

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATS to Paul and Krista Anders married last Sunday on the shores of North Carolina; and to Matthew & Kara (Brockmeyer) Hubecky married yesterday in STL.

The family of Gretchen Trinklein, wife of Pastor/Missionary Hans Trinklein, formerly pastor at Olive Branch Lutheran Church, who passed away last Tuesday.

INVOCATION

**P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.**

OPENING PSALM *Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

**P: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.
C: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,**

**P: for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
C: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

**P: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**P: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
C: and grant us Your salvation.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Galatians 5:1*

**P: For freedom Christ has set us free;
C: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

P: Lord God, our gracious Father,

C: we confess that we have not walked by Your Spirit. Instead of using our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves, we have served our own selfish interests. We have chosen to live as our sinful flesh desires instead of as Your perfect law requires. Forgive us, heavenly Father, by the mercy You show us in the death and resurrection of Your Son. Fill us with the fruit of Your Spirit so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name we pray. Amen.

(Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins)

P: The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE Revelation Song

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song To Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

**Chorus: Holy holy holy
 Is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is And is to come
 With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
 You are my ev'rything And I will adore You**

**Clothed in rainbowsof living color
Flashes of lightning, Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor Strength and
Glory And power be
to You The only wise King (Chorus)**

Filled with wonder Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery (Chorus)

“O Praise Him (All This For a King) W&M by David Crowder

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside,
The sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs,
And all this for a King. We could join and sing,
All to Christ the King.

How constant, how divine, this song of ours will rise.
O how constant, how divine, this love of ours will rise, will rise.

Chorus: O praise Him, O praise Him;
He is holy. He is holy,

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise,
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones,
And all this for a King. Angels join to sing
All to Christ the King.

Chorus: O praise Him, O praise Him;
He is holy. He is holy,
How infinite and sweet, this love so rescuing
O how infinitely sweet, this great love that has redeemed.
As one we sing.

Chorus: Alleluia, Alleluia; He is holy, He is holy.
O praise Him, O praise Him, He is holy. He is holy

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might,

C: author and giver of all good things,

P: instill in us the love of Your name

C: and fill us with the promises of Your Word;

P: being assured of Christ's victory over death and the grave,

C: we are free to love and serve our neighbors in the work He has given us to do;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING1 *Kings 19:9b–21*

(Elijah listens to God’s Word and receives His provision.)

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25*

(The fruit of the Spirit is present in those who belong to Christ Jesus.)

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 9:51*

P: Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

C: He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62* (Jesus sets His face toward Jerusalem and calls His followers to purposefully proclaim the kingdom of God.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. [And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal"

SERMON "Freedom Through Christ's Sacrifice" *Galatians 5:1, 13-25*
Seminararian Matt Martin

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have created us in Your image and called us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to know that You are always with us—guiding our steps, providing for our lives, hearing our prayers, and answering us in ways that are for our good and that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You reign over all the universe as King of kings and Lord of lords! In You, Lord Jesus, all things are held together. In You, Lord Jesus, we live and move and have our being. You provide well for all those who belong to You. Grant us hearts to receive Your Word, hands to extend Your love to others, and feet to walk by Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, when we feel lost and alone, remind us of Your never-failing love. Instill in us the readiness to be led by You in the purpose that You give to all who follow Jesus Christ. Send Your Church out into every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of life and salvation in our Savior's death and resurrection. Until the day He comes again, grant that we never grow tired of sharing the Gospel with our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, we pray Your blessing upon all who lead and govern us, for all who protect us from harm and danger, and for all who work for the well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation. Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Remind those who are homebound, hospitalized, or ailing in any way that they are never alone, for You are always with them. [*Grant Your healing mercies to those we name before You, especially Nancy Schmidt recuperating from shoulder surgery, Gwen Kemp and Paul Kjosa suffering from cancer . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, we pray with bittersweet tears for You have called **Gretchen Trinklein** to her eternal home with You. That hope comforts us as she leaves behind the pain and suffering of this troubled world for the peace of heaven. Sadly, her husband and family are left with the pain of separation and loss...

Comfort this heartbroken family with the knowledge that death has been overcome by Your resurrection. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus, You promised your disciples that You would be with them always, to the very end of the age. We thank you for being with **Carol Schutte, Ali Berens, Karis Monaco, Patti Kuppler, Caden Stake, Mandy Couture, Otto Monaco, Marv Schatz, and Lucas Kinsella** and for the every year of their life celebrated under Your divine care. You have led them with your word of truth, and kept them in your love. Continue your blessing on them in the days and years to come. and keep them continually under your protection. Direct them according to Your gracious favor in the way of eternal salvation. As they trust in your mercy, O Lord, graciously assist them with your heavenly help, that they may always diligently serve you, and be separated from you by no temptations; Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of Your Bride, the Church, we thank you for Anniversaries Celebrations of Dan & Tonya Bowman, Tom & Jody Sotiropoulos, Ben & Kelly Siron and Brian & Kim Lloyd and for all of the years that they have had together. As we celebrate these anniversaries this week, our prayer is that you will continue to bless them. Let their testimony of love and forgiveness be a help their families and to other couples as they start on their own journeys into married life. Lord, we pray that You will honor their commitment to each other and to You by granting them many more years of happiness together.

That same prayer we offer on behalf of **Paul and Krista Anders** married last Sunday (June 19), and **Matthew & Kara (Brockmeyer) Hubecky** married yesterday (June 25). Open their eyes to love's power as they continue to serve each other throughout their married life. Bless them and bind them closer each day, that they may find strength and comfort in the days ahead, months and years ahead. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your faithful hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught and enables us to pray, saying,

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Galatians 5:1, 25*

P: For freedom Christ has set us free;
C: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

P: If we live by the Spirit,
C: let us also walk by the Spirit.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN No. 814 “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” (vss. 1,4-6)

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov’ reign pow’r to save.

He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff’rers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th’oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God!