



Sunday, November 1, 2020 - 9:00 am
All Saint's Sunday
Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online Worship
Usher: Jerry N., Reader: Neil G., Hospitality: Pat C.
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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: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW 742

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. 10 They called out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!” 11 All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!” 13 One of the elders asked me, “Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?” 14 “I don't know, sir. You do,” I answered. He said to me, “These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. 15 That is why they stand before God's throne and serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. 16 Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, 17 because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Acts 24: 10-23

10 The governor then motioned to Paul to speak, and Paul said, "I know that you have been a judge over this nation for many years, and so I am happy to defend myself before you. 11 As you can find out for yourself, it was no more than twelve days ago that I went to Jerusalem to worship. 12 The Jews did not find me arguing with anyone in the Temple, nor did they find me stirring up the people, either in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. 13 Nor can they give you proof of the accusations they now bring against me. 14 I do admit this to you: I worship the God of our ancestors by following that Way which they say is false. But I also believe in everything written in the Law of Moses and the books of the prophets. 15 I have the same hope in God that these themselves have, namely, that all people, both the good and the bad, will rise from death. 16 And so I do my best always to have a clear conscience before God and people. 17 "After being away from Jerusalem for several years, I went there to take some money to my own people and to offer sacrifices. 18 It was while I was doing this that they found me in the Temple after I had completed the ceremony of purification. There was no crowd with me and no disorder. 19 But some Jews from the province of Asia were there; they themselves ought to come before you and make their accusations if they have anything against me. 20 Or let these who are here tell what crime they found me guilty of when I stood before the Council— 21 except for the one thing I called out when I stood before them: 'I am being tried by you today for believing that the dead will rise to life.'" 22 Then Felix, who was well informed about the Way, brought the hearing to a close. "When the commander Lysias arrives," he told them, "I will decide your case." 23 He ordered the officer in charge of Paul to keep him under guard, but to give him some freedom and allow his friends to provide for his needs.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, 2 and he began to teach them:

True Happiness

3 "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

4 "Happy are those who mourn;

God will comfort them!

5 "Happy are those who are humble;
they will receive what God has promised!

6 "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;
God will satisfy them fully!

7 "Happy are those who are merciful to others;
God will be merciful to them!

8 "Happy are the pure in heart;
they will see God!

9 "Happy are those who work for peace;
God will call them his children!

10 "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires;
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

11 "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of
evil lies against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy and glad, for a
great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before
you were persecuted.

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Message

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Pastor: O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you
thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word
throughout the centuries into our time and place. We remember with
thanksgiving in our hearts and perhaps tears in our eyes those who have loved
and served you on earth and who now rest from their labors, especially those
who have died since last November:

Jim Fromm

Carrie Reed

Ernie Adamczak

Pastor: And we remember all those whom we have loved and who now rest in your tender mercy:

Pastor: As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried to the joyous feast of heaven, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW 623

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Prayers of intercession: Response “Your mercy is great”

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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November 1, 2020 – News & Updates

Today we welcome Pastor Christoph Schmidt, our Bridge Pastor.

Worship

- **Worship will continue to be drive-in**, weather permitting. **Tune to AM1100** to hear the service through your car radio in the parking lot. The Council and Covid Response team will continue to discuss options for worship through the fall and winter.

Food Truck

- SPLC will again provide **Turkeys for the Holidays**. Please consider donating to purchase these for families in need in our community. **Write Food Truck Turkeys on the check, or with your cash donation.**

Education and Faith Formation

- **Family Devotions:** Sign up here SundaySchool@sharingchristlove.org or call Melissa in the main office at 651-462-5212.
- **Sunday School:** Kids ages 4 years – 6th grade are invited to outdoor Sunday School immediately following worship on the following dates:
 - **November 8, 2020**
If worship is cancelled due to weather, Sunday School will also be cancelled and rescheduled for the next week. For more information, email Chris and Katie at SundaySchool@sharingchristlove.org or call the office at 651-462-5212.
- **Confirmation Class:** Confirmation Class meets each week on Wednesday at 6pm. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on October 28th.

Service Opportunities

- **Building Cleaning:** Please sign up to clean our church building! Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d48a9ad28a5fc1-church or call the office at 651-462-5212. Special COVID 19 cleaning instructions will be given to you.
- **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@sharingchristlove.org to sign up.

Information

- **Office hours** are T, W, Th 9am-4pm and F 9am-12pm. Pastor Christoph and Melissa work remotely most days. You can reach Pastor and Melissa at 651-462-5212 and You can also email pastor@sharingchristlove.org and admin@sharingchristlove.org.

This week we are praying for:

Arnie	Jan B.	Pat
Vicki & Her family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Georgia B.	Fire & EMS professionals
Chad O.	Cyndi	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Greg	Military members
Bob	Sidney & Lily	Paul E.
Dease C.	Jim G.	Janelle A. & Family