



**Sunday, November 15, 2020 - 9:00 am
Drive-In/ Outdoor/ Online Worship
Tune to AM 1100 on your car radio**

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**
Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Hymn: "There's a Man in Here"

What is a miracle? A miracle is an extraordinary event
Showing evidence of a supernatural work of God
While He was on Earth, He performed a lot of miracles
And He performs a lot of miracles today

There's a man in here who turns water to wine
And He walks on the water and gives sight to the blind
And He gives back life to the one's that's dead
And He fed four thousand with seven loaves of bread

There's a man in here who makes demons flee
Who makes cripples walk and He's chosen even me
For He lives in my heart and I have no fear
I'm a better man, 'cause there's a man in here

"There's a man in here that I'm lookin' for"
Cries a man who could find no room at the door
So they lowered him down on a stretcher bed
And Jesus looked at him and said

"All your sins are all now gone this day
Take up your bed and go your way"
And as he walked through the crowd they heard him declare
I can tell you all there's a man in there

"There's a man in here" the disciples cried
When the ship was tossed from side to side
So they woke Him up as the waves blew high
And said, "Don't You care that we're about to die"

And He said, "Peace be still" and when the wind had laid
He said, "Where's your faith, why were you so afraid?"
And when they saw that the sea was smooth and clear
They said, "Thank you God that the man's in here"

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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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Reading: Acts 28:23-30

23 After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. 24 Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. 25 So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, 26 'Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. 27 For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.' 28 Let it be known to you then that this

salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense[k] and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

14 “At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to leave home on a trip; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. 15 He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave five thousand gold coins, to another he gave two thousand, and to another he gave one thousand. Then he left on his trip. 16 The servant who had received five thousand coins went at once and invested his money and earned another five thousand. 17 In the same way the servant who had received two thousand coins earned another two thousand. 18 But the servant who had received one thousand coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. 20 The servant who had received five thousand coins came in and handed over the other five thousand. ‘You gave me five thousand coins, sir,’ he said. ‘Look! Here are another five thousand that I have earned.’ 21 ‘Well done, you good and faithful servant!’ said his master. ‘You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!’ 22 Then the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said, ‘You gave me two thousand coins, sir. Look! Here are another two thousand that I have earned.’ 23 ‘Well done, you good and faithful servant!’ said his master. ‘You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!’ 24 Then the servant who had received one thousand coins came in and said, ‘Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not plant, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. 25 I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you.’ 26 ‘You bad and lazy servant!’ his master said. ‘You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not plant, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? 27 Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all

back with interest when I returned. 28 Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has ten thousand coins. 29 For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. 30 As for this useless servant—throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and gnash his teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

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 15, 2020 – News & Updates

Worship

- **Worship will continue to be drive-in**, weather permitting. **Tune to AM 1100** 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@sharingchristслоve.org or call Melissa in the main office at 651-462-5212.

Service Opportunities

- **Building Cleaning:** Please take a look at the schedule and see what you would feel comfortable doing. If you have any questions, please contact the SPLC Covid response team Safety@sharingchristslve.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 such as tables, chairs, doors, light switches, pens, etc. [here](#)
- **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@sharingchristslve.org to sign up.
- **Snow Shoveling:** We are in need of volunteers to shovel on snow days! Sign up for snow shoveling [here](#)
- **The WAM team is looking for handy men and women to build a set for a drive thru Nativity skit.** We are also in need of supplies, such as plywood, 2x4s, or fence posts to build the set. In addition, we also need some people to sew costumes for the actors. If you have some time and these skills, St. Paul Lutheran needs you! Please contact [Arlie Post](#) or [Joanna Kroschel](#) for details.

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 Christoph and Melissa at 651-462-5212 and You can also email pastor@sharingchristslve.org and admin@sharingchristslve.org.

This week we are praying for:

Arnie	Family of Jan B.	Pat
Vicki & Her family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Georgia B.	First Responders
Chad O.	Paul E.	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Jim G.	Military members
Bob	Dease C.	