



**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wyoming, MN**  
**Sunday, January 17th, 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,  $\ddagger$  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 <sup>+</sup> 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: "10,000 Reasons"**

*Refrain:*

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes (*Refrain*)

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find (*Refrain*)

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come

Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore (*Refrain*)

## **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**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20**

In those days, when the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under the direction of Eli, there were very few messages from the Lord, and visions from him were quite rare.<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, who was now almost blind, was sleeping in his own room;<sup>3</sup> Samuel was sleeping in the sanctuary, where the sacred Covenant Box was. Before dawn, while the lamp was still burning,<sup>4</sup> the Lord called Samuel. He answered, “Yes, sir!”<sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, “You called me, and here I am.” But Eli answered, “I didn’t call you; go back to bed.” So Samuel went back to bed.<sup>6-7</sup> The Lord called Samuel again. The boy did not know that it was the Lord, because the Lord had never spoken to him before. So he got up, went to Eli, and said, “You called me, and here I am.” But Eli answered, “My son, I didn’t call you; go back to bed.”

<sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel a third time; he got up, went to Eli, and said, “You called me, and here I am.” Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy,<sup>9</sup> so he said to him, “Go back to bed; and if he calls you again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went back to bed.<sup>10</sup> The Lord came and stood there, and called as he had before, “Samuel! Samuel!” Samuel answered, “Speak; your servant is listening.”<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Some day I am going to do something to the people of Israel that is so terrible that everyone who hears about it will be stunned.<sup>12</sup> On that day I will carry out all my threats against Eli’s family, from beginning to end.<sup>13</sup> I have already told him<sup>a</sup> that I am going to punish his family forever because his sons have spoken evil things against me. Eli knew they were doing this, but he did not stop them.<sup>14</sup> So I solemnly declare to the family of Eli that no sacrifice or offering will ever be able to remove the consequences of this terrible sin.”<sup>15</sup> Samuel stayed in bed until

morning; then he got up and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision. <sup>16</sup> Eli called him, "Samuel, my boy!" "Yes, sir," answered Samuel.

<sup>17</sup> "What did the Lord tell you?" Eli asked. "Don't keep anything from me. God will punish you severely if you don't tell me everything he said." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything; he did not keep anything back. Eli said, "He is the Lord; he will do whatever seems best to him."

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and made come true everything that Samuel said. <sup>20</sup> So all the people of Israel, from one end of the country to the other, knew that Samuel was indeed a prophet of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Someone will say, "I am allowed to do anything." Yes; but not everything is good for you. I could say that I am allowed to do anything, but I am not going to let anything make me its slave. <sup>13</sup> Someone else will say, "Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food." Yes; but God will put an end to both. The body is not to be used for sexual immorality, but to serve the Lord; and the Lord provides for the body. <sup>14</sup> God raised the Lord from death, and he will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup> You know that your bodies are parts of the body of Christ. Shall I take a part of Christ's body and make it part of the body of a prostitute? Impossible! <sup>16</sup> Or perhaps you don't know that the man who joins his body to a prostitute becomes physically one with her? The scripture says quite plainly, "The two will become one body." <sup>17</sup> But he who joins himself to the Lord becomes spiritually one with him. <sup>18</sup> Avoid immorality. Any other sin a man commits does not affect his body; but the man who is guilty of sexual immorality sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God; <sup>20</sup> he bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come with me!" (<sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup> "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," answered Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, "Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> "Teacher," answered Nathanael, "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see

much greater things than this!" <sup>51</sup> And he said to them, "I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man."

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.*

**Announcements**

### **Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: "We Are Called"**

Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God

*Refrain:*

We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly

We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more (*Refrain*)

Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love (*Refrain*)

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**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.sharingchristslove.org](http://www.sharingchristslove.org)  
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### **This week we are praying for:**

Arnie	Jim G.	Bob	Kent & Brenda W.
Karen R. & Family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom	Amanda
Dale B.	Chad O.	Wynette	Andre
Janet N.	First Responders	Military members	Elaine
Dee W. daughter	Pastor Christoph	Scott & Julie C. and Family	COVID medical/frontline staff



### **January 17th, 2020 – News & Updates**

#### **This Week at St. Paul**

##### **• Sunday School**

TODAY at 10:00 am. via Zoom. Please let Melissa know at [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org) if your child wishes to participate in Sunday School and you have not been receiving the Sunday School emails this past fall. A schedule for the spring Sunday School classes was sent to families this week.

- **Confirmation**

Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm via Google Meet.

### **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@sharingchristslove.org](mailto: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 [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@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org) and [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).

### **Readings this week**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**1.17.21**

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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 the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, for those frightened or alone, that God console all who suffer, especially **ATTACHED** let us pray.

Arnie  
Amanda  
Andre  
Fran D.  
Wendy H & her mom  
Bob E.  
Karen R. & Family  
Chad O.  
Jim G.  
Janet N.  
Kent & Brenda W.  
Wynette  
Dee W. daughter  
Elaine  
Dale B.  
Scott & Julie C. & Family  
First Responders  
Mgoli and Mtera parishes  
Those working in the medical field, and on the front line for COVID-19

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For children returning to school buildings later this week after distance learning, for the teachers and staff preparing to have students back in the classrooms, and for parents adjusting once again to change, that all may be safe and well, let us pray

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our brothers and sisters in the communities of Mtera and Migoli, Tanzania, that they might walk by faith and find the courage to face what comes their way knowing they are never alone, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, 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.**