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The Conversion of St. Paul



*Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine
to carry my name before the Gentiles
and kings and the children of Israel.*

Acts 9:15b

† In the Name of Jesus †

Welcome to worship as today we remember the Conversion of St. Paul. Saul was a persecutor of Christians, but Christ brought him out of the darkness and made him Paul, a witness to the Light. Today, we especially remember that if this “chief of sinners” can be made a new creation in Christ, so can we poor sinners. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Hymn of Invocation # 611

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness
to all generations.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

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.

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and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and,

following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 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." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight

and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Gradual

When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.

He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the
pastors and teachers,

for building up the body of Christ.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but members of the household of God.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-24

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

"Alleluia" p. 156

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 19:27-30

Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, *"Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."*

Nicene Creed p. 158

Hymn of the Day # 609 (st. 1-4)

Sermon Paul, A New Creation

Offering

"What Shall I Render" p. 159

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Closing Hymn # 832

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE
WE ARE ABOUT**

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS



Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each
individual cup tray.*

In our thoughts and prayers,



† Our sick & recovering, Jim Gegelman, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge), Kent Larson, & Hannah Schantz.

Announcements



“Souper Bowl” During the month of January donations of soup and crackers will be collected for Summit Recovery Center in Stanton.



2026 Greeters are needed. A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Have you heard your pastor talk about a *winkel* and had no idea what he was talking about? A *winkel*, which is a German word that means a small, tucked-away corner, is a meeting for the circuit pastors. At the *Winkels*, they begin with a worship service or devotion, usually Divine Service or Matins. Often, there is a text study, a topic that is presented and discussed, and a time for casuistry. It is a wonderful time for the local pastors to gather, discuss theology, and enjoy each other's company.

Rev. Mark Chepulis
North Dakota District President



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 52 Offerings: \$1,654.00

"Immediately they left their nets and followed him."
Matthew 4:20

Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

☩ This Week at Concordia ☩

Today	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for February calendar items
	2:30 pm.	Pastor @ Marian Manor Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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