



**St. Paul Lutheran Church - Wyoming, MN
Sunday, January 24th, 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: "GATHER US IN" ELW 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Once again the Lord spoke to Jonah. ² He said, “Go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to the people the message I have given you.” ³ So Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to walk through it. ⁴ Jonah started through the city, and after walking a whole day, he proclaimed, “In forty days Nineveh will be destroyed!”

⁵ The people of Nineveh believed God's message. So they decided that everyone should fast, and all the people, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth to show that they had repented. ¹⁰ God saw what they did; he saw that they had given up their wicked behavior. So he changed his mind and did not punish them as he had said he would.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ What I mean, my friends, is this: there is not much time left, and from now on married people should live as though they were not married; ³⁰ those who weep, as though they were not sad; those who laugh, as though they were not happy; those who buy, as though they did not own what they bought; ³¹ those who deal in material goods, as though they were not fully occupied with them. For this world, as it is now, will not last much longer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. ¹⁵ “The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and went with him.

¹⁹ He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. ²⁰ As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus.

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

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:

like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care,

and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

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.

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "SING SING SING"

Chorus

(We will) sing sing sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing sing sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus

Verse 1

What's not to love about You
Heaven and earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Verse 2

You are the love that frees us
You are the light that leads us
Like a fire burning
Son of God You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Dismissal

Go in peace. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

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.sharingchristlove.org
Permission to print & stream service music obtained from CCLI; License #855924; Streaming #20800937.*

This week we are praying for:

Arnie	Jim G.	Bob	Beth
Fran D.	Wendy & her mom	Pastor Christoph	Scott & Julie C. and Family
Jim A.	Chad O.	Wynette	Andre
Janet N.	First Responders	Military members	Elaine
COVID medical/frontline staff			



January 24th, 2020 – News & Updates

This Week at St. Paul

- **Sunday School**

TODAY at 10:00 am. via Zoom. Please let Melissa know at admin@sharingchristlove.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 27th from 6-7pm via Google Meet.
- Good news!! Our Call Committee has finished their interviews and has selected a name for consideration of a call. **As such, we have decided to move the Annual Meeting to 10:30 am on February 14th in order to accomplish all voting in one meeting.** The Annual Meeting will be an online format, with some limited seating available in the Church Sanctuary. More details on the Annual Meeting will be released in the coming days.
- **Also, we plan on a Congregational Meet and Greet with the new Pastor on February 7th at 10:00 am. Details on the Meet and Greet are still in the works.**

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@sharingchristlove.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@sharingchristlove.org and admin@sharingchristlove.org.

Readings this week

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

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, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially **ATTACHED**, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

Arnie
Andre
Fran D.
Wendy H & her mom

Bob E.
Chad O.
Jim G.
Janet N.

Wynette

Dee W. daughter

Elaine

Jim A.

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 our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For secondary students at Mtera School and across Tanzania as another academic year begins, for the families and communities who send them, and for the schools and educators who receive them, that God's Spirit guides and encourages them on their learning journeys ahead, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, 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.