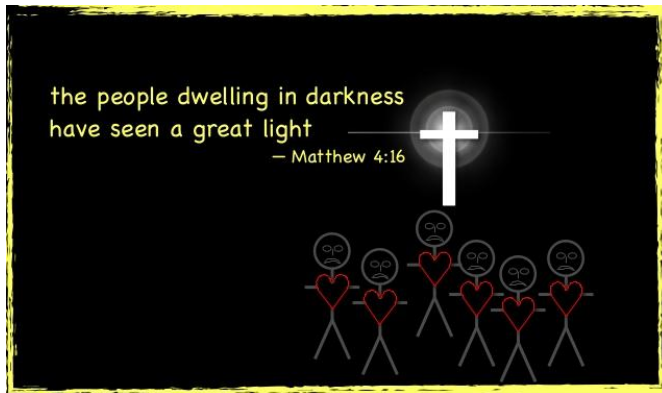


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026

11:00 AM



Following the Light of the World

AS WE GATHER

Epiphany is about a growing revelation—beginning with the Magi’s visitation & worship of the infant Jesus and continuing to Jesus as adult, where he shows Himself as the Son of God in the waters of the Jordan River and then in today’s Gospel where we see Jesus beginning His preaching & teaching ministry & calling His first four disciples. Throughout these first few Sundays of the new year, the light shines upon Jesus, identifying Him to us as the Son of God and The Savior of the Nations. The Prophet Isaiah predicts that an EPIPHANY – a **‘bright light’ will shatter the DEEP DARKNESS in which the people of Zebulun and Naphtali live.** In the same way, we look for that same bright light of Jesus to shine in the darkness of our present-day world and to rescue each of us from the clutches of sin, death and the devil. In this Epiphany season we look for the light of Jesus and His Gospel message to shine on us, and through us, on all whom we meet.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Glorious Day

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive.
All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

Chorus

You called my name, (and)
I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day!

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus when I met You.

Chorus

You called my name, (and)
I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day!

Bridge

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, you were my healing;
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open.

Chorus

(Cuz when) You called my name, (and)
I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness, into Your glorious day! (2x)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Matthew 4:16*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, . . .

People: on them a light has dawned.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to our gracious heavenly Father.

People: Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have transgressed Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been good friends, faithful neighbors, or caring family members. Our motives and thoughts have not always been pure. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit, that we joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to Yourself. In response to His call, those He summoned as His disciples followed Him. By the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow where He leads, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:1-4* (A great light is seen by those in darkness.)

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise
ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

O Lord, with your eyes you have
searched me,
and while smiling, You have spoken my
name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline
behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are
waiting,
My loving friend, as thus You call me.

O Lord, with your eyes you have
searched me,
and while smiling, You have spoken my
name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline
behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.
(2x)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12-25*

(Jesus Begins His Ministry.)

Reader: Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

People: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

Reader: From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,

Pastor: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Reader: While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them,

Pastor: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Reader: Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

People: And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Reader: So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Oh Death

You said my fate was sealed
 You said my days were numbered
 Case closed with no appeal
 My future's six feet under
 Messing with my head in ghost fashion
 My heart was holding its breath
 Terrified of taking my last one
 Oh death you scared me to death

Pre-Chorus

Whoa you ain't my King though
 Whoa where did your sting go

Chorus

(Oh death)
 I will not be afraid
 In the end you will lose
 I will dance on your grave
 With the one who buried you
 You ain't nothin' but a stone
 That my Savior rolled away
 Set you straight and set me free
 Oh death you are dead to me
 Oh death you are dead to me

Verse 2

My faith don't flinch at your wrath
 Devil go'on get off of my shoulder
 You thought you had the last laugh
 You thought this song was over

Chorus

(Oh death)

I will not be afraid
 In the end you will lose
 I will dance on your grave
 With the one who buried you
 You ain't nothin' but a stone
 That my Savior rolled away
 Set you straight and set me free
 Oh death you are dead to me
 Oh death you are dead to me

Bridge

Yea though I walk
 Through the valley of the shadow of you
 I know I'm just passing through (2X)

Chorus

(Oh death)
 I will not be afraid
 In the end you will lose
 I will dance on your grave
 With the one who buried you
 You ain't nothin' but a stone
 That my Savior rolled away
 Set you straight and set me free
 Oh death you are dead to me
 Oh death you are dead to me (2X)

Yea though I walk
 Through the valley of the shadow of you
 I know I'm just passing through (2X)

Yea though I walk
 Through the valley of the shadow of you
 ... Oh death you are dead to me

THE MESSAGE – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

God Turn It Around / The Promise

Verse

I'm praying, "God come
and turn this thing around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around."

I'm calling on the name
that changes everything:
"God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around."

Chorus

All of my hope is in the name,
The name of Jesus.
Breakthrough will come,
Come in the name,
The name of Jesus.

God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.

God turn it around
God turn it around
God turn it around

All of my hope is in the name,
The name of Jesus.
Breakthrough will come,
Come in the name,

The name of Jesus.

God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.

God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.
God, turn it around.

Pre-Chorus

Though the storms may come,
And the winds may blow,
I'll remain steadfast.

And let my heart learn
when You speak a word,
It will come to pass.

Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same,
I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.

Bridge

I put my faith in Jesus,
My anchor to the ground.
My hope and firm foundation,
He'll never let me down.

I put my faith in Jesus,
 My anchor to the ground.
 My hope and firm foundation,
 He'll never let me down.
 He'll never let me down.

Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me.
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 I will praise Your name.
 Great is Your faithfulness to me.
 Great is Your faithfulness to me.

THE PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed and the gifts of God be shared. Lord of the Church,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray this day for our nation and for all nations of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness everywhere prevail. Lord of all times and all people,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our families and our neighbors. Grant that we walk in the light of Christ and together praise our gracious God for all He has done for us. Lord of all generations,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially for the hospitalized and those who are shut in during this season. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and all those for whom our petitions are desired, [*including . . .*]. Lord of care and grace,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: As a community of the faithful, we remember those who have shared the faith with us and now have departed this earthly life in hope and joy. Direct our ways on earth that we complete our journey of life in faith and rejoice together with them eternally with saints and angels and all the company of heaven in life everlasting. Lord of eternity,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Lifesong

Verse 1

Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You

Verse

Lord I give my life
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need
To be Your hands and feet

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You (3x)

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You (2x)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Mark Baumgarten
Greeter	Hoffmeier Family
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Ushers	Christian Krauter Lenny Elliott
Counters	Jan Greulich Frank Newman George Foor
Tech Team	Doug Towner
Guest Artist / Woodwinds	Mark Kieme

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 1.18.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 106 + 11:00am – 75 = 181

Communion - 81

Received week of 1.18.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$23,350** total includes online giving **School - \$215.60**

Remember Our Homebound

Dorothy Schneider
41215 Fox Run Drive -216 Rose Court
Novi, MI 48377



Altar Flowers

In memory of Lora Schmidt's birthday 1/27 from her daughter Margo Schmidt.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service.

WANTED - Calling All Chili Cooks If you have a famous (or not so famous) chili recipe you would like to make and share at the 2026 Chili Cook Off this is your chance to win prizes and bragging rights for your recipe. The Spicy Show Down will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 5:00- 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to donate a crock pot of your ready to eat chili to the 2026 El Salvador Mission Trip, please contact **Beth Hempel at 734 347-1381**, call or text. There will also be a sign-up board in the Narthex. We only have room for 10 Chili's so make sure you get your chili registered. All proceeds go toward the 2026 El Salvador Mission Trip.

💰 Endowment Fund News 💰

It's amazing to think that our St. Paul Endowment Fund began in 2011 with a single donation of \$1,000. God has truly blessed this ministry! At the close of 2025, the Fund balance has grown to **\$109,234.86**, which will provide **\$5,450 in grant dollars for 2026**.

We are now entering our **fifth year of awarding grants**, and to date the Endowment Fund has shared more than **\$16,285** to support ministry, mission, and community outreach. Here are just a few of the projects that have been blessed through these funds:

- National Youth Gathering (Texas)
- Belize Mission Trip
- Protect Young Eyes Technology Event
- Handbell Choir Storage Cases
- New Church Website
- Science & Chemistry Learning Materials
- Christmas Decorations
- Church Roof Repairs
- Church Office Construction
- VBS T-Shirts
- Bible Quizzers
- Church Sign Refurbishment
- Marketing & Ministry Materials

Your generosity — past, present, and future — makes this possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund and continues to support it so faithfully.

Please watch for details as the **2026 grant application window opens in April**. Together, we continue to plant seeds that will bless generations to come.

🎵 COME AND SING Join the Church Choir No auditions. No experience needed. Just a willing voice.

Why join the choir?

🏃 Good for your health

Singing strengthens the lungs, improves breathing, supports heart health, and gently exercises the whole body.

🧠 Good for your mind

Choir singing reduces stress, boosts mood, improves memory, and helps keep the brain active and resilient.

🤝 Good for your soul

Singing together builds friendship, belonging, and a powerful sense of community — no matter your age or background.

🙏 An act of worship

When we sing, we offer prayer with breath and voice, joining a tradition of praise that spans centuries.

❤️ A place for everyone

You don't have to be "musical." You just need to enjoy singing with others.

SOMETHING NEW for OUR MEMBERS



If you have a business or service you would like to advertise for free to other members, we will share your information on a bulletin board in the church hallway and email to the congregation a couple times a year a directory of what our church family has to offer each other. This is a new endeavor we hope benefits each other.

To make a submission for approval, please email pastorchris@ameritech.net the basic details of your contact information and a brief description of what your business provides.

You make serving a dinner at Family of God fun. thank you church family for all your support. Our Chicken Tetrizzini Casserole Makers were Julia Smith, Mary Lou Jaussi (thank you for making 2), Kathy Verseman, Gretchen Hasse, Pat McGuigan, Kathleen McFall, and Brittany Fairbairn (first time casserole maker. Go Brittney). The salads were made by Beth Hempel and Sue; Bill & Janet Kovalak brought in the dressing. Katy Baetz-Matthews supplied 100+ rolls, that were already sliced, wonderful, we added butter that Carolyn purchased, we are stocked for a couple months. Cheryl Bailey bought clementines and Kathleen McFall purchased clementines and bananas. Beverages were from Marti Gilchrist, Anne Burgess and Jan Faerber, desserts Jan Faerber, Charleen Hill and Tim Haubenstricker. Our servers were Shelly Walldorff-Ernst, Pat McGuigan, Julia Smith (driver) and Sue. Margo is our kitchen organizer and Marcy assembles our paper. With all this food and two bags full of new hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, warmer kits supplied by Margo, we were off. We served about 85 including to-go's and seconds and we enjoyed ourselves very much while serving. We learned the next day that Pastor Jim was hospitalized for minor strokes and testing, we all missed him Tuesday night but we thought he was taking a well deserved day off. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.



Padawan Bible Quizzing Tournament

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*

This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted **at St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**, which means everyone can test their Bible Quizzing skills. No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, February 21, 2025 @ 12PM-3PM
1 Corinthians 10, 12, & 13
@ St. Paul Northville Church!
Lunch provided

For info or to register, visit stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684>. Register by Sun, Feb 15.



Dates to Save for Youth Events

Feb 7th 9am - until finished Sub Making (Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser)

Feb 21st 2p-4p Hawk Island - sledding \$5

March 15th 1pm Bowling Plaza Lanes \$15

March 29th – Confirmation Palm Sunday Breakfast

April 19th Youth Bake Sale 8:30am & 11am services

April 11th Noon- 5pm Super Mario Smash Tournament \$10

May 16th 4pm-6pm Nerf Wars

June 14th- June 18th 9am-Noon VBS – Volunteers needed

June 28th – July 1st High School Youth Gathering –Mackinaw Island - \$450

July 11th- 22nd Appalachian Servant Event \$210 includes whitewater rafting (\$60)

July 28th-July 30th Junior Youth Gathering Frankenmuth & TBD

Bring a friend to some or all of the events. All are welcome!!!!





LENT SCHEDULE 2026

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

12 NOON LENT SERVICES – PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH-
FARMINGTON HILLS

LUNCH AFTER SERVICES

2/18/2026– ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM

2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

7PM LENT SERVICES - ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-
NORTHVILLE

5:30PM LENT DINNER

2/18/2026– ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM

2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 3/29/2026 - 8:30AM-9:30AM

PALM SUNDAY 3/29/2026– 10AM SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 4/02/2026– 7PM SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY – 4/03/2026– 1PM & 7PM SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 4/05/2026 – 8:30AM & 11:00AM SERVICES

We need boards, groups or families to sign up to **sponsor and serve the Lent Dinners**- if you are able to sign up for a dinner, please call the church office! Ash Wednesday is taken but the next five are open! 248-349-3140 ext. 10

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