

The word "REJOICE!" is written in a hand-drawn, black-outlined font. The letter 'O' is filled with a yellow-to-orange gradient and has a small black figure of a person with arms raised inside it. The letter 'I' is filled with a red-to-orange gradient. The exclamation point is also hand-drawn. The word is centered within a white rectangular box with a black border, which is itself centered on a light beige background with several horizontal grey bars of varying lengths behind it.

# REJOICE!

A Philippians Worship Series

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**September 20, 2020**



## St. Paul's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**St Paul's Mission Statement:** "St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to support each other with God's Word and sacraments, share Christ with our community and the world, and serve others in Christian love."

### Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

Our new worship series highlights the apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. Christian joy is the constant theme heard in this letter. Through this worship series we'll be reminded that the Christian has reason to rejoice, no matter the circumstances in which he finds himself in life.

Life can be full of frustrations at every corner. Problems at work, problems in the home, problems in the news, problems with our health. But the Apostle Paul rejoices in every situation, in good times, in bad, even when faced with death, because he understands who Christ made him to be. Today we are going to consider how we too can rejoice no matter the outcome because of Christ.

### Theme: Rejoice No Matter the Outcome

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Preacher: Pastor Dan Olson

Musicians: Musicians: Jenna Bertolotti, Jacob Bruns, Cole Bryant, Tyler Fluegge, Jack Hahm, Micah Schibbelhut, Wendy Schibbelhut, Leah Schilling, Luke Schmeling, Jada Wahl, Megan Yonkovich

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© 2008 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Lyrics and music printed in today's service folder and viewed on the screens are used by permission through CCLI #1906774 and OneLicense A-715642. Service of the Word © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. "Rejoice the Lord is King" Charles Wesley, John Darwall. "Lord Have Mercy (for What We Have Done)" Matt Boswell and Matt Papa. "Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)" Sean Butler. "For Me to Live Is Christ" Dave Frey, Jonathan Lindley Smith, Casey Brown. "Yet Not I But Through Christ in me" City Alight.

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

**Congregation:** Our joy is in the Lord.

P: Through good and bad times we rest securely on God's promises;

**C:** Our joy is in the Lord.

P: This is the day the LORD has made;

**C:** We will rejoice and be glad in it.

### OPENING SONG:

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Lord and Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### STAND

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND SONG:

“Lord Have Mercy (for What We Have Done)”

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

**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies;  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C:** Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** Almighty and merciful Father,

We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

For what You have done, Your life of love  
You perfectly lived, we praise You.  
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes  
You finished the work God gave You.  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves  
You bled for a world's betrayal.  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend  
How pure and forever faithful.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

For hearts that are cold for seizing control  
For scorning our very Maker  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

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Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us.

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**C:** *(spoken)* Amen.

## THE WORD

### GOSPEL LESSON:

**Luke 23:38-43**

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SONG:**

*"For Me to Live Is Christ"*

*Singers:*

If I rise, let me rise on you,  
Not on all of my successes, my esteem, or my pursuits.  
If I lose, let me lose my life  
'Cause if I belong to Jesus, the flesh is crucified.

For me to live is Christ,  
For me to live is Christ,  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.

**Congregation:**

**For me to live is Christ,  
For me to live is Christ,  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.**

*Singers:*

If I grow, let me grow in You  
Wilt the seeds of wanting more,  
Ripping pride out by the roots.  
And if I'm still, let me hear You speak  
Not the tone of my transgressions  
But the song of the redeemed.

**Congregation:**

**For me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.**

**For me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.**

*Singers:*

My great desire is to be with You,  
But this is the place you chose for me,  
This is the place you chose for me.  
To lift my cross and give everything  
This is the time you gave to me,  
This is the time you gave to me.

**Congregation:**

**For me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain.**

**I'll never be the same  
I'll never be the same  
For me to live is Christ, to die is gain**

**SERMON LESSON:**

**Philippians 1:18b-27**

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.

**Sermon Theme: Rejoice No Matter the Outcome**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## **GATHER THE THANKOFFERING**

*Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!*



1. Online giving – visit our website, [www.stpaulsonalaska.org](http://www.stpaulsonalaska.org) and click “Give.”
2. Text giving – text the amount you wish to give starting with the dollar sign to [608-371-6891](tel:608-371-6891).
3. If you prefer to mail your offering envelope, please send to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, P.O Box 128, Onalaska, WI 54650

## **PRAYER**

*STAND*

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**SONG:**

*“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”*

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.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## *This Week at St. Paul's: September 20, 2020*

### *In Our Prayers:*

- ❖ Recovery after hospital stay—Darrel Zillmer
- ❖ Diagnosed with cancer—Phil Scriver, nephew of Tim Scriver

### **Worship Options**

#### **Worship**

We continue to offer in-person worship services Thursdays at 6:30 pm, Saturdays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:15 am (gym), and 10:30 am. We are asking people to sign-up so we are able to keep our sanctuary at 25% capacity. You can sign-up by going to our website: [www.stpaulsonalaska.org/](http://www.stpaulsonalaska.org/)>. You will also be able to see how many people have signed up for the service. The 8:00 am typically is full (115 sign ups). All the other services have plenty of room.

#### **Online Worship Options**

We will continue to Livestream our 8:00 am worship services on [our website](#). You can also access our Livestream through our [Youtube channel](#). Services are always archived on both our website and our YouTube channel.

#### **Outdoor Worship**

Our 9:15 am worship service will be outdoors today (weather permitting – if it is raining, we'll have the service in the gym like usual). Bring a lawn chair if you plan on attending that service. The other services those weekends will take place in the sanctuary.

### **Fall Bible Class Options--Not too Late to Join**

Thank you to those who filled out the online survey regarding our Fall Bible Class options. Below is a list of the different classes taking place this Fall. Some classes will be through Zoom and other classes will meet in person. The ones that meet in-person will practice social distancing. If you plan to attend a class, please sign-up here: [Bible](#)

#### **Class Sign-Up.**

#### **Zoom Adult Bible Class Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (started 9/16)**

Pastor Krause is teaching a class on Ephesians. The Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesian congregation is a gem for spiritual growth and encouragement! In this study we'll have opportunity to discuss what God says about election, about salvation by grace apart from works, the unity of the Church, the public ministry, Christian living, marriage and family life, and the armor of God.

#### **Zoom Adult Bible Class Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (started 9/16)**

Pastor Ehlike is teaching a class on Christian vocation and all the different ways we serve God in our lives. We'll be reminded that we serve the Lord not only at church but in every calling that God has placed us in. This class is open to all but is being offered with parents in mind who may find a class after the kids go to bed to be more manageable. This class will start around 8 or 8:30 pm depending on what works with people's schedules and will last around 45 minutes.

### **Zoom & In-Person Women's Bible Class Mondays at 4 pm (started 9/14)**

Wendy Schibbelhut is teaching a class on 2 Timothy. This class will have both an in-person and zoom option.

### **In-Person Starting Point Class Mondays at 6:30 pm (started 9/14)**

Pastor Olson began a new Starting Point class that will meet in person. This is a great class for those new to the Christian faith but also a wonderful review of the main teachings of the Bible.

### **Zoom Women's Bible Class Thursday 6:30 am**

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Class continues their study of the Gospel of Mark. If interested, you can contact Jan Westerman or sign-up with the link above.

### **In-Person Saturday Men's Bible Class 8:00 am**

The Saturday Men's Bible Class continues to meet at the Kwik Trip just north of church on Sandlake Rd. If interested, please contact Steve Loehr or sign-up with the link above.

**Classes To Be Determined:** a few of our regular women's Bible classes are still deciding whether to meet and how to meet. We'll provide information if these classes end up happening.

Women's Bible Class Tuesdays at 9 am

Women's Bible Class Wednesdays afternoon

### **In-Person Starting Point Class Mondays at 6:30 pm (started September 14)**

Pastor Olson started another session of his Starting Point Class on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. He will be covering the fundamentals of Christianity (What does the bible say about: Judgment day, angels and demons, baptizing infants, close communion, sex, abortion, heaven and hell, how do we know we are going to heaven?, other denominations, etc). If you know someone who doesn't belong to a church, please invite them to this class. In fact, offer to take it with them! If you are looking for a review of Christianity, please come. If you haven't taken a bible study in a while, this would be a blessing to your faith. If you haven't taken a bible study since you were confirmed in 8th grade, I would strongly recommend this class. If you want to take this class but are looking for a virtual option, please call Pastor Olson. He will gladly do so. Please contact Pastor Olson if you'd like to take this class so that he can secure a room big enough so that we can be socially distant. ([dolson@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:dolson@stpaulsonalaska.org); 608-797-5793).

## **St. Paul's Lutheran School Update**

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are needing volunteers to take each student's temperature before they enter school in the morning. Our goal is to have four screening stations, two by the gym doors and two by the church entrance. We are in need of two adult volunteers at each station.

The screener would have to arrive at 7:20 am. The screening will start at 7:30 and go until approximately 8:15 am. As the routine is established, we hope the screening times will shorten.

Each screener will be supplied with a face shield (if you wish), a mask, gloves, thermometer, clipboard, and hand sanitizer.

If you can spare one day a week or every two weeks, that would be greatly appreciated. To sign up to help, please click on the [Sign-Up Genius link](#) or contact Betty Van Loon – [bvanloon@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:bvanloon@stpaulsonalaska.org) or 608-783-7962.

## Church News

### ST. PAUL'S TEEN GROUP

St. Paul's Teen Group will hold its next outdoor gathering today, September 20, from 4:00-6:30 pm in the backyard of Luke Rosenbaum, one of our teen group leaders. Teens, plan to come for dinner, Bible study, and fun. Invite a friend to come along and bring a lawn game. RSVP to Pastor Krause, [skrause@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:skrause@stpaulsonalaska.org) or 608.217.5660. Mr. Rosenbaum's address is: 1110 Schafer Dr., Onalaska, WI 54650.

### COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

It's amazing what coffee and donuts do to encourage Christian fellowship! We are in need of volunteers to help with setting up coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings. Volunteers may choose when they would like to help. A rotation will be established so that volunteers are scheduled every 5 weeks or so. Talk to Jon and Inky Lau if you'd like to help. ([laujoi@aol.com](mailto:laujoi@aol.com); 608.797.3393).

### ONALASKA HOLMEN FOOD BASKET

Now that we are worshiping in-person, we want to remind you that we are actively taking food donations for the Onalaska Holmen Food Basket. Donations may be dropped off at the Donation Center in the hallway outside of the kitchen.

The Food Basket is in need of the following items: Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, canned chili, refried and pinto beans, canned stew, peanut butter, and canned soups, fruit, and vegetables.

### CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

The Building Team, in conjunction with Excel Architects, is currently seeking contacts for soliciting construction manager services. This is a non-fee service that may turn into a contract in the event building occurs. At this time the service is to bring expertise in construction methods, phasing, and pricing variables.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

We will be ordering offering envelopes soon. If you received envelopes this year, but would like to give only electronically from now on, please contact the church office: [lpeters@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:lpeters@stpaulsonalaska.org) by Sunday September 27.

### PRAYER CHAIN

Every week the prayers spoken in church are sent via email and additional prayers are added for those who didn't want their prayer spoken publicly in worship. If you'd like to receive the weekly prayer chain emails, or if you'd like to submit a prayer to the prayer chain, please contact Judy Peterson at [prayerchain@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:prayerchain@stpaulsonalaska.org).

### RECOVERY IN CHRIST

Recovery in Christ has a small in-person meeting each Sunday from 6:00-7:00 pm. Recovery in Christ is a Christian support group for those overcoming addiction. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced. Please do not attend if you do not feel well. For more information call Pastor Bill Bader, 608.567.3038.

## HIRING PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

St. Paul's is looking to hire a part-time custodian to help with cleaning and other custodial duties. Hours may vary, depending on the season and need of the school. We are looking to fill this position immediately. Interested applicants may contact Operations Manager, Lydia Walter at 608-783-2552, ext. 233 for more information.

## SCRIP ORDERING

If you would like to purchase SCRIP cards you can email Katy Miller at [kmiller@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:kmiller@stpaulsonalaska.org) to place an order. Orders can be picked up in the Church office Monday through Friday, 8 am to 1 pm.

## 26th ANNUAL DR. JAMES L. RAABE GOLF SCRAMBLE

26th Annual Dr. James L. Raabe Golf Scramble will be held Monday, September 21, at Cedar Creek Country Club in Onalaska. Tee time is at noon. Adult entry fee for 18 holes, golf cart, and meal is \$150. For more information go to Luther High's website [www.lutherhigh.org](http://www.lutherhigh.org).

## LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL CYMBAL

The September issue of Luther High School's Cymbal is available in the church lobby or can be viewed at their website <https://www.lutherhigh.org/>.

### **Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:**

Thankoffering given last week: \$31,440 (\$24,723 needed to meet weekly budget)

Blessings Received by Offerings to Date: \$273,362.

9/13/2020 Anticipated Financial (offering needed for ministry): \$271,951.

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