

**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 1:1-24

June 6, 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

“King Of Glory”

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. Merciful Lord,

All: we do not presume to come before you trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and abundant mercies. Revive our faith, we pray; heal our bodies, and mend our communities, that we may evermore dwell in your Son, 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 1:1-24

1 Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **2** and all the members of God's family who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

There Is No Other Gospel

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— **7** not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we

proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! ¹⁰ Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship

¹¹ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹² for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴ I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹ but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²² and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³ they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

Pastor: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Chad

SONG OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

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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

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

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

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

IMPORTANT WORSHIP CHANGES FOR JUNE

Per CDC guidelines, beginning June 1 we removed the mask mandate & social distancing requirements for anyone who is vaccinated. We will still have masks available and you may choose to still wear them if you'd like. We will be keeping the big glass doors to the sanctuary open throughout the summer so that anyone who wants to social distance & spread out will be able to. We will also continue to livestream the 9:00am service for anyone who wants to worship virtually.

Other important changes include:

- **NEW TIMES:** Our worship times have changed to our summer schedule. The new schedule is:
 - 9:00am Early & Virtual Service (at the same time)
 - 10:30am Late Service
- **VOLUNTEERS:** We will be scheduling worship volunteers to help with the various parts of the service. Please watch the bulletin for when you might be on the schedule. If you are not able to fulfill your assigned job for a Sunday, please do your best to find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, please let Pastor Chad know ASAP.

As always, we want to love others as best that we can. Please respect others' space, boundaries and feelings out of love. If you are not feeling well or have been recently exposed to COVID, please stay home and attend the Virtual Service. Please remember that there will likely be people worshipping with us who have not yet received the vaccine (especially young children).



HOLY BAPTISMS!

Today we celebrate with the entire Lechner family for the gift of Holy Baptism. This afternoon we will be baptizing:

Liam Minson, the son of Brittany Lechner & Michael Minson, Jr.
Etta Mae Minson, the daughter of Brittany Lechner & Michael Minson, Jr.
Spenser Callison, the husband of Nora (Lechner) Callison
Marissa Joiner, the longtime girlfriend of Nick Lechner

We rejoice to receive them into the body of Christ and our fellowship in the Gospel!

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 N Waco).

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).

There will be a list of supplies we need donated, so keep checking the bulletin for that. Thank you!



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: acquaint 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!