

SAUL to PAUL



*From Persecutor
to Christ Follower*

GOD CAN BE
GLORIFIED
EVEN THROUGH
OUR ENEMIES—
AS GOD
TRANSFORMS THEM
FOR HIS GOSPEL

*3rd Sunday
after Pentecost*

*Thursday, June 2, and
Sunday, June 5, 2016*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: John Kozlik
Comm./Asst. Elder: Tim Faitsch
Acolytes: Joshua Leicht, Logan Rosenthal
Ushers: Karen Kozlik, Lori Hoornstra
Lay Readers: John Zilligen, Bill Schwartz

Greeters: Rosenthal Family,
Faitsch Family
June Altar Guild: Sheila Bunnell
June Counters: Dave Ross

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Mike Bandman
Randy Gifford
Alyssa Buttler, Ellie Maag
JJ Jones, Nicole Creamer
Bob Paulson, John Paulson,
Dave Hoffmeister
Mary Kay Anderson,
Paul & Susan Boardman
Margie Tatgenhorst
Cheryl Ross

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Bill and Lynda Oesterreich in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

DAILY PRAYER



This service is based on Morning Prayer and Matins in Lutheran Service Book.

Invocation Verse

LSB 816, st. 1

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation and Opening Sentences

LSB 219

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: *And my mouth will declare Your praise.*

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: *make haste to help me, O Lord.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.*

Venite Verse ("O Come, Let Us Worship")

LSB 816, st. 3

3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Te Deum ("You are God")

LSB 939

P: All of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

**C: Alleluia. You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we acclaim You.
You are the eternal Father; all creation worships You.**

P: Father, of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship;
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free, You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated God's right hand in glory.

We believe that You will come and be our judge.

Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price
of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross,
and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever;
who lives and reigns with You and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Verse of Praise by Those Delivered from Sin

LSB 816, st. 2

2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

Thursday

P: Let us pray together.

C: *My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have protected me, by Your grace. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.*

Sunday

P: Let us pray together.

C: *I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. Therefore, we earnestly implore You that by Your gracious working our enemies may be led to true repentance, may have the same love toward us as we have toward them, and may be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Scripture Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845

This hymn is newer for us as a congregation, but has a beautiful melody that carries words of the grace and love which flow through the Lord's disciples. We ask God to continually lead us by His Holy Spirit and reveal in us His forgiveness towards others—even our enemies—as He brings us together in fellowship.



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Today's Focus—Paul's Letter to the Galatians Galatians 1:11–24 (ESV)

¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:9, 11–17 (ESV)

[And the LORD said]:

⁹“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord.

¹¹On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain.

¹²But I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,
¹³those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:12–23, 27–28, 35–36(ESV)

¹²In these days [Jesus] went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

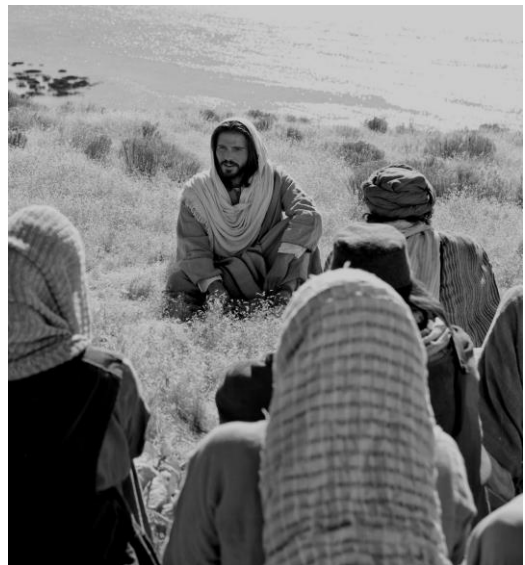
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.”

²⁷[And Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ³⁵Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Hymn of the Day

By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517 sts. 1, 12, 3



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 Praise for the light from heav - en And
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
for the voice of awe; Praise for the glo - rious
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
vi - sion The per - se - cu - tor saw. O
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
Lord, for Paul's con - ver - sion, We bless Your name to -
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



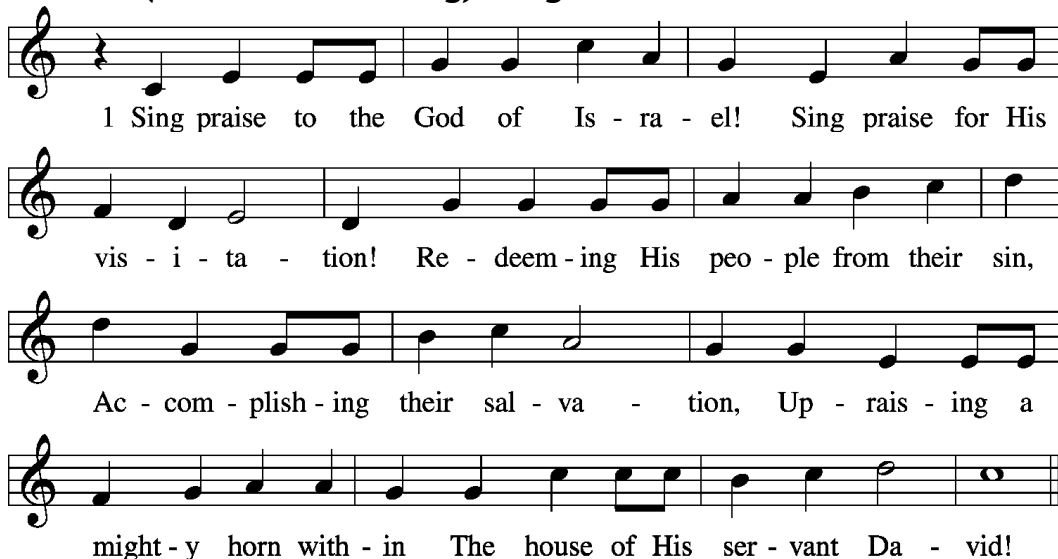
crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
day; Come shine with - in our dark - ness,
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect ed from Your throne.
And guide us on our way.
And praise to God a lone.

Sermon **“Glorifying God Because of My Enemy”** **Galatians 1:11-24**

Canticle (Luke 1:68-69 in song) Sing Praise to the God of Israel LSB 936 st. 1



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. —I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar) LSB 785, sts. 1&3



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

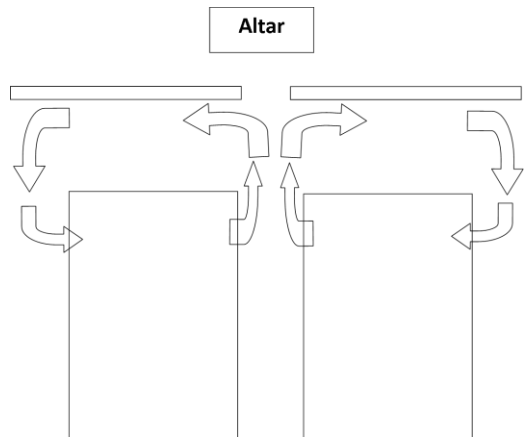
If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.

- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: We pray: Holy God, mighty Lord,

C: gracious Father:

P: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

C: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

P: Through Abraham, You promised to bless all nations.

Through the prophets, You renewed Your promise.

C: And now in these last days, You have sent Your Son.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup,

C: We remember the life our Lord offered for us.

P: And believing the witness of His resurrection and His promise to return again,

C: We wait to share in the great and promised feast.

P: Send now, we pray,

C: Your Holy Spirit,

P: So that we who receive the Lord's body and blood,

C: May receive Him with a living faith. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LSB 793



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Second Distribution Hymn**O Savior, Precious Savior**

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

LSB 769



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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