



Sunday, October 18, 2020 - 9:00 am

Theme: The Book of Acts – The Holy Spirit Moves!

Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online Worship

Usher: Marc M., Reader: Kathie M., Hospitality: Ruth K.

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GATHERING

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

Welcome & Worship Announcements

Baptism of DECKLAN & EVIGALE HEATON

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to a new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Pastor: (to sponsors) Who presents Decklan James Heaton and Evigale Faith Heaton for Holy Baptism?

Sponsors: I present Decklan James Heaton and Evigale Faith Heaton for Holy Baptism.

Decklan James Heaton and Evigale Faith Heaton, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds: I do.

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *Decklan and Evigale* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

Decklan James Heaton and Evigale Faith Heaton, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Decklan and Evigale with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Decklan and Evigale, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

A lighted candle is presented.

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Reading: Acts 22: 6-21

6 “As I was traveling and coming near Damascus, about midday a bright light from the sky flashed suddenly around me. 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?’ 8 ‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked. ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute,’ he said to me. 9 The men with me saw the light, but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. 10 I asked, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ and the Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything that God has determined for you to do.’ 11 I was blind because of the bright light, and so my companions took me by the hand and led me into Damascus. 12 “In that city was a man named Ananias, a religious man who obeyed our Law and was highly respected by all the Jews living there. 13 He came to me, stood by me, and said, ‘Brother Saul, see again!’ At that very moment I saw again and looked at him. 14 He said, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see his righteous Servant, and to hear him speaking with his own voice. 15 For you will be a witness for him to tell everyone what you have seen and heard. 16 And now, why wait any longer? Get up and be baptized and have your sins washed away by praying to him.’ 17 “I went back to Jerusalem, and while I was praying in the Temple, I had a vision, 18 in which I saw the Lord, as he said to me, ‘Hurry and leave Jerusalem quickly, because the people here will not accept your witness about me.’ 19 ‘Lord,’ I answered, ‘they know very well that I went to the synagogues and arrested and beat those who believe in you. 20 And when your witness Stephen was put to death, I myself was there, approving of his murder and taking care of the cloaks of his murderers.’ 21 ‘Go,’ the Lord said to me, ‘for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

15 The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. 16 Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what others think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status. 17 Tell us, then, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, or not?" 18 Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin for paying the tax!" They brought him the coin, 20 and he asked them, "Whose face and name are these?" 21 "The Emperor's," they answered. So Jesus said to them, "Well, then, pay to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay to God what belongs to God." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Message

Hymn of the Day: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,

God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Prayers of intercession: Response "Hear Our Prayer"

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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October 18, 2020 – News & Updates

Worship

- **Worship is outdoors through October**, weather permitting. **Tune to AM1100** to hear the service through your car radio in the parking lot. The Council and Covid Response team will continue to discuss options for worship through the fall and winter.
- **Sunday, October 25th** is Reformation Sunday. It is also Pastor Sarah’s last Sunday. Please join us for worship and to bid her farewell. Pastor Sarah’s last day is October 31st. The Executive Committee is working with the St. Paul Area Synod to call a Bridge Pastor who will be with the congregation until a new pastor is called.

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:** Devotions are emailed or mailed weekly. Please email SundaySchool@sharingchristslove.org or call Melissa in the main office at 651-462-5212 to be on the distribution list.
- **Sunday School:** Kids ages 4 years – 6th grade are invited to outdoor Sunday School immediately following worship on the following dates:
 - **October 25, 2020**
 - **November 8, 2020**

If worship is cancelled due to weather, Sunday School will also be cancelled and rescheduled for the next week. For more information, email Chris and Katie at SundaySchool@sharingchristslove.org or call the office at 651-462-5212.

- **Confirmation Class:** Confirmation Class meets each week on Wednesday at 6pm. A plan for a hybrid model is in the works.
- **Weekly Wednesday Bible Study at 1pm** in person, outside. In case of inclement weather, Bible Study will move inside to the Fellowship Hall and be on-line via Zoom.

Fellowship

- **Walking Club – Tuesdays at 7:00 am & 7:00 pm!** Meet in the church parking lot! For questions, please call AM Group Pat Clarence 651-285-9348, PM Group Brandy Timmons at 651-319-3255.

Service Opportunities

- **Building Cleaning:** Please sign up to clean our church building! Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d48a9ad28a5fc1-church or call the office at 651-462-5212. Special COVID 19 cleaning instructions will be given to you.
- **Communications Team:** Do you have web design or other communications skills? Could you give a little time to your church? If so, please contact Pastor Sarah! pastor@sharingchristslove.org.
- **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.

Information

- **Office hours** are T, W, Th 9am-4pm and F 9am-12pm. Pastor Sarah and Melissa work remotely most days. You can reach Melissa at 651-462-5212 and Pastor Sarah at 517-902-3977. You can also email pastor@sharingchristslove.org and admin@sharingchristslove.org.

This week we are praying for:

Arnie	Jan B.	Pat
Vicki & Her family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Georgia B.	Fire & EMS professionals
Chad O.	Cyndi	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Greg	Military members
Bob	Sidney & Lily	Katie E. & Family