



**Sunday, August 30, 2020 - 9:00 am**

**Theme: The Book of Acts – The Holy Spirit Moves!**

**Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online Worship**

**Usher: Dave H., Reader: Neil G., Hospitality: Pat C.**

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Welcome & Worship Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,

and of the <sup>†</sup> Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of

Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **✚** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: “For Those Tears I Died” The Kroschel Family**

Verse 1

You said you'd come  
And share all my sorrows  
You said You'd be there for all my tomorrows  
I came so close to sending you away  
But just as you promised you came there to stay  
I just had to pray

Chorus

And Jesus said,  
“Come to the water, stand by my side,  
I know you are thirsty, you won’t be denied.  
I felt ev’ry tear drop  
When in darkness you cried,  
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died”

Verse 2

Your goodness so great I can’t understand  
And, dear Lord, I know that all this was planned  
I know you’re here now and always will be  
Your love loosed my chains  
And in you I’m free  
Bu, Jesus, why me?

Chorus

Verse 3

Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul  
I know now without God I’d never be whole  
Savior, you opened all the right doors,  
And I thank You and praise You  
From earth’s humble shores

Take me, I'm yours

Chorus

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

15 Then I said, "Lord, you understand. Remember me and help me. Let me have revenge on those who persecute me. Do not be so patient with them that they succeed in killing me. Remember that it is for your sake that I am insulted. 16 You spoke to me, and I listened to every word. I belong to you, Lord God Almighty, and so your words filled my heart with joy and happiness. 17 I did not spend my time with other people, laughing and having a good time. In obedience to your orders I stayed by myself and was filled with anger. 18 Why do I keep on suffering? Why are my wounds incurable? Why won't they heal? Do you intend to disappoint me like a stream that goes dry in the summer?" 19 To this the Lord replied, "If you return, I will take you back, and you will be my servant again. If instead of talking nonsense you proclaim a worthwhile message, you will be my prophet again. The people will come back to you, and you will not need to go to them. 20 I will make you like a solid bronze wall as far as they are concerned. They will fight against you, but they will not defeat you. I will be with you to protect you and keep you safe. 21 I will rescue you from the power of wicked and violent people. I, the Lord, have spoken."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Acts 15:1-19**

Some men came from Judea to Antioch and started teaching the believers, "You cannot be saved unless you are circumcised as the Law of Moses requires." 2 Paul and Barnabas got into a fierce argument with them about this, so it was decided that Paul and Barnabas and some of the others in Antioch should go to Jerusalem and see the apostles and elders about this matter. 3 They were sent on their way by the church; and as they went through Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported how the Gentiles had turned to God; this news brought great joy to all the believers. 4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church, the apostles, and the elders, to whom they told all that God had done through them. 5 But some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and told to obey the Law of Moses." 6 The apostles and the elders met together to consider this question. 7 After a long debate Peter stood up and said, "My friends, you know that a long time ago God chose me from among you to preach the Good News to the Gentiles, so that they could hear and believe. 8 And God, who knows the thoughts of everyone, showed his approval of the Gentiles by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he had to us. 9 He made no difference between us and them; he forgave their sins because they believed. 10 So then, why do you now want to put God to the test by laying a load on the backs of the believers which neither our ancestors nor we ourselves were able to carry? 11 No! We believe and are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they are." 12 The whole group was silent as they heard Barnabas and Paul report all the miracles and wonders that God had performed through them among the Gentiles. 13 When they had finished speaking, James spoke up: "Listen to me, my friends! 14 Simon has just explained how God first showed his care for the Gentiles by taking from among them a people to belong to him. 15 The words of the prophets agree completely with this. As the scripture says, 16 'After this I will return, says the Lord, and restore the kingdom of David. I will rebuild its ruins and make it strong again. 17 And so all the rest of the human race will come to me, all the Gentiles whom I have called to be my own. 18 So says the Lord, who made this known long ago.' 19 "It is my opinion," James went on, "that we should not trouble the Gentiles who are turning to God.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

21 From that time on Jesus began to say plainly to his disciples, “I must go to Jerusalem and suffer much from the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. I will be put to death, but three days later I will be raised to life.” 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “God forbid it, Lord!” he said. “That must never happen to you!” 23 Jesus turned around and said to Peter, “Get away from me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my way, because these thoughts of yours don't come from God, but from human nature.” 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. 25 For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it. 26 Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! There is nothing you can give to regain your life. 27 For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will reward each one according to his deeds. 28 I assure you that there are some here who will not die until they have seen the Son of Man come as King.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Children's Sermon**

### **Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day: “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” ELW 551**

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,

to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

### **Prayers of intercession: Response "Hear Our Prayer"**

#### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **Great Thanksgiving Dialog**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **Words of Institution**

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.

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

(All take communion at the same time)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **St. Paul Lutheran Transition Prayer**

**God of hope,**  
**We are treading the path of transition. We praise you and ask you to make**  
**straight our path.**  
**As we seek to call a new pastor, surround and ground the Ministry Site Profile**  
**Team and paperwork, the Call Committee, and the Synod staff in your Holy**  
**Spirit.**

**Give the Pastor you are preparing for us clarity of call and joy in finding us.  
Sustain in this congregation, and in each of us, trust in your Holy Spirit, patience  
in the process, and generosity for the future of your church. Resolve any conflict  
and break down any barriers that remain among us.**

**Give us open minds and hearts as we welcome our new pastor and a new  
season of this congregation's ministry.**

**Through the abundant love of your Son, Jesus, we pray.**

**Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#### **Announcements**

#### **Call Committee Commissioning**

**Steven Coozennoy**

**Katie Fetterly**

**Neil Gatzow**

**Pam Heaton**

**Paulette Miller**

**Karen Rozeske**

**Brian Young**

#### **Blessing**

The holy Three, the holy One  
increase your hope,  
strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love,  
and + grant you peace.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## August 30, 2020 – News & Updates

- **Golden Opportunity: Last Chance!!** Don't forget to share what you are learning during these months of lockdown. From the silly to the meaningful and everything in between! All ages welcome! All entries will be shared anonymously. Please share yours at [www.sharingchristslove.org](http://www.sharingchristslove.org)
- **Parking Lot Work!! Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (Rain dates: September 1 or 2)** The parking lot will be closed for a few days for sealing and striping. **The theme of this project is "Save Your Spot!"** The cost of this project is \$82.00 per spot. There are 150 spots in our lot. If you are able to help support this project financially, or if you have further questions, please call 651.462.5212 or email [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).
- **Ministry Site Profile Survey** It's not too late to make your opinion count. Please take a minute to fill out the invitation you were emailed for the **Ministry Site Profile Survey**. Last day for surveys to be completed is **Sunday, August 30**
- **Communications** do you have web design or other communications skills? Could you give a little time to your church? If so, please contact Pastor Sarah! [pastor@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org).
- **Bring Your Own Picnic Nights - Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm outside at our church! The dates are: September 2, 16, and 30<sup>th</sup>.** BYO picnic dinner, drink, mask, and a lawn chair or blanket and plan to sit physically distanced. Brandy Timmons at 651-319-3255 or at [brandyhtimmons@gmail.com](mailto:brandyhtimmons@gmail.com) This event will be cancelled if it is raining.
- **Walking Club – Tuesdays at 7:00 am & 7:00 pm!** Meet in the church parking lot! For questions, please call AM Group Pat Clarence 651-285-9348, PM Group Brandy Timmons at 651-319-3255.
- **Bible Study – Isaiah: In the Days to Come...** Join Pastor Sarah and other curious minds to study the readings from Isaiah that we read during Advent. We meet via Zoom at **7:30pm on Wednesdays through September**

**23<sup>rd</sup>.** Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d48a9ad28a5fc1-isaiah>. Or simply join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/528018344>  
Password: 5212. Or call: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 528 018 344 and  
Password: 5212.

- The **Finance Team** is currently looking for volunteers. Please contact Chris Timmons at [treasurer@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:treasurer@sharingchristslove.org) if you have questions or are interested.
- The **SPLC COVID Response Team** Look for the completed Preparedness Plan at <https://www.sharingchristslove.org/covid-19-update.html> . If you have any questions for the Covid Response Team, email [safety@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:safety@sharingchristslove.org) or call the office.
- **Office hours** are T, W, Th 9am-4pm and F 9am-12pm. Pastor Sarah and Melissa work remotely most days. You can reach Melissa at 651-462-5212 and Pastor Sarah at 517-902-3977. You can also email [pastor@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org) and [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).
- **How can you serve on Sunday?** We need readers, ushers, hospitality ministers at the Hospitality Station. Please call Melissa 651.462.5212, or email [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org) to sign up.
- Please join us for **Zoom Coffee Hour** Sundays at 11:00 am, **Zoom Bible Study** on Sunday's readings is on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/528018344> Password: 5212. Or call: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 528 018 344 and Password: 5212.

### **This week we are praying for:**

Arnie	Jan B.	Gabe W.
Amanda	Georgia B.	Larry
Andre	Greg	Sondra M.
Cyndi	Fran D.	Bob
Katie E. & Family	Vicki & Her family	COVID medical/frontline staff
Military members	Law enforcement	Mgoli and Mtera parishes
Wendy & her mom	Fire & EMS professionals	