



Sunday, August 9, 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: "My Lighthouse"

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

9 There he went into a cave to spend the night. Suddenly the Lord spoke to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?" 10 He answered, "Lord God Almighty, I have always served you—you alone. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed all your prophets. I am the only one left—and they are trying to kill me!" 11 "Go out and stand before me on top of the mountain," the Lord said to him. Then the Lord passed by and sent a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks—but the Lord was not in the wind. The wind stopped blowing, and then there was an earthquake—but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake there was a fire—but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice. 13 When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?" 14 He answered, "Lord God Almighty, I have always served you—you alone. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed all your prophets. I am the only one left—and they are trying to kill me." 15 The Lord said, "Return to the wilderness near Damascus, then enter the city and anoint Hazael as king of Syria; 16 anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king of Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Anyone who escapes being put to death by Hazael will be killed by Jehu, and anyone who escapes Jehu will be killed by Elisha. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand people alive in Israel—all those who are loyal to me and have not bowed to Baal or kissed his idol."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 12:1-19

About this time King Herod began to persecute some members of the church. 2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword. 3 When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went ahead and had Peter arrested. (This happened during the time of the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) 4 After his arrest Peter was put in jail, where he was handed over to be guarded by four groups of four soldiers each. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after Passover. 5 So Peter was kept in jail, but the people of the church were praying earnestly to God for him. 6 The night before Herod was going to bring him out to the people, Peter was sleeping between two guards. He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on duty at the prison gate. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell. The angel shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up, and said, "Hurry! Get up!" At once the chains fell off Peter's hands. 8 Then the angel said, "Tighten your belt and put on your sandals." Peter did so, and the angel said, "Put your cloak around you and come with me." 9 Peter followed him out of the prison, not knowing, however, if what the angel was doing was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 They passed by the first guard station and then the second, and came at last to the iron gate that opens into the city. The gate opened for them by itself, and they went out. They walked down a street, and suddenly the angel left Peter. 11 Then Peter realized what had happened to him, and said, "Now I know that it is really true! The Lord sent his angel to rescue me from Herod's power and from everything the Jewish people expected to happen." 12 Aware of his situation, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. 13 Peter knocked at the outside door, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer it. 14 She recognized Peter's voice and was so happy that she ran back in without opening the door, and announced that Peter was standing outside. 15 "You are crazy!" they told her. But she insisted that it was true. So they answered, "It is his angel." 16 Meanwhile Peter kept on knocking. At last they opened the door, and when they saw him, they were amazed. 17 He motioned with his hand for them to be quiet, and he explained to them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell this to James and the rest of the believers," he said; then he left and went somewhere else. 18 When morning came, there was a tremendous confusion among the guards—what had happened to Peter? 19 Herod gave orders to search for him, but they could not find him. So he had the guards questioned and

ordered them put to death. After this, Herod left Judea and spent some time in Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

22 Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away. 23 After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray. When evening came, Jesus was there alone; 24 and by this time the boat was far out in the lake, tossed about by the waves, because the wind was blowing against it. 25 Between three and six o'clock in the morning Jesus came to the disciples, walking on the water. 26 When they saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and screamed with fear. 27 Jesus spoke to them at once. "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Don't be afraid!" 28 Then Peter spoke up. "Lord, if it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you." 29 "Come!" answered Jesus. So Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water to Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he was afraid and started to sink down in the water. "Save me, Lord!" he cried. 31 At once Jesus reached out and grabbed hold of him and said, "What little faith you have! Why did you doubt?" 32 They both got into the boat, and the wind died down. 33 Then the disciples in the boat worshiped Jesus. "Truly you are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Every Ill" ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,

grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain

Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. 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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August 9, 2020 – News & Updates

- **Bring Your Own Picnic Nights** - 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, 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 sitting at a safe distance from one another. 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 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@sharingchristслоve.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	Jan B.	Carrie R. Family & Friends
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.	Curtis N.	Law enforcement
Cyndi	Fran D.	Fire & EMS professionals
Bill E.	Katie E.'s mom	Georgia B.