



# **you** *Will* **LiVE**

A SERMON SERIES ON ROMANS 8

Sun, May 4, 2025

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

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## 8:30 SERVICE

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Beth Case

Songs of Praise *He Has Made me Glad/ Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee  
To God be the Glory*

\*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Amy Delgado

Song of Response

*The Solid Rock*

New Members and Congregational Response

Rachel Poysky

Song of Preparation *The Lord Will Provide/His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Message

**You Will Live** (Romans 8:1-17)

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

*Because He Lives*

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## 9:45 SERVICE

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Songs of Praise

*To God be the Glory/Great Things*

New Members and Congregational Response

Rachel Poysky

Song of Praise

*Holy Spirit*

Moment of Confession & Assurance

Amanda Shockley

Song of Worship *The Lord Will Provide/His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Message

**You Will Live** (Romans 8:1-17)

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

*Who You Say I Am*

Moment of Connection

Amanda Shockley

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; JJ Blanco, keys; Chris Parrott, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;  
Vasti Adkins, Michael Middleton, & Meliza Gómez worship leaders

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## 11:15 SERVICE

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Prelude

*Arioso*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Beth Case

Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Behold Now, Praise the Lord*

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

\*Hymn of Praise #145

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Vs. 1, 2 & 4; MARION

\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Christyn Knoop

\*Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8

Anthem

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b. 1948)

New Member and Congregational Response

Beth Case

Anthem of Preparation

*Spirit, Sing*

Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

Message

**You Will Live** (Romans 8:1-17)

Alf Halvorson

\*Hymn of Response #384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Vs. 1 & 3

ST. MARGARET

Postlude

*Chaconne*

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

Musicians at 11:15: Rob Landes, guest organist; Sanctuary Choir with Steffanie West, Conductor

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

See more events at MDPC at [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).



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**May 4-18 • Parlor & Front Office Dropoffs**  
Help us Fill Fuente prior to summer distribution when demand for food increases with children home from school! See the most-needed items at [fooddrive.mdpc.org](https://fooddrive.mdpc.org).



**Sun, May 4 • 11am-1:30pm**  
Join us in Fellowship Hall today after services for **All-Church Lunch** with your MDPC family! To see the menu and pricing, visit [acl.mdpc.org](https://acl.mdpc.org).



**Sun, May 18 • After 9:45am Service**  
Dads, you're invited - come join us for pop-sicles on the playground by the north parking lot! Bring the whole family to enjoy the fun!



**Sundays, 11:15am • Room 207**  
Looking to meet other elementary parents? Join our newly formed GPS Bible study class! Open to parents of any age child. Questions? Email [rpovsky@mdpc.org](mailto:rpovsky@mdpc.org).



**Fri PM, June 6 and Sat AM, June 7**  
This class is how you can become an MDPC member or simply learn more about our church and ministries. Evening + morning, no overnight. Details: [membership.mdpc.org](https://membership.mdpc.org)



Come witness how God is at work through our global partners on one of our upcoming outreach trips!  
Visit [trips.mdpc.org](https://trips.mdpc.org) for information about upcoming opportunities.



**Meets Monthly (Mon, Feb 10) • 6:30-8pm**  
Do you sew, knit, write, cross-stitch, paint, or do any creative hobby? Bring whatever you're working on and create with others! Learn more at [create.mdpc.org](https://create.mdpc.org).



**3rd Mondays Monthly • 11am**  
Order from MDPC Café and eat together at reserved tables in Fellowship Hall. No RSVP required. All are welcome, so bring a friend! More at [seniors.mdpc.org](https://seniors.mdpc.org).

**Financial Update** as of Apr 27, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to Date	3,948,435
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	10,254,857

**Births and Deaths**  
Roy Davis passed away Apr 14.  
A.J. Phipps passed away Apr 14.  
Jean Allbritton passed away Apr 27.  
More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](https://memorials.mdpc.org).

**Families with little ones** are a cherished part of our church community. If at any point you need a little extra space to comfort your child, please know our Family Room is available. It's a cozy, quiet space just down the hall where you can still follow the service live. Whether you stay in the Sanctuary or use the Family Room, we're just so glad you're here with us.

## You Will Live • [Romans 8](#)

This is the first in our post-Easter sermon Series. How can we live in response to Christ's death and resurrection? What does the cross and empty tomb open up for us in the way of new life? These are questions asked and answered by Paul in his letter to the church in Rome. Many scholars and just ordinary Christians see Romans as Paul's opus, his most mature thought, and the clear teaching of the Reformation—salvation by grace through faith as opposed to salvation by works. And many acknowledge that Romans 8 is the center of this central book. We will walk through this important chapter in the Sundays in May so that we can cement what was accomplished on Good Friday and Easter in our lives and for our world.

1. Most Christians feel the frustration of Paul in chapter 7 of Romans when he says, *"For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.... Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of Death?"* ([Romans 7:15b; 24](#)) When have you felt enslaved to sin? Or powerless to overcome some habit, addiction, or weakness of character?
2. Read [Romans 8:1-17](#) but focus first on the initial four verses (8:1-4). How does Paul say we have been freed from sin and death? By whom? By what action? And how does the death of sinless Christ satisfy the law? Hint: I talked in my sermon about John Calvin's 'exchange principle.' Did that make sense and was it helpful? Why do you still sometime condemn yourself if God doesn't condemn you if you are 'in Christ?'
3. Read [Romans 8:5-11](#). Paul explains two kinds of life; one lived in and for the flesh and one lived in and by the Spirit. According to Paul, how can our mindset influence which one we follow? How can we by faith set our mind on things that are above or invite the Spirit to dwell in us? And how did my quote from C. S. Lewis provide a helpful way to look at how our faith or lack of faith lead us toward a heavenly or hellish existence?
4. Read [Romans 8:12-17](#). I talked about a few ways we can put to death the deeds of the body from a book by John Owens entitled, "The Mortification of Sin." Where could you apply this idea right now in your own life? And how did my discussion about believers becoming children of God through adoption by God give you encouragement, peace, and hope? And how does being a child of God and heir instead of a slave change everything for us if we embrace this crucial concept by faith?

# MDPC NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

Introduced in worship on  
Sun, May 4, 2025

We are excited to welcome these **13** new covenant partners to the MDPC family! Learn a little more about them below, and join us in welcoming them to **MDPC**.

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**Casey Cornett** and his wife, Susan, have two boys. Marshall is at MDPC and Stuart is married and in Dallas, expecting his first child in August. Casey enjoys cooking, gardening, creating music, golf, and travel.



**Marshall Cornett** is the first son of Casey and Susan, brother of Stuart. He has worked in the insurance industry ever since graduating from the University of Tulsa. He enjoys history, cycling, literature, and music.



**Rose Ann Gregory** has twin sons, Bill and Paul, and one grandchild, Dean (21 months), who lives in Oklahoma.



**Don and Joanie Haley** have two grown children living in Denver and Fort Towson, OK, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Don is a retired industrial real estate broker and Joanie is retired from non-profit management.



**Chris and Kathy Hollister** have four adult children and one grandson. Chris is retired from a career in oil and gas and Kathy is a caretaker for her mom. They enjoy gardening, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



**Brad and Liz Sears** have one child, Margo (19 months), and a doodle named Scout. Brad works in financial services and Liz works from home as a controller for a small NYC-based company. They love spending time with family and friends, cooking, and being outdoors.



**Mike and Sherri Smith** have three children, two of whom are married. Mike is a police officer serving warrants on the federal side of crimes, and is starting a professional landscape photography business. He was Dr. Young's main bodyguard for 25 years. Sherri has run a physical therapy rehab business for 28 years. The Smiths love to travel and hike.



**George and Charla Wilson** are parents to five and grandparents to 14. Their youngest daughter, Jordan, has been a member of MDPC since her Confirmation when Chris Rush was the youth minister. Jordan has four small children that are very special to them. They are happy to become covenant partners of MDPC with her family.

## Ready for *Your* Next Step at MDPC?

### Explore Our New Member Class!

Led by associate pastors, elders, and staff, you will explore whether becoming a covenant partner is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. New covenant partners are introduced to the congregation at a worship service and invited to meet with our Session to be received as MDPC covenant partners.



#### Upcoming Classes:

Fri evening & Sat morning, Jun 6 & 7

Fri evening & Sat morning, Sep 26 & 27

Fri evening & Sat morning, Nov 21 & 22

[Learn more and register at membership.mdpc.org.](https://membership.mdpc.org)



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