



Welcome to Beautiful Savior!

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IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:

Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship.

Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without.

Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching.

Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.

Acts: The Early Church Story

"Saul: The Transformation of the Professional Christian Killer"

July 3, 2022 11:15 a.m.

Saul, who we also know as the Apostle Paul, was originally a professional killer of Christians. He traveled to synagogues looking to arrest followers of 'The Way,' which was an early designation for the believers. During one such trip to Damascus, Jesus appeared to him on the road, spoke to him, and Saul was blinded for three days. Saul subsequently placed his faith in Jesus. This story is an important reminder that even the most ardent opponents of Jesus's message still have hope of believing in him.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Altar Flowers in honor of the baptism of Skylar Michelle Doecke

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

“Hymn of America”

Chris Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG

“Our God”

Redman, Myrin, Tomlin & Reeves

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the parent who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

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(Please be seated.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Skylar Michelle Doepke

*Skylar Michelle Doepke's parents, Michelle Margaret (Madley) and Alexander Mitchell Doepke
bring their child forward for the sacrament of baptism.*

Skylar Michelle Doepke's sponsors are Michael Madley Jr. and Rachel Doepke.

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Michael and Rachel: We present Skylar Michelle for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Michelle and Alexander: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Michelle and Alexander: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Skylar Michelle in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Michael and Rachel: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Skylar Michelle and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus's death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that this child who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: Skylar Michelle, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughter new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Skylar Michelle with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANOINTING

P: Skylar Michelle, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to Skylar's sponsors:

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

MEMORY VERSE

John 16:13a

Brian Rusher

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse:

C: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears.

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST READING

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-19b

A: The first reading is from the book of Acts, the ninth chapter.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² 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. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ 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. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ 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, ¹² 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.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ 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.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL

Luke 23:39-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

“Saul: The Transformation of the Professional Christian Killer”

(Please stand as you are able.)

SONG OF THE DAY

“His Mercy is More”

Matt Papa

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate inequity, violence, war, poverty, and hunger. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of every time and place, in Jesus's name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP READING

Luke 12:33

(Jesus said,) “Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.”

OFFERING

“Goodness of God”

Jenn Johnson

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Together, let us pray:

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

C: 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.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SUMMARY OF WORSHIP

(Please be stand as you are able.)

SENDING SONG

“Patriotic Medley”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

P: And next time ...

C: ... we'll invite a friend!

We thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope to worship with you again in the near future!

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team
for making this livestream worship possible.*

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Readers

July 3	Brian Rusher
July 10	David Lochner
July 17	Barb Barbour
July 24	Annette George
July 31	TBD

PowerPoint

July 3	Alexandra/Whitney Schillack
July 10	Tom Barlow
July 17	Jeanine Rusher
July 24	Ted George
July 31	Patti Tieman

Ushers

July 3	Brian Rusher & Christian Arnold
July 10	Jim Kershner & Ken Fouty
July 17	Brian Rusher & Jim Kershner
July 24	Tom Ingram & Christian Arnold
July 31	Jim Kershner & Ken Fouty

Communion Assistants

July 3	Nancy Kriewall
July 10	Jim Kershner
July 17	Barb Barbour
July 24	Brian Rusher
July 31	Brian Tognetti

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