The Worship of God

Salem Church, Sunday, November 8, 2026

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalms 95:6-7 *LSB*

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before Yahweh our Maker**.**

For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

"Come, Thou Almighty King" 101

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own,[1] but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,[2] to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.[3] He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.[5] He also preserves me in such a way[6] that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;[7] indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.[8] Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life[9] and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.[10]

[1] I Cor. 6:19, 20 [2] Rom. 14:7-9. [3] I Cor. 3:23; Tit. 2:14. [4] I Pet. 1:18, 19; I John 1:7; 2:2. [5] John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14, 15; I John 3:8. [6] John 6:39, 40; 10:27-30; II Thess. 3:3; I Pet. 1:5. [7] Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18. [8] Rom. 8:28. [9] Rom. 8:15, 16; II Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13, 14. [10] Rom. 8:14.

What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

First, how great my sins and misery are;[1] second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;[2] third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.[3]

[1] Rom. 3:9, 10; I John 1:10. [2] John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43. [3] Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; I Pet. 2:9, 10.

The Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Psalter - Psalm 64A "God, Hear My Voice"

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 3:13-35

Gloria Patria 735

Scripture Reading and Message: James 4:1-10 "Humble Yourselves Before the Lord"

"Fairest Lord Jesus" 170

The Lord's Supper

Benediction

Doxology 731

Questions for Reflection and Conversation

1) Do you have quarrels and conflicts with others? With whom? How intense do the quarrels get? Would anyone describe you as a person prone to quarrel or oppose?
2) Is not the source of your quarrels and conflicts your lusts that war within your members? What inordinate desires do you have? What do you love in the world?
3) How can one discern whether his pleasure with something is a healthy appreciation and interest or lust?
4) What is your view of those who have what you want? Do you struggle with envy? Over what?
5) What is part of the solution according to vv2b-3? Whom is James saying we should ask? What would be a wrong motive in asking? What would be a right motive?
6) How is a hedonist an adulteress? Who is our real groom? Have you tried to be a friend of the world and of God simultaneously? What was it like?
7) What will happen to the enemies of God?
8) Verses 6 -10 list a number of solutions to the problem. What are they?
9) What are you doing with your hands or another part of your body that you need to stop? In what area do you need to purify your heart?
10) What should you do to become single-minded towards God.
11) How does the corporate body humble itself in the presence of the Lord? What does it mean that God will exalt us?

Announcements

- Following worship today, we will have 2nd Sunday Lunch. Please stay and enjoy a meal and fellowship.
- Men's Prayer Meeting is 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Buis residence, 1701 Mandeville Rd, Bremen, GA 30110.