



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.
2 Corinthians 4:5

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.

Timothy Keller

The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ
and that you're now invited to belong to it.

N. T. Wright

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures....

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

The Lord's Day — September 25, 2022

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

Hallelujah, He's Alive!

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he,
Full atonement, can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*Hallelujah, Christ has won! Now the grave is overcome!
Let the empty tomb testify! Hallelujah, He's alive!*

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Oh the joy of Sunday's dawn! Now the curse of sin is gone!
So we sing redemption's song: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Let the empty tomb testify! Hallelujah, He's alive!

Welcome and Announcements

Report of the Living Church

Adair Evans, MTW - Munich, Germany

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

Congregation: that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord;

Congregation: the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

Congregation: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Reading of the Word: *Life and Death***Romans 5:12-21**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Father, when our Lord Jesus rose from the grave, You declared for all to see that You had shattered the power of sin and death. We ask this morning that You would forgive the sin that so often entangles us, and the doubt and fear that prevents us from boldly serving You. Father, help us to trust Your power to change our lives, that we might manifest the reality of Christ's resurrection in our daily living, and know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. This we ask in the name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

At the Cross (I Bow My Knees)

Morgan/Zschech

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way, Even when I fail You, I know You love me
Your holy presence, surrounding me, In every season, I know You love me, I know You love me
*At the cross I bow my knee, where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this, You have overcome the grave
Your Glory fills the highest place, what can separate me now?*
You go before me, You shield my way, Your hand upholds me, I know You love me
You tore the veil, You made a way, When You said that it is done.
And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes. You stand before me, I know You love me. I know You love me

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Robinson, Farren, Thompson

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me
The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome, Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Chip Walraven

(Immediately following this prayer, 4-5 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

Singing to the Lord

O My Soul Will Rest on Jesus

Worship Choir

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

This Sign Works
John 2:18-25 (page 887)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please signal the pastor to let him know. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

Through the Door

Cottrell

Through the door, through the cross, Through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Through the One crucified, Through the Way, the Truth, the Life, we come.

And the lost say "I am found", the blind say "I can see." The weak say "I am strong," the bound say "I am free."

And we sing "Hallelujah, this is glory, Hallelujah, this is grace, Hallelujah, this is mercy flowing down"

And we dance in the light of Your love, And we dance in the light of Your love and this is glory!

Through the door You became, You have called and by faith we come.

Through the door, in the name, Of the One mighty to save, Lord, we come.

Death, where is your sting? The grave has lost the fight. Sin, where are your chains? The door is open wide.

Your love is deeper; Your mercy's wider; Your grace is greater than our sin. (Repeat)

This is glory, through the door, through the cross, through the Lamb slain for us, we come.

Benediction²

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Faith

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/Tomlin

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

² Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

Church Family Reminders

Lauren Adair Evans has a heart for hurting people. After years of seeking to fill the emptiness in her own soul, the Lord moved in Adair's heart and she found joy and peace in the gospel. However, even before coming to Christ, the Lord had been preparing her for a calling to missions, specifically Germany. She received a BA in German History, receiving awards as the "Most Outstanding German Language Student," and also studied at the Goethe Institute in Freiburg. Being a single adult woman will serve as an asset since singles make up 90% of households in the inner ring of Munich. Adair is a member of Grace Fellowship PCA, Albertville, AL.

Women in the Church (WIC): How can you stay current with all the coordinated efforts to be connected, encouraged, and equipped for ministry? The WIC events (previously called Women of Grace) are led by the Women's Ministry Team and promoted by way of Thursday Email, Sunday Worship Guide, and a WIC email list. All the women who are members are on this list. Visitors can request to be included by contacting Tonya Roth, church administrator (tonya@decaturpca.org).

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: Join us on Tuesday mornings! We meet 10-11:30 am at the church in the gathering room. Also, on Monday nights we meet 6:30-8 pm at Amy Nelson's home (2522 Sherwood Dr). We are studying the Old Testament prophets, guided by The Word of the Lord, by Nancy Guthrie. Study books are available in the Book Nook for \$10. Child care is provided on Tuesdays. For questions, contact Teresa Quinn, teresaquinn703@gmail.com, or 256-565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

Men's Morning Bible Studies:

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30am, at Java Jaay Cafe (1713 6th Ave SE).

Every Tuesday, 12 - 1:00pm, at Kent Quinn's office (1323 Stratford Rd SE), lunch together immediately afterward.

Every Friday, 6:30 - 7:30am, at Blake Temple's office (305 Bank St NE).

Wednesday Night Ministries - Yahoo! Our Wednesday night activities have resumed. The church family meal begins at 5:30pm (\$5.00/per person or \$20/family). From 5:00 – 7:30pm, there are ministries such as Children & Youth Choirs, Adult Worship Choirs, NextGen lessons & activities, Life Groups, the Open Door Study, etc... (details in the Thursday Email)

NextGen Missions Fundraiser: Do you love to support foreign missions? Do you also love cookies? Well, do we have a great opportunity for you! On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the NextGen kids will be providing dessert for the churchwide dinner. For a donation of 50 cents per pre-packaged treat, you can help our kids support DPC missionaries, and satisfy your sweet tooth all at the same time!

Operation Christmas Child: The shoebox ministry of Samaritan's Purse, is in full swing. Pick up a box, form and information in the Gathering Room and prayerfully fill with items for a child and return it to DPC. *Note: Send NO money now! Our World Missions Committee is funding the shipping cost for the first 50 boxes! Contact Mary Chism at maebelle12@att.net with questions.

Secret Sisters: Love to encourage one another? Secret Sisters is a great way to shower someone with words and small gifts of encouragement. Runs September to May. Sign up list is located at the 'Welcome Table' in the Gathering Area of the church. Contact Julie Rodgers for more information (256-520-2497, jrose0152@yahoo.com).

Midweek College Study: College-aged young adults are invited to a midweek study every Thursday night at 6:00 at Chris and Laine Oliver's house (2309 Greenwood Dr. SE). We are studying Revelation using Dennis E. Johnson's *Triumph of the Lamb*. For more information, contact Nathan at nathan@decaturpca.org or (256) 280-7912.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2022

9:30 am

Presbyterianism: Who We Are and How We Got Here: Come join us as we study Presbyterianism, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. Topics include Revelation and Scripture, Overview of Reformed Theology, Covenant Theology, God (Theology) and Man (Anthropology), Christ (Christology), Salvation (Soteriology), Church (Ecclesiology), Practical Theology, Church Policy and the PCA, and Elders and Deacons. Please join us in this study.

Sedona Class: A study of Mark - Sports Center of the Bible. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Walk-ons are welcome!

Youth Sunday School: The reformer, John Calvin, often called the Psalms, "An anatomy of all parts of the soul." The early church father Athanasius said that the Psalms "embrace the whole life of man, the affections of his mind, and the motion of his soul." Luther was known to call the Psalms "a little Bible" as the book contained within it all the themes of the rest of Scripture set to prayers and songs. Join us as we study this remarkable book this summer, learning to praise and pray to God using the very words He gave us.

Study #158 - Ephesians: In a world where Christianity seems increasingly sidelined and even irrelevant, we need to grasp the truths of this life-changing letter - Ephesians. Come join this new adult class (Room #158), where in the context of study and fellowship, we will discover how being "in Christ" changes everything—our view of ourselves, our world, our future, our church, homes and workplaces.

Session

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Allen Schmidt
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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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