

A Series on Galatians

FAITH

in Christ means

FREEDOM

is an opportunity & responsibility to

LOVE

& serve our neighbors. (Galatians 5:13-14)

Christ Lutheran Church

Galatians 2:1-21

June 13, 2021

9:00am Worship Service

GATHERING

We gather together as God's people.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“God So Loved”

GREETING

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free.

All: And also with you. *(Galatians 1:3-4)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

All: throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

We hear God's Word for our lives & offer response.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

"Jesus Loves Me"

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SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:1-21

Paul and the Other Apostles

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us— ⁵ we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. ⁶ And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those leaders contributed nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just

as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

Paul Rebukes Peter at Antioch

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; ¹² for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³ And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Jews and Gentiles Are Saved by Faith

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Pastor: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Chad

SONG OF THE DAY

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, united in our faith, let us
confess the truth of the gospel using the words of the Apostles’
Creed. *(Galatians 2:5)*

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

THE MEAL

We receive the Lord's Supper as nourishment for our lives.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

(Luke 11:1-4)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: From all corners of the earth, Jesus invites everyone who hungers to this meal.

So share in this meal, you who have much faith, and
you who would like to have more.

Share in this meal, you who have received often, and
you who have not been for a long time.

Share in this meal, you who have tried to follow Jesus, and
You who feel you have failed.

Share in this meal, for Jesus, the risen Christ, invites us to meet God
here, and all of you are welcome.

All: Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions: We are receiving Communion today using a standing rotation and pre-packaged elements. You will come forward to receive your Communion at the altar. Pastor Chad will give you the package of bread and wine. You'll return to your seats with your sealed elements. At your seat, you will open it, eat and drink. Then you'll place your empty container in a bin located in each pew.

The Communion package has 2 openings to peel back. Peeling the bottom cover releases the bread, and the top seal opens the wine. If you would prefer a grape juice or gluten-free option, please just let the pastor know either before worship or as you receive it. The grape juice cups have a purple cross on them and the gluten-free are marked as such.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are also welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

“Remembrance (The Communion Song)”

BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts
through this feast of life and salvation.

**All: Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.
Amen.**

(Micah 6:8)

SENDING

Blessed & nourished by God, we are sent into the world to share God's love with others.

CALL TO FAITH, FREEDOM & LOVE

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another.

All: For the whole law can be summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Pastor: Live by the Spirit!

(Galatians 5:13-16)

All: Ok, we will!

Blessing for High School Seniors *Brett Albright*

SACRED PROMISES

Pastor: Today we celebrate with one of our graduating seniors and his family as he prepares to enter a new part of his life and spiritual journey. Will Brett and his family please come forward at this time? In Christian love you presented your child for Holy Baptism. In Baptism, sacred promises were made. As Brett's family, it was part of your calling to see that those sacred promises were kept:

To faithfully bring him to the services of God's house

To teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments

To place in his hands the Holy Scriptures

And to provide for his instruction in the Christian faith.

You have fulfilled those promises. We now ask you to covenant with this congregation for the ongoing support of this young man in his faith journey. Do you intend to routinely lift your child up in prayer? If so, answer,

Family: I do, and I ask God to help & guide me.

Pastor: Congregation, do you promise to support and encourage this family in the keeping of these sacred promises? If so, answer,

All: We will, with God's help.

Pastor: Brett, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people

To hear God's Word and share in His Supper

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, answer,

Senior: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: On this important day, the day when we mark your stepping into the world, we ask God's blessing on you and on the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Dear Holy Spirit, we ask your blessings on this young man as he enters a new period in his life of faith. Bless him and grant him your gifts: *joy* as he lives among your faithful people; *openness* in hearing your Word; and *thankfulness* in sharing your Supper; *eagerness* in sharing the good news of Christ through words and actions; *dedication* in serving all people following the example of the Lord Jesus; and a *hunger* for justice and peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSING QUILT

Pastor: At this time we invite the senior to kneel for the presentation of the Blessing Quilt.

Dear Friend in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. Very soon you will be launching

out to begin your new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church, and community. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember who you are and whose you are.

Parents, please wrap the quilt around your senior, place a hand on his shoulders, and say these words:

Parents: Precious child, we come this day to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and calling. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love, of joy, of forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift that you have been to our lives. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do you will always share a sacred space in our hearts. May this quilt remind you of our love and the warmth of this faith community, and on those nights when you wander far away and we cannot wrap you in our arms, may you wrap yourself in this quilt. Remember that we love you and know that in God's family you are never alone. We bless you, we honor you, we thank you for the gift you have been to us, and the gift we now give to the world through you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor: Brett, please rise. Now place the quilt and your hands on your parents' shoulders and bless them on their way by saying these words:

Senior: Mom and Dad, you have given me your heart and your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when times were difficult. I bless you this day for the sacrifices you have made to give me life. I thank God this day for the selflessness of your care for me. I honor you for your courage and patience, your wisdom and love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless and guide me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child. I thank God for blessing my life with and through you. I bless you, I honor you, and I thank you for the gift you have been to me, and the gift I now give to the world through you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**All: Wherever you wander, no matter how cold and dark the night,
may the warmth of this quilt, the love of your family, the grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ, the fellowship of His church, and the quiet
presence of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.**

CLOSING BLESSING

Pastor: Brett, I will now mark you with the sign of the cross on your forehead to remind you of your baptism. + Brett, may you be a powerful gift to the world as you find God's new calling for your life! Amen.

Pastor: Let's honor this senior we now send out into the world!
Congratulations!!!!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
and God, the Spirit of truth
bless you all, now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Let My Life Be Like A Love Song”

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Bear one another's burdens. *(Galatians 6:2)*

All: Let us not grow weary in doing what is right. *(Galatians 6:9)*

Pastor: Whenever you have an opportunity, work for the good of all.
(Galatians 6:10)

All: Let us live by the Spirit and be guided by the Spirit.
(Galatians 5:25)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

OFFERING

If you would like to give an offering today, there are 4 ways to do that:

1. Drop your money into the Offering Plate near the door as you arrive or as you leave.
2. Text GIVE to 833-613-0706 and follow the prompts.
3. Visit our website www.christ-lutheran.org and click the tab: Give Online.
4. Download the app called "Tithe.ly" and follow the instructions.



Thank you for your continued generosity during these times!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKBOOK UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the upcoming Christ Lutheran Cookbook. Kelsey Helmick has been hard at work collecting the recipes that you've been sending her. The deadline for submitting recipes to Kelsey is Wednesday, June 30th. Up until that date, you can still send them to her at helmickkelsey@gmail.com. Thanks!



ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is Saturday, June 26. We will be preparing & serving breakfast burritos for this meal. We need some volunteers to help with preparation at church on Friday, June 25 about 5:30pm. We'll be cooking eggs, sausage & rolling the burritos. We also need a larger crew of people willing to finish and serve the meal on Saturday morning about 7:00am at St. Paul's Lutheran (925 NW 40th).

Please contact Donn Bischoff or Rich Harder if you are willing to help at either time (and of course, you can also just show up last minute...but it really helps to have a headcount beforehand). Thank you!



NOISY OFFERING Today marks the return of the Noisy Offering. On the 2nd Sunday of every month, we do a little extra collection to help support our Human Needs Ministry. We encourage you to save up your spare change and bring it with you to worship on these 2nd Sundays for the children to collect during the Children's Message. It really does add up!

The Human Needs has a bulletin board located in the narthex. You are encouraged to check it out regularly so you can see what they are collecting at any given time.

The Human Needs ministry-of-the-month for June is the food pantry at Mision San Juan de Dios in Planeview. This food pantry has been birthed out of the mission congregation that we support and is run by Pastor Ivan Gonzalez. Our Noisy Offering this week will go to support the food pantry so that Pastor Ivan can purchase culturally appropriate food that his folks cannot find at other food pantries. Thank you so much for supporting this important ministry!



HOLY BAPTISMS



Last Sunday afternoon we had 4 baptisms and we officially welcomed these 4 wonderful people into our fellowship in the gospel as precious children of God: Spenser Callison, Marissa Joiner, Liam Minson and Etta Mae Minson. Congratulations & welcome!



Spenser Callison,
pictured between his
wife, Nora, and his
baptismal sponsor,
Tony Bamberger.



Marissa Joiner,
pictured with her
boyfriend,
Nick Lechner.

Liam & Etta Mae
Minson, pictured with
their parents,
Brittany Lechner &
Michael Minson.





Brett Albright



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| Baptized Child of God: |

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Parents:

Stephanie & Marty Albright



Brett graduated from **Andover High** on May 23, 2021 and will (of course) attend **Kansas State University**—School of Architecture in the fall.



Some High School Highlights:

- 3 years Varsity letter for football & baseball
- 4 years Academic letter
- 2 years Member of National Honor Society
- 3 years Class Representative for Student Council

Some Future Plans:

- Phi Delta Theta fraternity pledge
- Recipient of the Wildcat Traditions scholarship

During the fall semester of his junior year, Brett served as a Senate Page for Senator Jerry Moran in Washington, DC. He attended the Senate Page school and worked on the Senate floor from September 2019—January 2020.



COMMUNITY COOKOUTS IN JUNE!

It's been a long time since our congregation has been able to gather for food, fellowship and fun.



Every Wednesday in the month of June, we are hosting a community cookout for anyone who wants to come.

Here's how they work:

Church will provide drinks, hot dogs & buns, and plates & silverware. You provide a side (chips, fruit salad, etc.) or a dessert to share (if you can...if not, that's ok too). You may also want to bring a lawn chair.

They will be outside behind the building at our Outdoor Sanctuary and we'll be using our brand new picnic tables!

They will be very informal affairs. Come when you can. Leave when you want. We'll start gathering around 5:30. If you show up a bit before that, you can help set up. The last folks to stay can help clean up.

We'll have balls, Frisbees, and other stuff laying around for folks to play with, but there won't be any big organized activities or anything.

If the weather is bad, we will need to cancel and you can watch our Facebook page for that notification.

The purpose is simple reacquaint ourselves with our church community, hang out, and have a good time. Oh sure, Pastor Chad may have a song for us to sing or a 2-3 minute devotional or some little mixer, but mostly, we just want to get together, enjoy God's creation, and enjoy each other. Hope to see you there!

PS – If you'd like to be on a setup or cleanup crew, please let Pastor Chad know. It would be much appreciated!