



Sunday, June 14, 2020 - 9:00 am

**Theme: The Book of Acts – The Holy Spirit Moves!
Drive-In/ Outdoor Worship**

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 [†] 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: “My Lighthouse”

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won’t walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won’t let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise You will carry me
Safe to shore safe to shore
Safe to shore Safe to shore

I won’t fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I’ll rise and sing
My God’s love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise You will carry me
Safe to shore safe to shore
Safe to shore Safe to shore

Fire before us You’re the brightest
You will lead us through the storms

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My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
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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.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself.
Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the
blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

¹⁻² The people of Israel left Rephidim, and on the first day of the third month after they had left Egypt they came to the desert of Sinai. There they set up camp at the foot of Mount Sinai,³ and Moses went up the mountain to meet with God. The LORD called to him from the mountain and told him to say to the Israelites, Jacob's descendants: ⁴ "You saw what I, the LORD, did to the Egyptians and how I carried you as an eagle carries her young on her wings, and brought you here to me. ⁵ Now, if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own people. The whole earth is mine, but you will be my chosen people,⁶ a people dedicated to me alone, and you will serve me as priests."⁷ So Moses went down and called the leaders of the people together and told them everything that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ Then all the people answered together, "We will do everything that the LORD has said," and Moses reported this to the LORD.

Second Reading: Acts 4:1-22

Peter and John were still speaking to the people when some priests, the officer in charge of the Temple guards, and some Sadducees arrived.² They were annoyed because the two apostles were teaching the people that Jesus had risen from death, which proved that the dead will rise to life.³ So they arrested them and put them in jail until the next day, since it was already late.⁴ But many who heard the message believed; and the number grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the Jewish leaders, the elders, and the teachers of the Law gathered in Jerusalem.⁶ They met with the High Priest Annas and with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and the others who belonged to the High Priest's family.⁷ They made the apostles stand before them and asked them, "How did you do this? What power do you have or whose name did you use?"⁸ Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: ⁹ if we are being questioned today about the good deed done to the lame man and how he was healed,¹⁰ then you should all know, and all the people of Israel should know, that this man stands here before you completely well through the power of the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—whom you crucified and whom God raised from death.¹¹ Jesus is the one of whom the scripture says, 'The stone that you the builders despised turned out to be the most important of all.'¹² Salvation is to be found through him alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us."¹³ The members of the Council were amazed to see how bold Peter and John were and to learn that they were ordinary men of no education. They realized then that they had been companions of Jesus.¹⁴ But there was nothing that they could say, because they saw the man who had been healed standing there with Peter and John.¹⁵ So they told them to leave the Council room, and then they started discussing among themselves.¹⁶ "What shall we do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone in Jerusalem knows that this extraordinary miracle has been performed by them, and we cannot deny it.¹⁷ But to keep this matter from spreading any further among the people, let us warn these men never again to speak to anyone in the name of Jesus."¹⁸ So they called them back in and told them that under no condition were they to speak or to teach in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, "You yourselves judge which is right in God's sight—to obey you or to obey God.²⁰ For we cannot stop speaking of what we ourselves have seen and heard."²¹ So the Council warned them even more strongly and then set them free. They saw that it was impossible to punish them, because the people were all praising God for what had

happened. ²² The man on whom this miracle of healing had been performed was over forty years old.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Jesus went around visiting all the towns and villages. He taught in the synagogues, preached the Good News about the Kingdom, and healed people with every kind of disease and sickness. ³⁶ As he saw the crowds, his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ So he said to his disciples, “The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. ³⁸ Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest.” ¹⁰ Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. ⁵ These twelve men were sent out by Jesus with the following instructions: “Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. ⁶ Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel. ⁷ Go and preach, ‘The Kingdom of heaven is near!’ ⁸ Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid.

Children's Sermon

Message

Hymn of the Day: “Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayers of intercession

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 in their cars)

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 Breakthrough Prayer

O God of hope and love,
Thank you for your people of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Move us by the Holy Spirit to live for you alone.
Take us outside ourselves, make us open, and remind us that
you are our center and our purpose.
Break down barriers of anger, fear, grief, hurt, and whatever
else is holding me back from being open, and
holding us back as a congregation.
Use me to do your work.
Use each of us for the plans you have for your church.
Through the abundant love of your Son, Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

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

Announcements

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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