



Sermon series on God showing up in the lonely, difficult, and everyday places.

*"Paul's Conversion"*

## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

2001 Second Street NW • Watertown, South Dakota 57201

**God, as students prepare to go back to school, remind us all that your Word "is useful for teaching" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — year-round! May we never stop learning the truth of your powerful love!** There are welcome pads at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 10:30am

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude** Five Gospel Hymn Preludes (arr. Held)

**Welcome** Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

**\*Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,

**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "O Living Bread from Heaven" # 542

**\*Greeting and Kyrie** page 147

**\*Canticle of Praise** "Glory to God" page 148

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

page 151

**\*Lesson of the Day**

Acts 9:1-19

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

**Sermon**

"I Have Seen the Lord in Redemption"

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

**Hymn**

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

# 318

**\*Apostles' Creed**

page 105

**Offering**

Prelude (Mozart)

**\*Offertory Response**

"Create in Me"

# 186

**\*Prayers of the Church**

*Hospitalized/III:* Kathy Hibbert, Roger Bailly, Drake Rounds, Carol VanHeel, Kathy Carstens, Stan Peterson, Shirley Olson, *sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey* Barb Iverson, *friend of Ken & Renae Madison* Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) lechner* Cheryl Olson, *sister of Marshall (Tiffany) Olson* Kadie Neuharth, *cousin of Amber (Josh) Dahl* Joshua Anderson, *grandson of Merle & Teri Bruner*

*Marriages:* Tim Crouse & Tina Lovett  
Makaygan Pearson and Derek Troska

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Blessing of Prayer Shawls, Infant Blankets and LWR Quilts**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

# 543

**\*Call to Service**

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

Festival (Price)

Copyright © 2018 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS023757. New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

**Serving Sunday Morning**

**Organist:** AJ Sherrill

**Head Usher:** Kevin Luoma

**Sound & Projection:** Robyn VanMeter

**Coffee Servers:**

**Greeters:** Shelly Alvine, Jeannie Brenden

**Ushers:** Shelly Alvine, Dan & Selena Urban Family

Sound Amplification Devices and Large Print Bulletins are available for your use. Just ask an Usher.