

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

24 August 2025

Prayer for Silent Meditation

We encourage you to use the moments preceding the commencement of holy worship in quiet meditation and preparation. Toward that end we offer the prayer below as food for thought.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you. Bring the nations into your fold. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all flesh. Hasten the coming of your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

* **Apostolic Salutation** * *Congregation Standing*
Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*
People: *And grace be with you.*

* **Call to Worship** *Psalms 147, #839-40*

* **Hymn** Rise Again, Ye Lionhearted, see insert

* **The Law of God** *Genesis 17:1-14*

Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*
O God, guide of our youth, light of the blind, teacher of the ignorant: You enlighten the simple, lead the wanderer back into the right path, and draw praise from the mouths of children. In the light of these truths, we confess our proneness to sin and willful disobedience, knowing that the penitent fully framed in accounts made complete will find forgiveness made complete in the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. Teach us your ways and draw us away from the paths of the world. Tarry not, so that we may make haste; we give you humble thanks for no longer leaving us in the world and in sin. Our Savior and God, by pouring your grace into our souls, make our hearts desire you, and in desiring, seek you, and in seeking, find you, and in finding, love you more. Amen. *Pierre Jurieu AD 1637-1713, French Huguenot Pastor*

* **Assurance of Pardon**
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1:13-14*

Minister: *Herein is the pardon of the Savior.*
People: *Thanks be to You, O Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

* **Hymn** O Worship the King, #2

* **Hymn** Great is Thy Faithfulness, #32

* **The Word of God**
Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 57:14-21*
New Testament Lesson *Romans 9:1-5*
Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
People: *Thanks be to You, O God.*

* **Gloria Patri** #735

Prayer for the Sermon
O God, whose name is holy of itself, we pray that it may be hallowed also by us. To this end help us, O blessed Father in heaven, that your Word may be taught in truth and purity and that we, as your children, may lead holy lives in accordance with it. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen. *Martin Luther, AD 1483 - 1546*

Sermon
Far/Near *Ephesians 2:11-13*

Response to the Word of God

The Lord's Supper
Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Merciful God and Father, whose grace abounds beyond all our sins, we pray that in this Supper, in which we commemorate the death of your dear Son, you will so work in our hearts that we may yield ourselves ever more fully to Jesus Christ. May our contrite hearts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be nourished and refreshed with His body and blood in the bread and wine, yea, with Him, true God and man, the only heavenly bread, so that we may no longer live in our sins, but he in us and we in him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Psalter Hymnal of the Christian Reformed Church, AD 1959*

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ
Minister: *He is risen!*
People: *He is risen, indeed!*

* **Hymn** Psalm 125

Prayer for Alms and Offerings
* We Give Thee But Thine Own #432

* **Our Mutual Confession of Faith**
The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XIX,
Of the Law of God, Sections 3 & 4 #859-60

* **Doxology** #731

* **Benediction**

* **Threefold Amen** #740

Sermon Outline

Far/Near

Ephesians 2:11-13

- I. Far/Near: Excluded from the Covenant of Circumcision Made with Abraham, We Gentiles Were Far from God. *v11*

- II. Far/Near: Being Far from Christ and His Covenant Benefits Then, We Found Ourselves Without God and Hope. *v12*

- III. Far/Near: Now, Owing to the Universal Redemptive Labors of Christ, We Find Ourselves Brought Near. *v12*

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This is what the LORD says
Stand at the crossroads and look
ask for the ancient paths
ask where the good way is and walk in it
and you will find rest for your souls
Jeremiah 6:16

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