

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Day of Baptismal Affirmation

11:00 am
May 4, 2025



They Knew It Was the Risen Lord

AS WE GATHER

God's Word is always effective; we cannot truly hear it and remain as we were. What a revelation! Today's Scripture Readings all reflect this truth. In Acts, Saul, once responsible for the stoning of Stephen, is changed into the apostle Paul, the human author of much of the New Testament. And in the Gospel, Peter is forgiven for his weak faith on Thursday and given the gracious invitation to follow Christ. Now it is **our turn to be changed** — into people freed from sin and death to serve our living Lord.



Family, friends and guests: Today is a special day in the lives of those young people who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they profess their faith in Jesus Christ and continue their baptismal journey in the Church, growing in stature and wisdom.

As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own growth in faith and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in God's church.

WELCOME – Pastor Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Lead On Good Shepard (The Cross leads in with the students)

Verse 1

Well, I've been turned 'round,
But I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled,
But we walked across.
When my knees were shaking,
You held my hand,
Turning my problems
To a promised land.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons,
That You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains
That just up and moved.
Glory, glory, hallelujah,
Yeah, that's my song.
Walking with my Father
Into the great unknown.

Chorus

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I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,

Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,
Lead me on, Lord, I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith,
Lead on, Good Shepherd.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
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Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,
Lead me on, Lord, I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith,
Lead on, Good Shepherd (2x)

Ending

Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on,
Good Shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on,
Good Shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 30:5; 145:9*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord is good to all,

People: and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

People: Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We are dead in sin by our very nature. We have failed to do the good You have called us to do, and we have done the evil You forbid. We pray for pardon and forgiveness for our sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Release us from sin's burden and guilt that we may know the peace of forgiveness and serve You with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. There is no more condemnation, but only new life in Christ. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus.

The peace of the Lord ☩ be with you.

People: Christ be awaken in us! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of mercy, You loved us even when we loved You not. We give You thanks that Your mercy rescued Peter from his fall and Paul from his unbelief, turning them from enemies to Your friends by Your intervention. Rescue us from the perils of our sins and from our rebellious pride so that we may serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Christ be awoken in us! Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 9:1-9,17-22* (Saul, why do you persecute Me?)

Reader: But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?"

People: And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Reader: ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

People: ²¹ **And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?"** ²² **But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 21:1–19* (After directing the disciples to a great catch of fish, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him.)

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. ³ Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. ⁵ He called out, "Children, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied. ⁶ Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ⁸ The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹ When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

¹⁰ “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said.¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn. ¹² “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.¹³ Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.¹⁴ This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

People: “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

Reader: “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

People: “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

Reader: “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

¹⁷ A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said,

People: “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Reader: Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.”¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

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 living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Easter Changes You

*Christianity is more than a Message of Hope.
It is a Ministry of Help, to stand among the people,
proclaiming salvation in Christ and showing His love!*



RITE OF CONFIRMATION/AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

COMMENDATION OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS

Pastor: The Church commends you for your faithfulness in the Christian training of these young men and women. Since their Baptism, you have prayed for them, brought them to God's house for worship, and have insured that they were taught the essentials of the Christian faith. Though today they make public confession of their faith, your prayers and encouragement remain important to them. Will you continue in fervent prayer for them, and, as it is appropriate, support them in their Christian faith and life?

PARENTS: Yes, with the help of God and each other.

INVITATION

Pastor: These children of God have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptismal covenant, making another step in their growth as Christians.

CONGREGATION: Dear friends, we rejoice that through our pastoral and educational ministries you now desire to make public profession of your faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and for the mission of the Church in the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH BY CONFIRMANDS

(Confirmand responses are in italics)

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. You have shared with us His forgiveness and life. By the Spirit's teaching, from God's Word, you have learned His loving purpose for you and all His creation. Now therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Christian Church, the faith into which you were baptized.

Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Do you renounce the devil, and all his works and ways, and all his empty promises?

Yes, I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Yes, I believe 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

I do.

Pastor: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

I do.

Pastor: Do you intend to remain steadfast in this confession and Church, and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you desire to be a communicant member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

I do.

PROMISES OF CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- † to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully,
- † to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed,
- † to serve Christ by serving all people, and
- † to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do so intend, with God's help.

Pastor: Come forward now, give your hand as a pledge of your promise, and kneel at the Lord's altar to receive His blessing.

BLESSINGS OF THE CONFIRMANDS

(The parents, extended family, sponsors will stand and are welcomed to walk up to the altar for when the confirmand's name is read)

Lucy Adler

Matthew George

Joshua Norton

Jenna Raikes

Gabriel Ruth

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: Let us pray for these children of God who have affirmed the covenant of their baptism, that they may be kept from all evil and from the way of sin and eternal death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the Holy Spirit may continue to fill their hearts with Your grace and love and draw them into a more intimate relationship with You as they continue to grow in their faith in Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That they may be kept in their faith until that glorious day when You take them to their heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That they may join together with us in faithfully following Your Word and serving You with enthusiasm. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your loving hands Father, we place these, Your precious children, trusting in Your grace and mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.



WELCOME OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: Upon these your voluntary professions and promises, I welcome you as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, and we invite you to participate with us in fellowship around the means of grace and in bringing glory to God by serving our fellow human beings, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lucille Cernava Adler



When Born and Where: Seattle, Washington, 5-24-2011

Father's name: Thomas Adler

Mother's Maiden Name: Jennifer Cernava

Where Baptized: Saint Paul, Royal Oak, Michigan

Where attending 8th grade: Hillside Middle School

Where attending 9th grade: Northville High School

Hobbies: Reading, writing, drawing, swimming, dancing, crafting

Future Occupation: Writer

Favorite Song: 10,000 Reasons

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 31:14 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

Matthew Jacob George



When Born and Where: Novi, Michigan, 10-29-2010

Father's name: Shibu George

Mother's Maiden Name: Shirley Jacob

Where Baptized: Detroit MT Church

Where attending 8th grade: Plymouth Scholars

Where attending 9th grade: U of D Jesuit

Hobbies: Soccer, video games

Future Occupation: Programmer, Business

Favorite Song: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew Maher)

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Joshua Yuu Norton



When Born and Where: Ann Arbor, Michigan, 7-21-2011

Father's name: Thomas Norton

Mother's Maiden Name: Ai Amano

Where Baptized: Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Northville

Where attending 8th grade: Novi Christian Academy

Where attending 9th grade: Novi Christian Academy

Hobbies: Playing video games (Forza 4 Xbox 360)

Future Occupation: Highschool English Teacher, Japan or Translator

Favorite Song: Go tell it on the Mountain

Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Jenna Elizabeth Raikes



When Born and Where: Livonia, Michigan, 4-16-2011

Father's name: Steven Raikes

Mother's Maiden Name: Melissa Roman

Where Baptized: Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Northville

Where attending 8th grade: Holmes Middle School, Livonia, MI

Where attending 9th grade: Stevenson High School, Livonia, MI

Hobbies: Girls Scouts, playing the flute, paddleboarding, basketball and softball

Future Occupation: Biomedical Engineer

Favorite Song: Every Praise

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Gabriel Pierce Ruth



When Born and Where: Wichita, Kansas, 1-27-2011

Father's name: Ronald Ruth

Mother's Maiden Name: Kimberly Mai

Where Baptized: Christ Our Savior, Livonia

Where attending 8th grade: St. Michaels Lutheran Wayne

Where attending 9th grade: Detroit Catholic Central High School

Hobbies: Football and Basketball, riding bikes, hanging out with friends

Future Occupation: Professional Athlete

Favorite Song: Lords Prayer

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

AWESOME GOD

Our God, is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

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He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

He Reigns, He Reigns,
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Lord, You forgave Peter his betrayal and appointed him to feed Your sheep. Forgive our sins, restore us to Your service, and guide us to love as You love us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You turned Saul from an enemy of Your kingdom into Your servant and sent him as an apostle to the Gentiles. Turn our hearts from rebellion and resistance to Your Word and Spirit, and lead us to be bold witnesses of Your mercy in words and in deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You set apart pastors and teachers to feed Your sheep with the food of Your Word. Bless the president of our Synod and our Michigan District, give Your wisdom to all our future church workers and missionaries that their service may be fruitful and faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear. Bless all people according to their need with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: 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.

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.**

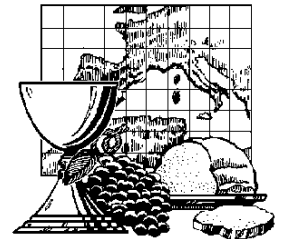
We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.



THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer *Gluten-free* wafers upon request. ++

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

(Confirmation Students Commune as a class)

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in
worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

And all who've gone before us

And all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest.

Your name is the greatest.

Your name stands above them all.

All thrones and dominions,

All powers and positions.

Your name stands above them all.

Chorus

And the angels cry, Holy!

All creation cries, Holy!

You are lifted high, Holy!

Holy forever!

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've
been redeemed,

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom and if you bear
His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus

And the angels cry, Holy!
All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy!
Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy!
To the King of Kings, Holy!
You will always be, Holy!
Holy forever!

Your name is the highest.
Your name is the greatest.

Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions.
Your name stands above them all. (2x)

And the angels cry, Holy!
All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy!
Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy!
To the King of Kings, Holy!
You will always be, Holy!
Holy forever!

You will always be, Holy!
Holy forever!

Only Jesus

Make it count leave a mark build a name
for yourself
Dream your dreams chase your heart
above all else
Make a name the world remembers

But all an empty world can sell is empty
dreams
I got lost in the light when it was up to me
To make a name the world remembers

But Jesus is the only name to remember

Chorus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a legacy
I don't care if they remember me
Only Jesus

And I, I, I - I've only got one life to live
I'll let every second point to Him
Only Jesus

All the kingdoms built all the trophies won
Will crumble into dust when it's said and
done
'Cause all that really matters

Did I live the truth to the ones I love
 Was my life the proof that there is only One
 Whose name will last forever

Chorus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a legacy
 I don't care if they remember me
 Only Jesus
 And I, I, I - I've only got one life to live
 I'll let every second point to Him
 Only Jesus

Bridge

Jesus is the only name
 Jesus is the only name
 Jesus is the only name to remember (2x)

Chorus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a legacy
 I don't care if they remember me
 Only Jesus
 And I, I, I - I've only got one life to live
 I'll let every second point to Him
 Only Jesus

And I, I, I - I don't want to leave a legacy
 I don't care if they remember me
 Only Jesus

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You have again welcomed us at Your Table of grace.
 We thank You for the ways in which You directly and lovingly come to us.
 Strengthen us in faith and in life that we may joyfully and confidently pass
 through our earthly days until at last we reach Your heavenly kingdom, where
 with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are worshiped and adored.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide
 with you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Greater

Bring your tired and bring your shame.
 Bring your guilt and bring your pain.
 Don't you know that's not your name.
 You will always be much more to me.

Every day I wrestle with the voices
 That keep telling me I'm not right.
 But that's alright.

Chorus
 'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me
 redeemed
 When others say I'll never be enough.
 And greater is the One living inside of me
 Than he who is living in the world.

In the world, in the world.
 And greater is the One living inside of me
 Than he who is living in the world.

Verse 2
 Bring your doubts and bring your fears.
 Bring your hurt and bring your tears.
 There'll be no condemnation here.
 You are holy, righteous and redeemed.

Every time I fall
 There'll be those who will call me a
 mistake.
 Well that's ok.

Chorus
 'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me
 redeemed
 When others say I'll never be enough.
 And greater is the One living inside of me
 Than he who is living in the world.

In the world, in the world.

And greater is the One living inside of me
 Than he who is living in the world.

Bridge
 There'll be days I lose the battle.
 Grace says that it doesn't matter,
 'Cause the cross already won the war.
 (He's greater. He's greater.)

I am learning to run freely,
 Understanding just how He sees me,
 And it makes me love Him more and
 more.
 (He's greater. He's greater.)
 (REPEAT)

Every day I wrestle with the voices
 That keep telling me I'm not right.
 But that's alright.

Chorus
 'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me
 redeemed
 When others say I'll never be enough.
 And greater is the One living inside of me
 Than he who is living in the world.

In the world, in the world.
 And greater is the One living inside of me
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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
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	George Foor
Ushers	Mark Baumgarten Ernie Edick
Counting Team	Dave Tischler Jan Paver
Welcome Center	Kara Patterson
Greeters	Faerber Family
Tech Team	Shibu George
Altar Society	Nancy Berg Kara Patterson Kellen Patterson
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

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

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 4.27.2025– Attendance – 8am – 102 + 11am - 62 =164

Received week of 4.27.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$6,790** total includes online giving
School - **\$570.41**

A memorial has been given in memory of Ruth Balko from the McGuigan Family.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ed Fleming
The Retreat of Northville
47260 7 Mile Road
Northville, MI 48167



Altar Flowers

One vase in loving memory of my grandson, Jamie .

One vase in honor of my daughter Terri who has been fighting leukemia for 7+ years from Carole Crete.

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

Voters Meeting

Sunday – May 18th

9:45am- Church Parish Hall



4	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 12:30 – 3:30pm	Drop in volleyball (6th grade and up)
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
5	MAY, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
6	MAY, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
7	MAY, WED	● 9am – 6pm	The Jane Dough Baking Co- Kitchen Rental
		● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
		● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
8	MAY, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
9	MAY, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
10	MAY, SAT	● All day	AUCTION SET UP/GYM (Day 1/7)



For the month of May, Women in Christ is honoring the LWML Mission Grant entitled New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) for \$18,000. The people of South Sudan are in need of the gospel, living in extreme poverty, civil war, famine, and disease, with average life expectancy of only 56 years. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan (ELCSS) has more than 200 congregations, but fewer than 80 pastors to serve them. Need for new pastors is great, as each pastor is responsible for preaching God's word to at least three congregations, often long distances apart. Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Macomb, MI, has partnered with ELCSS to establish a seminary, the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) to provide theological education for new pastors. These CLIHM seminarians come from extreme poverty and do not have funds to cover educational costs. This grant would support five South Sudan seminarians for one year, providing tuition, supplies, room and board. Please consider this great need when you fill your MITE box this month.

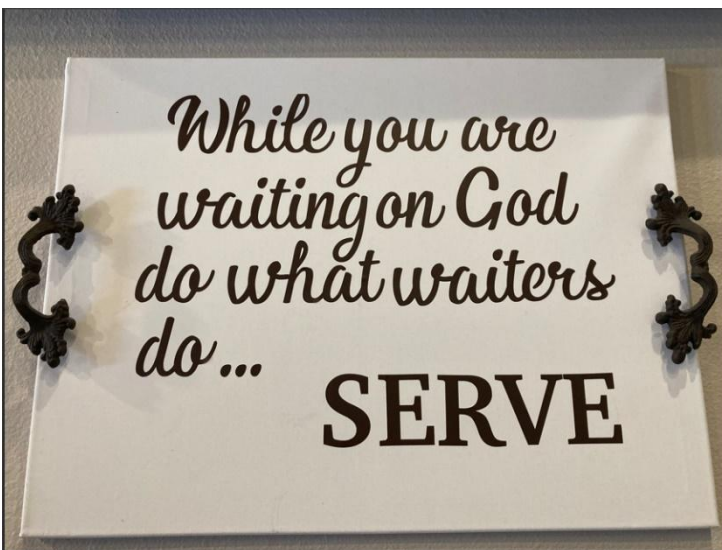
IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

In Stephen Ministry, members of our congregation are trained and equipped to meet once a week, one on one, with someone going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers provide a caring presence, a listening ear, and comforting words—supporting care receivers throughout their journey.

People become Stephen Ministers to make a real difference in the lives of people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers walk alongside people going through life challenges like grief, divorce, a medical crisis, job loss, and more. They offer care, support, and encouragement, connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love during some of the hardest times in their lives.

If you are interested in hearing more about becoming a Stephen Minister or feeling God's nudge, please let one of our Stephen Leaders know: Pastor Jim Frusti, Jeanette Koch, and Linda Johnson.

MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries offers many kinds of mission trips for ages 12 and up. Perhaps your family would like to join a team this summer? **EYEGLOSS CLINICS** - Team Number: 2512 - Dates: August 16-23, 2025 - Location: La Paz, Honduras - Estimated Cost: \$3,000 (depending on cost of airfare) **Team members are needed now!** *We hope to organize another congregational team in 2026. Any suggestions as to where or when? Contact Barbara Hoffmeier #248.756.3035 or Chris Burgess chris.burgess917.com for more information or go to the website for a schedule: www.mostministries.org*



During Holy week the **FAMILY OF GOD** mission was served a hot meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, buttered rolls, crunchy coleslaw, bananas, brownies and beverages on Wednesday, April 16th. We had a record of 140 plates and take out boxes distributed to the people in southwest Detroit that night. The servers were Chris & Dawn Englert, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier and Rich Mai. The Sonak family of six from Salem Lutheran - Westland joined us, as they have done before, so we had a full table of servers that helped the buffet go very well. We attended the worship service in the sanctuary afterward that focused on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. **It was**

humbling to watch the washing of the feet by Deacon John for several of their church members, recognizing that we are to serve one another as Christ served us. Many thanks to the cooks who prepared the meal: Nancy Crenshaw-Berg, Marilyn Edick, Sue Mai and the Hoffmeier's. The brownie bakers were Anne Burgess, Gretchen Hasse, Lindsay Pennington and Sue Poole. Thank you to Jan Faerber and Chris Henning for coordinating our brownie bakers for us every month. Chris also does our shopping for us at Gordon Food Service and Krogers. Also, thanks to John & Gretchen Hasse for contributing their Thrivent Action Team gift cards to cover our expenses. If there are other St Paul members that are members of Thrivent insurance you are eligible for \$500 a year to use as a charitable contribution. Please contact John Hasse or Barbara Hoffmeier for more information.



\$\$\$\$ **Endowment Fund News** \$\$\$\$

2025 Grant window is now open from April 15th to May 31st; award notifications will be made by the end of June 2025. Grant applications are available in the school office, on our website or via email. (Please email vickifilipiak@yahoo.com)

St. Paul's Endowment Fund was blessed with another great year of donations not to mention some good growth from the stock market. Our 2024 year-end balance was **\$96,665.36** which generates **\$4825** in grant dollars available for 2025. We are headed into our fourth year of grants and have been able to give over \$11,500 in

total grants. Here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has supported thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- \$450 Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction
- \$2000 Church Roof
- \$450 VBS T-Shirts
- \$500 Bible Quizzers
- \$1000 New Church Website
- \$500 School science experiment/chemistry supplies

Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to support to our Endowment Fund.

The 2025 Michigan District Junior High Youth Gathering is for youth entering grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the fall of 2025



Keynote Speaker
Rev. Tyler Cronkright



Worship | Music | Breakouts
Fun | Games | & More!

Cost \$125

Junior High Gathering
August 12-14, 2025 | Frankenmuth, Mich.
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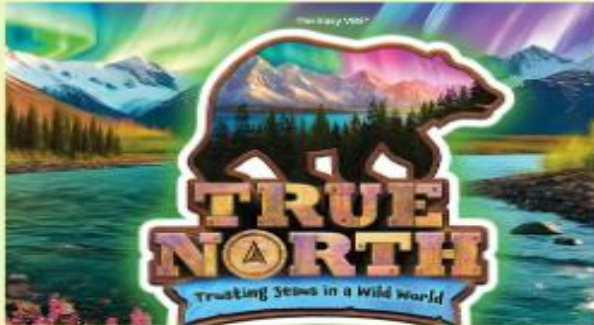


for more info contact Jeanette.familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or
text 248-974-3323

JUNE 15-19 VBS

AGES-3YRS-5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 6TH GRADE AND OLDER



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REGISTRATION LINK:

[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SPLTRUENORTH](https://vbspro.events/p/spltruenorth)



ACTIVITIES:

- BIBLE STORIES
- GAMES
- MUSIC & FUN
- ARTS & CRAFTS

Starts June 15th
@ 5:00pm with
Fried Chicken
dinner

June 16-19
9am-NOON

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NORTHVILLE, MI

Lutheran Women in Mission – Wayne Oak Hills Zone Mission Awareness – April 23, 2025

LAMP - Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots is celebrating 55 years of cross-cultural ministry, sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada. Praise God for His blessings upon the men, women, and children who receive the Good News!

Did you know? LAMP received one of their first grants from LWML. In the 1971-1973 biennial convention, LAMP received a \$40,000 grant to purchase an airplane to extend their services of establishing Sunday Schools, Bible classes, and adult instruction to the Christian people living in the sparsely-settled areas of Northern Canada.

Fast forward to 2025! Here's your opportunity to be a "goer" into the mission field in Northern Canada. Team formation is underway right now! St. Matthew Westland is NOW preparing a return trip to the mission field in July or August 2025. Will you join the team?

In July 2024, St. Matthew Westland commissioned a team of six to host VBS in the "fly-in" community of Muskrat Dam in Northern Ontario. After two days of driving together in a van as a team and a short, chartered flight over a myriad of lakes, we reached our community, ready to tackle whatever came our way. It was a rigorous and challenging adventure, but we witnessed how God met our every need...in ways we couldn't have imagined.

How can you support this ministry?

- Pray for willing missionaries to explore this opportunity to bless God's people living in a beautiful setting of Northern Canada.
- Pray for the children whose lives are impacted by suicide within their community.
- Support "goers" by assisting in VBS craft preparation.
- Learn more about this life-changing ministry by visiting <https://www.lampministry.org>
- Donate to send missionaries and pilots into the field to serve God's people.

To learn more about this unique mission, contact 2025 Team Leader Bob Lockhart at blockhart72@gmail.com or phone 734-748-3425.



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- Invite Neighbors
- Invite Coworkers

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2. or Scan the QR Code



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- Create and Share an "Experience" utilizing your talents
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- Tickets to Events and Places
- A week or weekend at a Timeshare

2. Amazon Wishlist
 Scan the QR Code



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 Your Item will be sent **Directly** to the school

What: School Auction *"Island Getaway"*

When: Saturday, May 17 @ 5:00 pm

Where: Island Oasis St. Paul School GYM

Barbara Hoffmeier will be leading a team of ten members from St Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, Michigan, May 10th through the 17th, with MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunity Short Term.) They will be conducting Eyeglass Clinics in two different locations during the week and hope to distribute about 1000 pairs of prescription glasses and sunglasses. The location is Amatitlan in the Western Highlands of Guatemala.

The BLOG to follow their

progress is: <https://guatemalateam2504missiontrip.blogspot.com/> You can send her a message at: bhoffmeier3@gmail.com St Paul sent a team there in April of 2018 for a Construction Project and to teach Health and Hygiene classes. *Please keep Barbara and the team in your prayers for safety, good health, and many opportunities to share the Good News so they will "see" Jesus!*



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DINE TO DONATE!

20% WILL BE DONATED TO:

Last one of the year!
May 12, 2025

Dine-in and Carryout all day
Be sure to mention St. Paul Northville



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Spring has sprung! We sure could use your assistance in sprucing up the grounds on Saturday, May 31, 9am - 1pm, or any part thereof! Hotdogs for lunch. Bring your rake, trimmer, edger, gloves, and other outdoor tools you would like to use.

Just as your home yard needs attention after the winter, so your Church home needs some attention as well. This is rated an "easy, entry level" project for those who would like to serve, but don't know where to begin helping out at your Church home. Rain or shine, indoor or out-of-door, we will be ready with projects!

Contact Mark Faerber, Trustee if you have questions. 734 686 2100.





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