



**Sunday, December 13, 2020 - 9:00 am**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Online Worship**

**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome & Worship Announcements**

**Holden Evening Prayer (see attachment for music):**

*As its name suggests, Evening Prayer is the traditionally sung “Vespers” service - one of the daily prayer hours of the monastic order. Because it is also known as a Service of Light, it is equally appropriate to use during mornings in Advent as we anticipate the birth of the Jesus.*

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**Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

<sup>6</sup> God sent his messenger, a man named John, <sup>7</sup> who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. <sup>19</sup> The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to John to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup> John did not refuse to answer, but spoke out openly and clearly, saying: “I am not the Messiah.” <sup>21</sup> “Who are you, then?” they asked. “Are you Elijah?” “No, I am not,” John answered. “Are you the Prophet?” they asked. “No,” he replied. <sup>22</sup> “Then tell us who you are,” they said. “We have to take an answer back to those who sent us.”

What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> John answered by quoting the prophet Isaiah: "I am 'the voice of someone shouting in the desert: Make a straight path for the Lord to travel!'" <sup>24</sup> The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees, <sup>25</sup> then asked John, "If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?" <sup>26</sup> John answered, "I baptize with water, but among you stands the one you do not know. <sup>27</sup> He is coming after me, but I am not good enough even to untie his sandals." <sup>28</sup> All this happened in Bethany on the east side of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message**

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### 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.**

(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.**

### **Announcements**

### **Final Blessing**

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### **Assigned texts for the day:**

First Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalm 126

Gospel: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11



December 13, 2020 – News & Updates

## Worship

- **Sunday mornings:** Holden Evening Prayer (virtual), with Holy Communion, posted online on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>:** instead of Holden Evening Prayer, the virtual service will be the recording of the Sunday School program, followed by the prayers and Holy Communion.
- **Wednesday nights:** Advent services (virtual) featuring Confirmation students, with Advent wreath lighting, posted online on Wednesday on December 16th.
- **Drive Thru Nativity service: December 20 from 1-3pm.** Start your journey anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm -- Our Bethlehem Drive-Through is a fun way to witness the Christmas story from your car. Drive through "Bethlehem," passing each station, and then arrive at the manger scene for the final destination. Bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf.
- **Holiday Worship Schedule:** December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm – In person (outside). December 31<sup>st</sup>, Service of Lessons and Carols 9:00 am – Online.

## Giving Tree

- **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN INTRODUCES THE GIVING TREE:** During this time of COVID these needs have only grown. Even though our in-person worship and ministries are on hold, there continues to be many expenses within our church. Also, there are many families, children, and seniors for whom these needs are very real. Can you help? If you are able to make a special Christmas donation, follow the link to make an online payment via or you may mail a check into the church, marking where you would like your gift to go to.

## Church Council

We need **YOU** to **SERVE** on the **CHURCH COUNCIL**? If you are interested, please contact any member of the current council, the congregation would love to have **YOU!** **YOU** make a difference!

## Annual Report

- Team Leads - Please have all of your information for the annual report to Melissa by **December 21st!!**

## Service Opportunities

- **Building Cleaning:** Please take a look at the schedule and see what you would feel comfortable doing. If you have any questions, please contact the SPLC Covid response team [Safety@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:Safety@sharingchristslove.org)
- 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 such as tables, chairs, doors, light switches, pens, etc. [here](#)
- **Snow Shoveling:** We are in need of volunteers to shovel on snow days! Sign up for snow shoveling [here](#)
- **The WAM team is looking for volunteers needed to build & paint theater flats!** We need you to help with the "stations" of the Bethlehem Drive Through. This can be a fun family activity, or for individuals. Be part of the Christmas spirit . Confirmation students = Service Hours!

## Information

- **Office hours** are T, W, Th 9am-4pm and F 9am-12pm. Pastor Christoph and Melissa work remotely most days. You can reach Pastor Christoph and Melissa at 651-462-5212 and You can also email [pastor@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org) and [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).

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

Arnie	Jim G.	Bob
Vicki & Her family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Pat	First Responders
Chad O.	Michelle I. & Family	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Janet N.	Military members