



**Sunday, November 22, 2020 - 9:00 am
Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online Worship
Tune to AM 1100 on your car radio**

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.
Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through \dagger Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Hymn: “Chain Breaker”

If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

Chorus

If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker

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.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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.*

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

- 1Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
 let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- 2Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
 and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.
- 3For you, Lord, | are a great God,
 and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- 4In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
 the heights of the hills are | also yours. R
- 5The sea is yours, | for you made it,
 and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- 6Come, let us worship | and bow down,
 let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.
- 7aFor the Lord | is our God,
 and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, 32 and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at

his left. 34 Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. 35 I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, 36 naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' 37 The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' 40 The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! 42 I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; 43 I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.' 44 Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' 45 The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' 46 These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Christ, Be Our Light" vs. 1,2, and 5 ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

Prayers of intercession: Response “Your mercy is great”

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)

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 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.

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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November 22, 2020 – News & Updates

Worship

- **Sunday mornings:** Holden Evening Prayer (virtual), with Holy Communion, posted online on November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th.
- **Wednesday nights:** Advent services (virtual) featuring Confirmation students, with Advent wreath lighting, posted online on Wednesdays on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Food Truck

- SPLC will again provide **Turkeys for the Holidays**. Please consider donating to purchase these for families in need in our community. **Write Food Truck Turkeys on the check, or with your cash donation.**

Education and Faith Formation

- **Family Devotions:** Sign up here SundaySchool@sharingchristslove.org or call Melissa in the main office at 651-462-5212.

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
 - 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](#)

- **How can you serve on Sunday?** We need readers, ushers, hospitality ministers at the Hospitality Station. Please call Melissa 651-462-5212, or email admin@sharingchristslove.org to sign up.
- **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 handy men and women to build a set for a drive thru Nativity skit.** We are also in need of supplies, such as plywood, 2x4s, or fence posts to build the set. In addition, we also need some people to sew costumes for the actors. If you have some time and these skills, St. Paul Lutheran needs you! Please contact [Arlie Post](#) or [Joanna Kroschel](#) for details.

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 and admin@sharingchristslove.org.

This week we are praying for:

Arnie	Family of Jan B.	Family of Georgia B.
Vicki & Her family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Pat	First Responders
Chad O.	Paul E.	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Jim G.	Military members
Bob	Dease C.	