



**Sunday, December 20th, 2020 - 9:00 am
Advent 4 - Online Worship**

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Wreath Lighting #4: Candle of Love

Because too many people are wandering in the wilderness, because too many people are sitting in the valley of the shadow of death, we light candles...

Because people all over the world are suffering and we are too busy to notice, we light candles...

Today we stop everything and light these candles: one for hope, one for peace, one for joy, and one for love...

May the light from these candles overwhelm the world.

May the light from these candles illuminate the valley of the shadow of death.

May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything that is preventing God's love from being born among us.

Brother and sisters, be not afraid, even now - even now - God's love is overwhelming the world!

2020 Sunday School Program: "A COVID CHRISTMAS"

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.**

(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.

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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Assigned texts for the day:

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38



December 20, 2020 – News & Updates

Worship

- **Today:** instead of Holden Evening Prayer, the virtual service will be the recording of the Sunday School program, followed by the prayers and Holy Communion.
- **Drive Thru Nativity service: Today! from 1-3pm.** Start your journey anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm -- Our Bethlehem Drive-Through is a fun way to witness the Christmas story from your car. Drive through "Bethlehem," passing each station, and then arrive at the manger scene for the final destination. Bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf.

- **Holiday Worship Schedule:** December 24th, Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm – In person (outside). December 31st, Service of Lessons and Carols 9:00 am – Online.
- **Christmas Tree Photos for the December 27th Virtual Service needed!** Send in a picture of your Christmas Tree, preferably with your family in front of the tree for the December 27 worship service. "Even though we cannot meet in person, we can see our church family virtually" Please email photos to Melissa, office admin **by December 23rd!**

Giving Tree

- **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN INTRODUCES THE GIVING TREE:** During this time of COVID these needs have only grown. Even though our in-person worship and ministries are on hold, there continues to be many expenses within our church. Also, there are many families, children, and seniors for whom these needs are very real. Can you help? If you are able to make a special Christmas donation, follow the link to make an online payment via or you may mail a check into the church, marking where you would like your gift to go to.

Church Council

We need **YOU to SERVE on the CHURCH COUNCIL?** If you are interested, please contact any member of the current council, the congregation would love to have YOU! YOU make a difference!

Annual Report

- Team Leads - Please have all of your information for the annual report to Melissa by **December 21st!!**

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@sharingchristслоve.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](#)
- **Snow Shoveling:** We are in need of volunteers to shovel on snow days! Sign up for snow shoveling [here](#)

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	Jim G.	Bob
Vicki & Her family	Fran D.	Wendy & her mom
Amanda	Pat	First Responders
Chad O.	Michelle I. & Family	COVID medical/frontline staff
Andre	Janet N.	Military members
Kent & Brenda W.		