



**Sunday, July 19, 2020 - 9:00 am**

**Theme: The Book of Acts – The Holy Spirit Moves!  
Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online 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 <sup>†</sup> 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 <sup>†</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: “Who You Say I Am”**

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh, His love for me  
Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am

I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am

Oh I am who You say I am

Oh, I am who You say I am

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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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8**

The Lord, who rules and protects Israel, the Lord Almighty, has this to say:  
“I am the first, the last, the only God; there is no other god but me.  
7 Could anyone else have done what I did? Who could have predicted all that would happen from the very beginning to the end of time?  
8 Do not be afraid, my people! You know that from ancient times until now I have predicted all that would happen, and you are my witnesses. Is there any other god? Is there some powerful god I never heard of?”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Acts 9: 1-19**

In the meantime Saul kept up his violent threats of murder against the followers of the Lord. He went to the High Priest 2 and asked for letters of introduction to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he should find there any followers of the Way of the Lord, he would be able to arrest them, both men and women, and bring them back to Jerusalem. 3 As Saul was coming near the city of Damascus, suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?” 5 “Who are you, Lord?” he asked. “I am Jesus, whom you persecute,” the voice said. 6 “But get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do.” 7 The men who were traveling with Saul had stopped, not saying a word; they heard the voice but could not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground and opened his eyes, but could not see a thing. So they took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. 9

For three days he was not able to see, and during that time he did not eat or drink anything. <sup>10</sup> There was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. He had a vision, in which the Lord said to him, “Ananias!” “Here I am, Lord,” he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Get ready and go to Straight Street, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying, <sup>12</sup> and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and place his hands on him so that he might see again.” <sup>13</sup> Ananias answered, “Lord, many people have told me about this man and about all the terrible things he has done to your people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come to Damascus with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who worship you.” <sup>15</sup> The Lord said to him, “Go, because I have chosen him to serve me, to make my name known to Gentiles and kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> And I myself will show him all that he must suffer for my sake.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went, entered the house where Saul was, and placed his hands on him. “Brother Saul,” he said, “the Lord has sent me—Jesus himself, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> At once something like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again. He stood up and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and after he had eaten, his strength came back. Saul stayed for a few days with the believers in Damascus.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: “The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> One night, when everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the plants grew and the heads of grain began to form, then the weeds showed up. <sup>27</sup> The man's servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, it was good seed you sowed in your field; where did the weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup> ‘It was some enemy who did this,’ he answered. ‘Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?’ they asked him. <sup>29</sup> ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them, and then to gather in the wheat and put it in my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup> When Jesus had left the crowd and gone indoors, his disciples came to him and said, “Tell us what the parable about the weeds in the field means.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus

answered, "The man who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man;<sup>38</sup> the field is the world; the good seed is the people who belong to the Kingdom; the weeds are the people who belong to the Evil One;<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed the weeds is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvest workers are angels.<sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered up and burned in the fire, so the same thing will happen at the end of the age:<sup>41</sup> the Son of Man will send out his angels to gather up out of his Kingdom all those who cause people to sin and all others who do evil things,<sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and gnash their teeth.<sup>43</sup> <sup>a</sup>Then God's people will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Listen, then, if you have ears!

The Gospel of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Children's Sermon**

### **Message**

#### **Hymn of the Day: "Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574**

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

#### **Refrain**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

### **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 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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*“Who You Say I am” is a song performed by Australian praise and worship group Hillsong Worship. Written by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding,*



## July 19, 2020 – News & Updates

- The **SPLC COVID Response Team** continues to meet via zoom. Their work centers on a COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan. In addition to outlining Phases of building reopening, it also covers procedures for building use, cleaning, staff, and volunteers. Please review the latest piece from this team: “Phase 2 Outdoor & Online Worship” document on our website. <https://www.sharingchristslove.org/covid-19-update.html>
- **Now, when you call the office phone number during regular business hours, your call will be forwarded directly to Melissa. The phone number is 651-462-5212.** Office hours continue to be T, W, Th 9am-4pm and F 9am-12pm. Pastor Sarah and Melissa work from home most days. You can also email [pastor@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org) and [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).
- **Sunday morning volunteers** are needed: readers, ushers, hospitality ministers at the Hospitality Station, and set up and take down. Please call Melissa 651.462.5212, or email [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org) if you are able to help.
- **Book of Acts Bible Study** is Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. July 15<sup>th</sup> we will look at Chapters 10 and 11. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/528018344> Password: 5212. Or call: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 528 018 344 and Password: 5212.
- Please join us for **Zoom Coffee Hour** Sundays at 11:00 am, **Zoom Bible Study** on Sunday's readings is on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/528018344> Password: 5212. Or call: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 528 018 344 and Password: 5212.
- Please **sign in and out** on the building sign in sheet located in the Narthex if you are in the building for any reason.

**This week we are praying for:**

Arnie	Jan B.	Carrie R.
Vicki & Her family	Mitchell	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Brian S.	Mgoli and Mtera parishes
Larry	Paul H.	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Greg	Military members
Tilly E.	Jessica & her family	Law enforcement
Cyndi	Fran D.	Fire & EMS professionals
Bill E.	Katie E.'s mom	Georgia B.