

**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 3:1-29

June 20, 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

“This Is Amazing Grace”

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 Lord God,

All: we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:1-29

Law or Faith

3 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! **2** The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? **3** Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? **4** Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. **5** Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? **6** Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” **7** so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. **8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” **9** For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for “The one who is righteous will live by faith.” ¹² But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, “Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Promise to Abraham

¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person’s will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, “And to off springs,” as of many; but it says, “And to your offspring,” that is, to one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

The Purpose of the Law

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. ²⁰ Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. ²² But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Pastor: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Chad

SONG OF THE DAY

“Living Hope”

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.**

PRAVERS 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

“O Come To The Altar”

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!

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

"Live Like That"

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



PASTOR OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Chad will be out of town this week at Camp Tomah Shinga with some of our confirmation students. He should still be available for phone call emergencies.



JULY 4th WORSHIP

We will be having only 1 worship service on Sunday, July 4th and it will be an Outdoor Service! The service will start at 9:30am. You'll want to bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Beginning Sunday, July 11, we will be incorporating our full slate of worship volunteers into the mix. Yay! We will be publishing July's schedule of volunteers in the newsletter and upcoming bulletins. We only scheduled people who signed up for jobs. If you cannot be there on a Sunday you are scheduled, please do your best to find a substitute and notify the office.

If you would like to sign-up to serve in any of these volunteer roles, we'd love to have you! Please just fill out a pink volunteer sheet (located at the ushers' stand) and drop it in the offering plate.

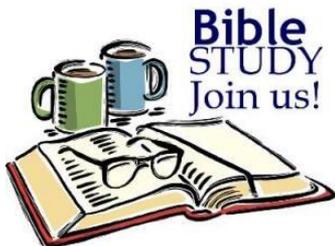


ST. PALL'S BREAKFAST

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 NW4co).

Please contact Donn Elschoff 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!





NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY!

Starting in July we will be studying and learning more about the various Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5. Each Sunday we will be talking about a different fruit.

To supplement Pastor Chad's sermons and to go deeper into scriptures, we are offering a new 6-week Bible Study for anyone who wants to come. Each one will be a stand-alone study, so if you miss a couple along the way, it'll be ok. And you can start whenever you'd like.

This small group Bible study will be on **Wednesdays, from 4:00-5:30pm**. We will finish up in time to go straight into the cookout if you want to stick around for dinner. **They will begin July 7 and run through August 11.**

Feel free to let Pastor Chad know if you plan to come, but you can always just show up! Hope to see you there!

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!





PRE-FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

At the time of the death of a loved one, families are often overwhelmed, not only with grief, but with all the various decisions and information to track down and people to contact. Borrowing from some other churches, we have developed a new pre-funeral resource to help families during this important and difficult time. It is designed for you to fill out and complete before you get sick or are maybe even thinking about dying or your own funeral. You can fill it out by yourself or with a family member or loved one. It addresses things like:

- Who should be contacted at your death, including phone #s & contact info
- Details you'd like at your funeral (songs, readings, participants, etc.)
- Pre-arrangements with any funeral home & cemetery
- Historical & family information for the obituary
- Various other financial & legal matters that will need to be addressed

By taking some time to fill this out now, you could be saving your loved ones some heartache and grief after you die. We will keep these Funeral Planning Guides on the Opportunity Table and you can pick one up whenever you'd like. Once complete, we can make copies here at church – some for your home, some to distribute to loved ones, and we can keep one on file here at church as well. Even if you don't fill one out, you are encouraged to pick one up, look it over, and discuss some of the matters with those who matter most to you.

CHURCH CAMP!

It's time to register for Church Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga. There are camps for 1st graders all the way up through seniors in high school. There are even Family Camp options this year, where you can go enjoy a few days with your family and have all the programming & activities planned for you. The one change this year is that most camps are only 3 days... but they will be a fun, action-packed 3 days!

Church Camp at Tomah Shinga includes:

- **Air-conditioned cabins & buildings**
- **Miles of hiking trails**
- **A big swimming pool**
- **Canoeing & creek-walking**
- **Bible studies & faith-based activities**
- **Less than 2 hours drive from Wichita**
- **An incredible staff of energetic counselors**



Christ Lutheran believes strongly in the ministry of Church Camp, and because of that, the church is willing to pay most of costs associated with attending Tomah Shinga. You pay a \$50 deposit, and Christ Lutheran pays the rest. For more information, schedules, pictures, activities, etc. please check out their website: www.camptomahshinga.com to register for camp, please visit the website and then contact Pastor Chad so the church can pay the balance of the registration cost.

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!