

**The Sixteenth Weekend after Pentecost
September 11 & 12, 2021**

For Parking Lot Worship, tune your radios to 99.5 FM

OPENING SONG "All Because of Jesus"

Verse 1

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe
Author of all eternity
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing
To You be the glory
Maker of heaven and of earth
No one can comprehend Your worth
King over all the universe
To You be the glory

Pre-Chorus

And I'm alive because I'm alive in You

Chorus 1

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man's life
It's all because of Jesus
I'm alive I'm alive I'm alive

Verse 1 & Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man's life
It's all because of Jesus

Bridge

Ev'ry sunrise sings Your praise
The universe cries out Your praise
I'm singing freedom all my days
Now that I'm alive

Chorus 1 & Chorus 2

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INVOCATION: *Now our God speaks His three-in-one Name to announce to us that He is here in our midst to hear our confession of sins, forgive us, and bless us...*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: I called on the name of the LORD:

People: **O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!**

Pastor: The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

People: **The LORD has opened our ears.**

Pastor: The LORD has delivered us from death.

People: **He wipes away tears from all faces.**

Pastor: He rescues our feet from stumbling

People: **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *Now we confess our sins to God and through our pastor He pronounces us forgiven and restored.*

Pastor: Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to**

love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.**

JESUS SPEAKS TO US IN Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

JESUS SPEAKS TO US IN Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

SERMON SONG "Unstoppable God"

Verse 1

Heaven thundered and the world was born
Life begins and ends in the dust You form
Faith commanded and the mountains moved
Fear is losing ground to our hope in You

Chorus

Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done

Verse 2

Freedom conquered, all our chains undone
Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome
Mercy triumphed when the third day dawned
Darkness was denied when the stone was gone

Chorus 2x

Bridge x2

Nothing shall be impossible
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable
We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus, our God unstoppable

Chorus 2x

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SERMON:

Pastor Dan Decker

"A Prayer for Help"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,**

being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

OFFERING: Here our Lord Jesus invites us to bring our **whole offering into His storeroom** (Malachi 3:10). *Please mail your offering to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 S Ringold St, Janesville WI 53545 or check out our website at www.stpaulsjanesville.com for electronic giving options.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SATURDAY ONLY: Prayer for our Cross Country Team

WE PRAY THE PRAYER OUR LORD HAS TAUGHT US: *Nothing pleases our Lord Jesus more than when we repeat back to Him the words He first gave to us. Let's do so now...*

People: **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *By His promise to us in **Matthew 26: ...this is my body...this is My blood...** our Lord Jesus makes His body once given on the Cross now present in the bread for the forgiveness of our sins. He also makes His blood once shed on the Cross now present in the wine for the salvation of our souls,*

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SONG “Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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SONG“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

Verse 1

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Chorus

Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Chorus

Living, He loved me, Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day
Glorious day.

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

Chorus

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BENEDICTION: *God now sends us out of this worship service with His forgiveness and love so that we may be a blessing to those we meet.*

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always.

People: **Amen!**

CLOSING SONG: “Sing Wherever I Go”

Chorus 2x

All my life All I know
God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go

Verse 1

God is for me
He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken
He will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Chorus

Verse 2

He's my heartsong
In my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
When the storms rise
All around me
I will call on the name of the Lord

Chorus 2x

Bridge

I got joy joy joy
Deep in my soul
I will sing sing sing
Wherever I go

Chorus 2x

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