



Sunday, August 2, 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 ✝ 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 ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” The Band

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

The Lord says, “Come, everyone who is thirsty— here is water! Come, you that have no money— buy grain and eat! Come! Buy wine and milk— it will cost you nothing! 2 Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all. 3 “Listen now, my people, and come to me; come to me, and you will have life! I will make a lasting covenant with you and give you the blessings I promised to David. 4 I made him a leader and commander of nations, and through him I showed them my power. 5 Now you will summon foreign nations; at one time they did not know you, but now they will come running to join you! I, the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, will make all this happen; I will give you honor and glory.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 11:1-4, 16-26

The apostles and the other believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 When Peter went to Jerusalem, those who were in favor of circumcising Gentiles criticized him, saying, 3 “You were a guest in the home of uncircumcised Gentiles, and you even ate with them!” 4 So Peter gave them a complete account of what had happened from the very beginning: 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 It is clear that God gave those Gentiles the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, then, to try to stop God!” 18 When they heard this, they stopped their criticism and praised God, saying, “Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!” 19 Some of the believers who were scattered by the persecution which took place when Stephen was killed went as far as

Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, telling the message to Jews only. 20 But other believers, who were from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and proclaimed the message to Gentiles[a] also, telling them the Good News about the Lord Jesus. 21 The Lord's power was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. 22 The news about this reached the church in Jerusalem, so they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw how God had blessed the people, he was glad and urged them all to be faithful and true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and many people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul. 26 When he found him, he took him to Antioch, and for a whole year the two met with the people of the church and taught a large group. It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

13 When Jesus heard the news about John, he left there in a boat and went to a lonely place by himself. The people heard about it, and so they left their towns and followed him by land. 14 Jesus got out of the boat, and when he saw the large crowd, his heart was filled with pity for them, and he healed their sick. 15 That evening his disciples came to him and said, "It is already very late, and this is a lonely place. Send the people away and let them go to the villages to buy food for themselves." 16 "They don't have to leave," answered Jesus. "You yourselves give them something to eat!" 17 "All we have here are five loaves and two fish," they replied. 18 "Then bring them here to me," Jesus said. 19 He ordered the people to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks to God. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 Everyone ate and had enough. Then the disciples took up twelve baskets full of what was left over. 21 The number of men who ate was about five thousand, not counting the women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Message

Hymn of the Day: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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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"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" CCLI Song # 4768151

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788



August 2, 2020 – News & Updates

- **Bring Your Own Picnic Nights** - Has dinner time conversation become a bit stale at your table in recent months? Ours has... Join us for fellowship and lively conversation by bringing your own picnic dinner, drink and a lawn chair. 6 feet distance must be maintained between separate households and masks should be worn when not eating. Please contact Brandy Timmons at 651-319-3255 or at brandyhtimmons@gmail.com if you have

any questions. This event will be cancelled if it is raining. Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm outside at our church! The dates are: August 5th & 19th, September 2, 16, and 30th.

- **Walking Club** – The Congregational Care Team will soon be starting a weekly Walking Club one morning and evening a week. Please watch for further updates...
- The **SPLC COVID Response Team** is working on the COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Please review the latest information on our website or contact any of the members if you have questions: Katie Fetterly, Dave Haselbauer, Joanna Kroschel, Jerry Nelson, Arlie Post, Jon Quale.
<https://www.sharingchristsllove.org/covid-19-update.html>
- **You can reach Melissa, the office manager during office hours at the office phone number: 651-462-5212.** Office hours continue to be T, W, Th 9am-4pm and F 9am-12pm. Pastor Sarah and Melissa work remotely most days. You can also email pastor@sharingchristsllove.org and admin@sharingchristsllove.org.
- **Sunday morning volunteers** are needed: readers, ushers, hospitality ministers at the Hospitality Station. Please call Melissa 651.462.5212, or email admin@sharingchristsllove.org if you are able to help.
- Please join us for **Zoom Coffee Hour** Sundays at 11:00 am, **Zoom Bible Study** on Sunday's readings is on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/528018344> Password: 5212. Or call: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 528 018 344 and Password: 5212.
- **Golden Opportunity: Things We Are Learning in Lock Down.** Share with us what you've learned about in these 5 months! From the silly to the meaningful and everything in between! All ages welcome! Please share yours at www.sharingchristsllove.org
- **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM!** Are you interested in joining a communications team for your congregation? Or are you interested in learning more about it? If so, please email Pastor Sarah pastor@sharingchristsllove.org.
- 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

Vicki & Her family

Amanda

Jan B.

Mitchell

Brian S.

Carrie R.

Wendy & her mom

Mgoli and Mtera parishes

Larry
Andre
Tilly E.
Cyndi
Bill E.

Paul H.
Greg
Jessica & her family
Fran D.
Katie E.'s mom

COVID medical/frontline staff
Military members
Law enforcement
Fire & EMS professionals
Georgia B.