



St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wyoming, MN
Sunday, February 21, 2021 - 9:00 am
First Sunday of Lent
Online Worship

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Worship Announcements

“Jesus Loves Me” Sunday School

Thanksgiving for the Word: Time after Epiphany

Holy God,
Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,
we hear your Word in the scriptures,
proclaiming to us your wisdom
and inviting us to follow your call.

For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,
who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,
and revived the brokenhearted.

For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.

We worship you, O God.

By your Spirit, bless all who receive this Word,
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Blessed are you, holy God,
around us, with us, and in us,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” ELW 324

1	In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.	3	When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
2	When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.	4	Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ God said to Noah and his sons, ⁹ “I am now making my covenant with you and with your descendants, ¹⁰ and with all living beings—all birds and all animals—everything that came out of the boat with you. ¹¹ With these words I make my covenant with you: I promise that never again will all living beings be destroyed by a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. ¹² As a sign of this everlasting covenant which I am making with you and with all living

beings,¹³ I am putting my bow in the clouds. It will be the sign of my covenant with the world. ¹⁴ Whenever I cover the sky with clouds and the rainbow appears, ¹⁵ I will remember my promise to you and to all the animals that a flood will never again destroy all living beings. ¹⁶ When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth. ¹⁷ That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ died^[a] for sins once and for all, a good man on behalf of sinners, in order to lead you to God. He was put to death physically, but made alive spiritually, ¹⁹ and in his spiritual existence he went and preached to the imprisoned spirits. ²⁰ These were the spirits of those who had not obeyed God when he waited patiently during the days that Noah was building his boat. The few people in the boat—eight in all—were saved by the water, ²¹ which was a symbol pointing to baptism, which now saves you. It is not the washing off of bodily dirt, but the promise made to God from a good conscience. It saves you through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone to heaven and is at the right side of God, ruling over all angels and heavenly authorities and powers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

⁹ Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you.” ¹² At once the Spirit made him go into the desert, ¹³ where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him. ¹⁴ After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. ¹⁵ “The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Prayers of intercession

Response: “Your mercy is great” (prayers at end of bulletin)

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Generosity & Meditation

You are invited to give online:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=MG4RKUJT9HM6E&source=url

You can also send your offering to the church:

5879 Wyoming Trail, PO Box 583, Wyoming, MN 55092

Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

Distribution

All may take and give 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Christ Jesus,

at this table we have feasted on your very life

and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet

nourished in body and in spirit

to proclaim your good news

and serve others in your name.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "The Old Rugged Cross"

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest
and best For a world of lost sinners was
slain

Verse 2

O the old rugged cross so despised by the
world. Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory
above To bear it to dark Calvary

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross stained with blood
so divine. A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered
and died To pardon and sanctify me

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us for worship at St. Paul today! May God's guidance, grace, and comfort be your strength in these days of uncertainty. May we continue to love one another, reach out in the ways that we can, and be the body of Christ for a hurting and anxious world.

*Join us for worship every Sunday morning at 9:00am on Facebook and at www.sharingchristslove.org
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This week we are praying for:

Arnie	Jim G.	Bob	Beth
Fran D.	Wendy & her mom	Pastor Christoph	Elaine
Jim A.	Chad O.	Wynette	Andre
Janet N.	First Responders	Military members	COVID medical/frontline staff

February 21, 2021 – News & Updates

This Week at St. Paul Lutheran

- Sunday School TODAY at 10:00 am via zoom.
- The congregation unanimously voted Pastor Dale Stiles to our full time pastor. Pastor Dale's first day is March 1st.

Service Opportunities

Building Cleaning:

- Sign up for bathroom cleaning [here](#)
- Sign up for vacuuming [here](#)
- Sign up for sweeping and mopping [here](#)
- Sign up for emptying garbage and cleaning high touch surfaces [here](#)

Office Hours

- Pastor Christoph and Melissa work remotely most days. You can reach Pastor Christoph and Melissa at 651-462-5212, or through E-mail: pastor@sharingchristslove.org and admin@sharingchristslove.org.

Readings this week

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

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.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Shine your light into those who are depressed or grieving. Give healing and strength to all who suffer especially **ATTACHED**

Arnie
Andre
Fran D.
Wendy H & her mom
Bob E.
Chad O.
Jim G.
Janet N.
Beth
Elaine
Jim A.
First Responders

Mgoli and Mtera parishes

Those working in the medical field, and on the front line for COVID-19

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism, you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern especially the Prayer Chain, the Visitation Team and the Family Pathways Food Truck.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Through prayer, open our hearts and minds to our brothers and sisters in Mtera and Mgoli parishes in Tanzania. Help them to know deep in their souls that they are loved and welcomed by you; may this knowledge fill their hearts with contentment and peace.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**