



**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wyoming, MN
Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 9:00 am
Online Worship**

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 made at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

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

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

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

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, when God created the universe,^[a] ² the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God^[b] was moving over the water. ³ Then God commanded, “Let there be light” —and light appeared. ⁴ God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, ⁵ and he named the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.” Evening passed and morning came—that was the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the province and arrived in Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” “We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit,” they answered. ³ “Well, then, what kind of baptism did you receive?” Paul asked, “The baptism of John,” they answered. ⁴ Paul said, “The baptism of John was for those who turned from their sins; and he told the people of Israel to believe in the one who was coming after him—that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Paul placed his hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came upon them; they spoke in strange tongues and also proclaimed God's message. ⁷ They were about twelve men in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

⁴ So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching.^[a] “Turn away from your sins and be baptized,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.” ⁵ Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

⁶ John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. ⁸ I

baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”⁹ Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.¹⁰ As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Prayers of intercession

Response: “Have mercy, O God”

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Generosity & Meditation

You are invited to give online:

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=MG4RKUJT9HM6E&source=url

You can also send your offering to the church:

5879 Wyoming Trail, PO Box 583, Wyoming, MN 55092

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth.

Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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.**

Distribution

All may take and give 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life

and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
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

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Soon & Very Soon"

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King

No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King

Interlude
Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh ah

Bridge
Should there be any rivers we must cross
Should there be any mountains we must climb
God will supply all the strength that we need
Give us grace till we reach the other side

Bridge
We have come from every nation
God knows each of us by name
Jesus took His blood and He washed our sins
And He washed them all away
Yes there are some of us
Who have laid down our lives
But we all shall live again
On the other side

Ending
Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh ah
Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh
Hallelu ooh ooh ooh ah

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us for worship at St. Paul today! May God's guidance, grace, and comfort be your strength in these days of uncertainty. May we continue to love one another, reach out in the ways that we can, and be the body of Christ for a hurting and anxious world.

Join us for worship every Sunday morning at 9:00am on Facebook and at www.sharingchristslve.org
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This week we are praying for:

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



January 10th, 2020 – News & Updates

Thank you to Pastor Taryn Montgomery for guest preaching today while Pastor Christoph recovers from arm surgery. Pastor Taryn serves at Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church in Center City.

This Week at St. Paul

- **Sunday School will meet via Zoom TODAY at 10:00 am.** Please let Melissa know at admin@sharingchristslve.org if your child wishes to participate in Sunday School and you have not been receiving the Sunday School emails this past fall. A schedule for the spring Sunday School classes was sent to families this week.
- Confirmation - Wednesday, January 13th from 6-7pm via Google Meet.

Church Council

- You are invited to **SERVE on CHURCH COUNCIL!** If you are able, please contact any current member of the council. Our congregation would benefit from your leadership!

Service Opportunities

Building Cleaning: Please help us keep our building clean! Here is the online schedule. If you have any questions, contact the SPLC Covid 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 [here](#)

Office Hours

- Pastor Christoph and Melissa work remotely most days. You can reach Pastor Christoph and Melissa at 651-462-5212, or through E-mail: pastor@sharingchristслоve.org and admin@sharingchristслоve.org.

Readings this week

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 29

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Brief silence

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God’s goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer *especially* **ATTACHED** that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Arnie

Vicki & Her family

Amanda

Andre

Fran D.

Wendy H & her mom

Bob E.

Pat

Chad O.

Jim G.

Janet N.

Michelle I. & Family

Kent & Brenda W.

Wynette

Dee W. daughter

Elaine

First Responders

Mgoli and Mtera parishes

Those working in the medical field, and on the front line for COVID-19

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here or at home, for students returning to school or remaining distanced at home, for those seeking renewal in their daily work or looking for new employment, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the members of Mtera and Migoli Parishes, their families, and their communities, that your words of love and hope speak into their lives and provide inspiration as they go about their days, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.