

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Janene Davison, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

No one has ever seen God.

But in Jesus, God is made known to us.

God has given us grace upon grace.

Praise God for God's grace and mercy.

*OPENING HYMN #461

"GOD IS HERE!"

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

You set before us the path, yet we wander, thinking we know the way.

Like youth, we test limits; like adults, we trust ourselves too much.

Remind us we are always Your children, still learning, still in need of You.

Help us to seek you every day.

Guide us back to Your path and walk with us each day.

In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH"

(words on wall)

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 17:16-21 Pg. 1010

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

*HYMN #508

"FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 17:22-34 pg. 1010-1011

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,

"Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way.

²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed, but others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³

At that point Paul left them. ³⁴ But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Hymn #423

"JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'RE THE SUN"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE HYMN #563

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"
(vs 1)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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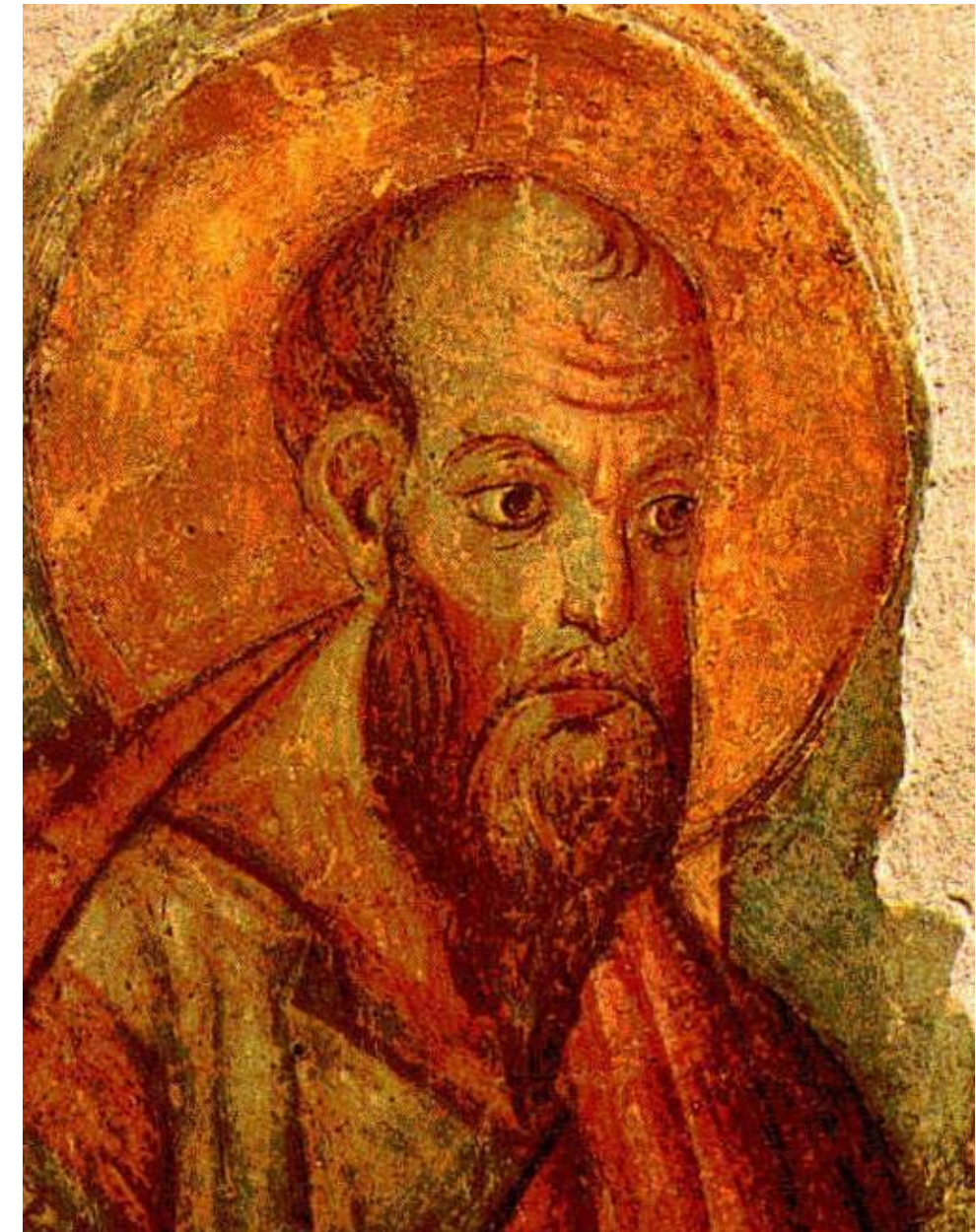
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Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our diverse community, and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

May 3, 2026 - May 10, 2026

SUNDAY	
MONDAY	Salvation Army Monday Serving Team
TUESDAY	HORIZONS Bible Study, 10:30 AM, library The Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 PM, Room 214-216
WEDNESDAY	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels, Noon Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, choir room
THURSDAY	Girls Night Out, 5:30 PM, Social Tap Chancel Ensemble, 6:30 PM, sanctuary
NEXT SUNDAY	MOTHER'S DAY! 9:00 Ida Austin Class, online 9:15 Quest Bible Study, parlor 9:30 Sunday School Class, chapel 11:00 Worship

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Saint Paul the Apostle

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Galveston, Texas

Sunday, May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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