

you will LIVE

A SERMON SERIES ON ROMANS 8

Sun, May 11, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Songs of Praise	<i>Your Grace Is Enough / How Great Thou Art</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Miah Collins
Song of Response	<i>Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Rachel Poysky
Offertory	<i>Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	
Message	You Will Live (Romans 8:18-27)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Michael Middleton
Opening Song	<i>Here for You</i>	
Baptisms		Alf Halvorson
Margaret Elizabeth Sears, daughter of Thomas "Brad" & Elizabeth "Liz" Sears		
Berkley Anne Nondorf, daughter of Garrett & Kristi Nondorf		
Hudson Michael Mueller, son of Nicholas "Nick" & Kaitlin Mueller		
Songs of Praise	<i>Your Grace Is Enough / How Great Thou Art</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Dan Aikins
Offertory	<i>Lead on Good Shepherd</i>	
Message	You Will Live (Romans 8:18-27)	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	
Moment of Connection		Sally Henien

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

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Air</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Rachel Poysky
Choral Introit	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i>	Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
*Hymn of Praise #417	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Vs. 1, 4 REGENT SQUARE
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Luke Funderburk
*Affirmation of Faith	from The Apostles' Creed	
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Offertory	<i>The Heavens Are Telling (from The Creation)</i>	Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)
Baptism	Logan Theodore Lyle, son of Cory & Amy Lyle	
Alf Halvorson		
Anthem of Preparation	<i>We Walk by Faith</i>	Jan Sanborn (b. 1958)
Message	You Will Live (Romans 8:18-27)	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response #383	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	Vs. 1, 2 OLIVET
Postlude	<i>Rigaudon</i>	André Campra (1660-1744)

Musicians at 11:15: Rob Landes, guest pianist/organist;
Priscilla Salisbury, Chris Childress, & Antoine Griggs, trio; Sanctuary Choir with Charles Hausmann

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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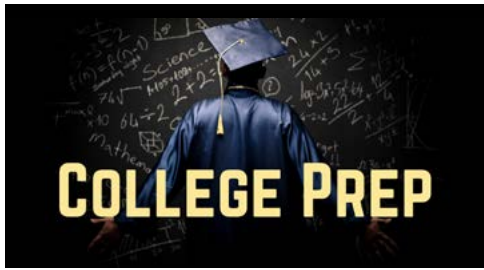
Give Online

give.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!



Next Session: Sun, May 18 • 12:30-2pm

Recent HS grads: Join us for a series of sessions that explore college topics and help you get ready for an exciting new chapter! Details: vaevents.mdpc.org



Meets Monthly (Mon, May 12) • 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.



Fri PM, June 6 and Sat AM, June 7

This class is how you can become a Covenant Partner or simply learn more about our church and ministries. Evening + morning, no overnight. Details: membership.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of May 4, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to Date	4,156,177
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	10,047,115

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.



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.



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.



Come witness how God is at work through our global partners on one of our upcoming outreach trips! Visit trips.mdpc.org for information about upcoming opportunities.



Next Showing: Wed, June 18 • 3pm

Join us in the Amphitheater for popcorn and a show - all free, all are welcome! Our first film is *The Six Triple Eight* (PG-13). More details at movies.mdpc.org.

Births and Deaths

Carole Driver passed away May 1, 2025.

More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

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This is the second in our post-Easter sermon series on the implications of the cross and empty tomb for our lives and world from Romans chapter eight. Last week Paul focused on humans and their enslavement to sin and how we can be freed from sin & death and have power over our old habits and sinful nature. The Good News in the first section of Romans 8 is that we become children of God, heirs of our heavenly Father, and co-heirs with Christ. In this second part of Romans 8, Paul focuses on creation and as a poet-theologian, he gives creation consciousness. It is worthy of our attention and study—and there are profoundly positive implications for our life now and into eternity.

1. Do you enjoy nature? What are one or two of your favorite places on the planet? Why?
2. Read Romans 8:18-25. What is true about nature, creation, our planet, according to Paul? Is that surprising to you or have you always seen it the way Paul sees it? How do you hear creation "groaning" right now? Does this passage encourage stewardship of nature or exploitation of it? Explain.
3. I talked in my sermon about a two-chapter Gospel, a one-chapter Gospel, and a four-chapter Gospel. Was that new to you or familiar? Why does it matter that we don't forget chapter one and chapter four in the Metanarrative of Scripture? (Note: A *metanarrative* is a grand, overarching story or framework that attempts to explain all human experience, history, and knowledge.) How does it help us see our sin and salvation (chapters two & three) in a richer, deeper, and more nuanced way? And how does chapter one help us imagine what chapter four might look like regarding a new heaven and a new earth?
4. People have asked me to include the books I refer to in my sermons in these notes. I drew from N. T. Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope*, and Hugh Welch's *How Then Should We Work?* regarding these concepts of the Gospel and what work can be like in this life and what work will be like in eternity. Welch's book is much shorter and easily accessible. Wright's book is more involved, but very rich and rewarding for those who work their way to the end. These books were helpful for our H-Town Fellows (fellows.mdpc.org) as they have made their way through the program the last two years.
5. Read Romans 8:26-27. How do these verses help you with prayer in general and your practice of praying in particular? Share examples. How does this idea help you not only endure but thrive in this broken, messy, confusing world? And how does this help of the Spirit connect with the Four-Chapter Gospel Concept in our real lives?