



**Sunday, August 23, 2020 - 9:00 am**

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

**Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online Worship**

**Usher: Marc M., Reader: Arlie P., Hospitality: Fran N.**

### **GATHERING**

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

### **Welcome & Worship Announcements**

#### **Baptism of LAKE GREGORY KUBES**

**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 Lake Gregory Kubes for Holy Baptism?

**Sponsors: I present Lake Gregory Kubes for Holy Baptism.**

**Pastor:** Tom and Katie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Lake baptized into Christ?

**Parents: I do.**

**Pastor:** As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to come and hear the word of God and to participant in the holy supper,  
to learn about the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
to open and read the holy scriptures,  
and to seek always to nurture your life in faith and prayer,  
so that you 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 child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: I do.**

**Pastor:** Ashlie, Benedict, and Del, do you promise to nurture Lake in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: I do.**

**Pastor:** People of God, do you promise to support **Lake** and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**All: We 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**

**Lake Gregory Kubes,** 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 **Lake** 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:** *Lake* child 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: "No Longer Slaves"**

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

## **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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

### **Reading: Acts 14:8-20**

8 In Lystra there was a crippled man who had been lame from birth and had never been able to walk. 9 He sat there and listened to Paul's words. Paul saw that he believed and could be healed, so he looked straight at him 10 and said in a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" The man jumped up and started walking around. 11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they started shouting in their own Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us!" 12 They gave Barnabas the name Zeus, and Paul the name Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of the god Zeus, whose temple stood just outside the town, brought bulls and flowers to the gate, for he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice to the apostles. 14 When Barnabas and Paul heard what they were about to do, they tore their clothes and ran into the middle of the crowd, shouting, 15 "Why are you doing this? We ourselves are only human beings like you! We are here to announce the Good News, to turn you away from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven, earth, sea, and all that is in them. 16 In the past he allowed all people to go their own way. 17 But he has always given evidence of his existence by the good things he does: he gives you rain from heaven and crops at the right times; he gives you food and fills your hearts with happiness." 18 Even with these words the apostles could hardly keep the crowd from offering a sacrifice to them. 19 Some Jews came from Antioch in Pisidia and from Iconium; they won the crowds over to their side, stoned Paul and dragged him out of the town, thinking that he was dead. 20 But

when the believers gathered around him, he got up and went back into the town.  
The next day he and Barnabas went to Derbe.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

13 Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 “Some say John the Baptist,” they answered. “Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet.” 15 “What about you?” he asked them. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 “Good for you, Simon son of John!” answered Jesus. “For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. 18 And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.” 20 Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Children's Sermon**

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW 512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**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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August 23, 2020 – News & Updates

- **Bring Your Own Picnic Nights** - Join us for fellowship and lively conversation by bringing your own picnic dinner, drink, mask, and a lawn chair. We will be abiding by our COVID Response Team guidelines, so we will need to wear our masks when we are not eating and sit at a safe distance from one another. Please contact Brandy Timmons at 651-319-3255 or at [brandytimmons@gmail.com](mailto:brandytimmons@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: September 2, 16, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

- **Walking Club** – Tuesdays at 7:00 am & 7:00 pm! Meet in the church parking lot! For questions, please call AM Group Pat Clearence 651-285-9348, PM Group Brandy Timmons at 651-319-3255.
- **Bible Study** – Isaiah: In the Days to Come... Join Pastor Sarah and other curious minds to study the readings from Isaiah that we read during Advent. We meet via Zoom at 7:30pm on Wednesdays August 26<sup>th</sup> – September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d48a9ad28a5fc1-isaiah>. Or simply join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/528018344> Password: 5212. Or call: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 528 018 344 and Password: 5212.
- The **Finance Team** is currently looking for volunteers. We typically meet once per month. Outside of that meeting the time commitment is minimal. Please contact Chris Timmons at [treasurer@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:treasurer@sharingchristslove.org) if you have questions or are interested.
- The **SPLC COVID Response Team** is Katie Fetterly, Dave Haselbauer, Joanna Kroschel, Jerry Nelson, Arlie Post. If you have any questions for them, email [safety@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:safety@sharingchristslove.org) or call the office. Look for the completed Preparedness Plan soon! <https://www.sharingchristslove.org/covid-19-update.html>
- **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](mailto:pastor@sharingchristslove.org) and [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@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](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org) to sign up.
- 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:** Don't forget to share what you are learning during these months of lockdown. From the silly to the meaningful and everything in between! All ages welcome! All entries will be shared anonymously. Please share yours at [www.sharingchristslove.org](http://www.sharingchristslove.org)
- **Parking Lot Work!!** **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (Rain dates: September 1 or 2)**

The parking lot will be closed for a few days for sealing and striping. **The theme of this project is "Save Your Spot!"** The cost of this project is \$82.00 per spot. There are 150 spots in our lot. If you are able to help support this project financially, or if you have further questions, please call 651.462.5212 or email [admin@sharingchristslove.org](mailto:admin@sharingchristslove.org).

**This week we are praying for:**

Arnie	Jan B.	Carrie R. Family & Friends
Vicki & Her family	Mitchell	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Georgia B.	Mgoli and Mtera parishes
Larry	Paul H.	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Greg	Military members
Tilly E.	Curtis N.	Law enforcement
Cyndi	Fran D.	Fire & EMS professionals
Bill E.	Katie E.'s mom	Gabe W.
Sondra M.	Ken G.	Linda H.