearly and the Christ of that Gospel most clearly. May the love, mercy and truth of our blessed Savior transform us from the inside out. Make our lives a light before the fallen world, through Jesus our only 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: The Loving Kindness Lord Is Good and Free

#607

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #47

47. Q. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as He has promised us?

A. Christ is true man and true God. With respect to His human nature He is no longer on earth, but with respect to His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit He is never absent from us.

Song: I then shall live.

I then shall live.

As one whose been forgiven.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father.

I am his child and I am not afraid.

So greatly pardoned I'll forgive my brother

The Law of love I gladly will obey

I then shall live

as one whose learned compassion.

I've been so loved

That I'll risk loving too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges

I'll dare to see another's point of view

And when relationships demand commitment

Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me

your power and glory, let them shine through me

Your hallowed name, Oh may I bear with honor

And may your living kingdom come in me

THE BREAD OF LIFE! Oh May I share with honor

And may you feed a hungry world through me

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 10:28-45

Psalter: Ps 76 God Is Known among His People

#66

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:9-14

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God;

whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Sermon: Festus and Agrippa

Acts 25-26

Lord's Supper

Bread: Shepherd of Souls

#424

Cup: My Hope Rests Firm

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ,
He is my only plea.
Though all the world should point and scorn,
His ransom leaves me free;
His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive
And strain towards the goal;
Though still I stumble into sin,
His death paid for it all;
His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur
To help me run this race:
I know my tears will turn to joy
The day I see his face;
The day I see his face.

My hope is to be with my Lord,
To know as I am known;
To serve Him gladly all my days
In praise before His throne;
In praise before His throne.

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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