



**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wyoming, MN  
Sunday, January 31st, 2021 - 9:00 am  
Online Worship**

**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome & Worship Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign made at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
you search us and know us.  
You are acquainted with all our ways.  
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.  
We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.  
We distrust those who are not like us.  
We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.  
Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.  
Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG: "My Lighthouse"**

#### Verse 1

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 whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

#### Verse 2

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 whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

#### Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
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

#### Verse 3

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 whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge  
Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT 3X)

### **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**

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

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

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> Instead, he will send you a prophet like me from among your own people, and you are to obey him. <sup>16</sup> “On the day that you were gathered at Mount Sinai, you begged not to hear the Lord speak again or to see his fiery presence any more, because you were afraid you would die. <sup>17</sup> So the Lord said to me, ‘They have made a wise request. <sup>18</sup> I will send them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will tell him what to say, and he<sup>[b]</sup> will tell the people everything I command. <sup>19</sup> He will speak in my name, and I<sup>[c]</sup> will punish anyone who refuses to obey him. <sup>20</sup> But if any prophet dares to speak a message in my name when I did not command him to do so, he must die for it, and so must any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods.’

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now, concerning what you wrote about food offered to idols. It is true, of course, that “all of us have knowledge,” as they say. Such knowledge, however, puffs a person up with pride; but

love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Those who think they know something really don't know as they ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But the person who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup> So then, about eating the food offered to idols: we know that an idol stands for something that does not really exist; we know that there is only the one God. <sup>5</sup> Even if there are so-called "gods," whether in heaven or on earth, and even though there are many of these "gods" and "lords," <sup>6</sup> yet there is for us only one God, the Father, who is the Creator of all things and for whom we live; and there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created and through whom we live. <sup>7</sup> But not everyone knows this truth. Some people have been so used to idols that to this day when they eat such food they still think of it as food that belongs to an idol; their conscience is weak, and they feel they are defiled by the food. <sup>8</sup> Food, however, will not improve our relation with God; we shall not lose anything if we do not eat, nor shall we gain anything if we do eat. <sup>9</sup> Be careful, however, not to let your freedom of action make those who are weak in the faith fall into sin. <sup>10</sup> Suppose a person whose conscience is weak in this matter sees you, who have so-called "knowledge," eating in the temple of an idol; will not this encourage him to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so this weak person, your brother for whom Christ died, will perish because of your "knowledge"! <sup>12</sup> And in this way you will be sinning against Christ by sinning against other Christians and wounding their weak conscience. <sup>13</sup> So then, if food makes a believer sin, I will never eat meat again, so as not to make a believer fall into sin.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

<sup>23</sup> Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed, <sup>24</sup> "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are—you are God's holy messenger!" <sup>25</sup> Jesus ordered the spirit, "Be quiet, and come out of the man!"

<sup>26</sup> The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him. <sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another, "What is this? Is it some kind of new teaching? This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits, and they obey him!"

<sup>28</sup> And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the province of Galilee.

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.**

### **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.*

### **Blessing**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: "Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW 612**

#### *Refrain*

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. 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.sharingchristsllove.org](http://www.sharingchristsllove.org)  
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### This week we are praying for:

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



## January 31st, 2020 – News & Updates

### This Week at St. Paul

- **Sunday School** TODAY at 10:00 am. via Zoom. Please let Melissa know at [admin@sharingchristsllove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristsllove.org) if your child wishes to participate in Sunday School and you have not been receiving the Sunday School emails this past fall.
- **Confirmation: We will resume in-person classes** this Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7pm AT CHURCH.
- Good news!! Our Call Committee has finished their interviews and has selected a name for consideration of a call. **As such, we have decided to move the Annual Meeting to 10:30 am on February 14<sup>th</sup> in order to accomplish all voting in one meeting.** The Annual Meeting will be an online format, with some limited seating available in the Church Sanctuary. More details on the Annual Meeting will be released in the coming days.
- **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.**

- Also, we plan on a **Congregational Meet and Greet with the new Pastor on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** Details on the Meet and Greet are still in the works.

### **Service Opportunities**

**Building Cleaning:** Please help us keep our building clean! Here is the online schedule. If you have any questions, contact the SPLC Covid team: [safety@sharingchristsllove.org](mailto:safety@sharingchristsllove.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 [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@sharingchristsllove.org](mailto:pastor@sharingchristsllove.org) and [admin@sharingchristsllove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristsllove.org).

### **Readings this week**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 111

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**1.31.21**

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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 all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

### **Have mercy, O God.**

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

### **Have mercy, O God.**

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

### **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need especially

### **ATTACHED**

Arnie

Andre

Fran D.

Wendy H & her mom

Bob E.

Chad O.

Jim G.

Janet N.

Wynette

Beth

Elaine

Jim A.

First Responders

Mgoli and Mtera parishes

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

For caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

### **Have mercy, O God.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God

in this place and for other needs in our community especially children and families transitioning between in-person and distance learning, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the call committee, the new pastor that has been selected for our congregation, and for the support of our congregational council and bridge pastor, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our brothers and sisters in Tanzania: members of Migoli and Mtera parishes, evangelists traveling to preaching points and teachers and students at Mtera Secondary School, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, 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.**