



**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wyoming, MN**  
**Sunday, February 14, 2021 - 9:00 am**  
**Online Worship**

**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome & Worship Announcements**

**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: “Morning Has Broken” ELW 556**

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
  
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
  
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**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**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

The time came for the Lord to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah and Elisha set out from Gilgal,<sup>2</sup> and on the way Elijah said to Elisha, “Now stay here; the Lord has ordered me to

go to Bethel." But Elisha answered, "I swear by my loyalty to the living Lord and to you that I will not leave you." So they went on to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> A group of prophets who lived there went to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha answered. "But let's not talk about it." <sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Now stay here; the Lord has ordered me to go to Jericho." But Elisha answered, "I swear by my loyalty to the living Lord and to you that I will not leave you." So they went on to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> A group of prophets who lived there went to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master away from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha answered. "But let's not talk about it." <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Now stay here; the Lord has ordered me to go to the Jordan River." But Elisha answered, "I swear by my loyalty to the living Lord and to you that I will not leave you." So they went on, <sup>7</sup> and fifty of the prophets followed them to the Jordan. Elijah and Elisha stopped by the river, and the fifty prophets stood a short distance away. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took off his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it; the water divided, and he and Elisha crossed to the other side on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> There, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what you want me to do for you before I am taken away." "Let me receive the share of your power that will make me your successor," <sup>[a]</sup> Elisha answered. <sup>10</sup> "That is a difficult request to grant," Elijah replied. "But you will receive it if you see me as I am being taken away from you; if you don't see me, you won't receive it." <sup>11</sup> They kept talking as they walked on; then suddenly a chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire came between them, and Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup> Elisha saw it and cried out to Elijah, "My father, my father! Mighty defender of Israel! You are gone!" And he never saw Elijah again. In grief Elisha tore his cloak in two.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup> For if the gospel we preach is hidden, it is hidden only from those who are being lost. <sup>4</sup> They do not believe, because their minds have been kept in the dark by the evil god of this world. He keeps them from seeing the light shining on them, the light that comes from the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. <sup>5</sup> For it is not ourselves that we preach; we preach Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> The God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone in the world could wash them. <sup>4</sup> Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Teacher, how

good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, “This is my own dear Son—listen to him!” <sup>8</sup> They took a quick look around but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them. <sup>9</sup> As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Message**

**Prayers of intercession**

**Response: “Have mercy, O God”**

### **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](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  $\pm$  keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: “Beautiful Savior” ELW 838**

1      Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3      Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

2      Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

4      Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

## **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](http://www.sharingchristslove.org)  
Permission to print & stream service music obtained from CCLI; License #855924; Streaming #20800937.*

### **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 14, 2021 – News & Updates**

#### **This Week at St. Paul Lutheran**

- **REMINDER the Annual Meeting is TODAY at 10:00 am! In order to accomplish all voting in one meeting. Join us here: <https://meet.google.com/pvw-msqp-vpx>.** We will be voting on new council members, 2021 budget, Synod Delegation, and the Candidate for Pastor. Per the St. Paul Synod guidelines, to vote for the Candidate for Pastor, you will need: a blank sheet of paper, an envelope, for each voting member. The synod requires a written ballot be received from each voting member to call a pastor. These ballots must be dropped off at the church's front doors, by 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 14th. Someone will take your ballot; you won't even have to get out the car! All other voting items will be done on-line (or in person, in the sanctuary).
  - **Voting: Per St. Paul Lutheran's Constitution, Section C.08.02.c, Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. The current calendar or preceding calendar year is between January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.**

## 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](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org) and [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).

### Readings this week

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

### **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.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**02.14.21**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Brief silence*

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all who suffer this day especially

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

that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, for the congregational council leading us in our annual meeting today, and for

guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our brothers and sisters in Mtera and Migoli parishes in Tanzania, that they are confident of your presence during times of change, feeling your love guiding them towards new opportunities and ministries, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**