FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 am April 28, 2024



Easter People Proclaim

AS WE GATHER

How far can the human voice travel? Scientists tell us that the normal outdoor range for an adult voice traveling through still air is about 180 meters or 590 feet. Communication in Silbo, a whistled language of Spanish-speaking inhabitants of the Canary Islands, can travel five miles under ideal conditions. The sound of a voice traveling across still water at night can range up to 10.5 miles. Voices can carry! The message that the voices carry is what is most important. The spoken message about Jesus shared by Philip the deacon with the Ethiopian stranger made an eternal difference in that man's life. The words that we speak and the messages that we share are of great importance and have the divine potential to "spread the reign of God the Lord" (*LSB* 830:1).

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Preservice Music with Guest Artist Cary Kocher / Vibraphonist

Brighter Days

Chorus

I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in my veins.

I know there's gonna be some brighter days. I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

Verse 1

Oh ashes fall from burning dreams.
Oh never lived through times like these.
Oh if you're trying hard to breathe in the dark,
In the dark.

Chorus

I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in my veins.

I know there's gonna be some brighter days. I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

Verse 2

Oh if your screams don't make a sound, Oh if your walls are crashing down, Oh if your heart just cries too loud all, the time, all the tim.e

Chorus

I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in my veins.

I know there's gonna be some brighter days. I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

Bridge

O-o-oh-o, O-o-oh-o, Brighter days!

I know there's gonna be some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your pain.

I feel it in me like the beating of life in my veins.

I know there's gonna be some brighter days. I know there's gonna be

some brighter days.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm* 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to

Your name."

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

People: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our

feet slip.

Pastor: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and

Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His

forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You

all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my

sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by

His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father

and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: O Lord, who sent Philip with Good News about You for the Ethiopian

eunuch,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Christ, who are Yourself the full manifestation of the love of God for

all people,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: O Lord, who tenderly invites us to abide in You as You promise to abide

in us,

People: have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of

one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire

what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love, amazing grace. (2X)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine. FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

(Philip is sent to meet the Ethiopian eunuch to tell him the Good News about Jesus)

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.Who can describe his generation?For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 4:7-11 (God is love.)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Please Stand

Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

(Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. Abide in him and abide in love.)

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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.

Please Sit

Come What May

Sometimes sorrow is the door to peace. Sometimes heartache is the gift I need. You're faithful faithful, In all things.

In every high in every low,
On mountaintops down broken roads.
You're still my rock my hope remains.
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus,
Come what may.

- Interlude

There is deep joy that you give to me Where hurt meets the healing is a holy thing

I see goodness your goodness

In all things
In every high in every low,
On mountaintops down broken roads.
You're still my rock my hope remains,
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus,
Come what may.

- Interlude (Come what may)

Bridge

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. The Lord is my shepherd leads me to still waters.

And he restores my soul.

Chorus

In every high in every low, On mountaintops down broken roads. You're still my rock my hope remains, I'll rest in the arms of Jesus (2X) Come what may! Come what may! Come what may!

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

God Turn It Around / The Promise

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.

My hope and firm foundation,

He'll never let me down.

He'll never let me down.

Bridge Chorus

I put my faith in Jesus, Great is Your faithfulness to me. My anchor to the ground. Great is Your faithfulness to me.

My hope and firm foundation, From the rising sun to the setting same,

He'll never let me down.

I will praise Your name.

Great is Your faithfulness to me.

I put my faith in Jesus,

My anchor to the ground. Great is Your faithfulness to me.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are greater than all and have been given the name that is above every name. Grant us discernment to test all spirits. Tune our hearts to listen to Your voice and draw us away from the voices that clamor to deceive us

according to the spirits of this age. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Good Shepherd, Your Word is true and Your love is greater than any power on

earth. Fill with Your love [Matthew Harrison], our Synod president; [David Davis], our District President; [Mark Schumm], our Circuit Visitor, and all those who

speak in Your name to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious King, Your kingdom is greater than all, and Your rule is limitless and

unbounded. Grant that the rulers of the kingdoms of this world would bow their knees to Your gracious reign, seeking only the knowledge of Your will and the

power to carry it out. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Great Physician, Your healing power is greater than all the technology of human

invention. Be at work for good through the vocations of all healthcare

professionals, workers, and caregivers that those who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [including . . .], would know the nearness of Your presence and experience the joy that comes from abiding in Your love. 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 Christ Jesus, 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 <u>our guests</u> 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

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, Right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us, forgive us As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us; forgive them.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.

But deliver us from the evil on

Let your kingdom come.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,

Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, Right here in my heart.

It's yours, it's yours, All yours, all yours. The kingdom, the power, The glory are yours. It's yours, it's yours, All yours, all yours. Forever and ever

The kingdom is yours.

Father, let your kingdom come. Father, let your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, Right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven, Right here in my heart

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

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!

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!

You will always be Holy! Holy forever!

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our Living 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.

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



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher
Officiant
Family Life Director
Music Director/Organist
Elder
Praise Team

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Pastor Jim Frusti
Jeanette Koch
Paul Ventimiglia
Bob McGuigan
Hannah Hughes
Sarah Hughes
Linda Johnson
Jeff Shapiro
Kurt Menhart
Chris Englert

Guest Artist Cary Kocher / Vibraphonist

Welcome Center Paris Phou

Counters Melissa Raikes

Kathy Verseman Dennis Verseman

Ushers Christian Krauter

Jeanette Koch

Acolyte Gabe Ruth

Greeters Hoffmeier Family

Tech Team James Nordbeck



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

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

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

Attendance Last week: 4.21.2024 - Attendance - 8:30am - 103 + 11:00am - 64 = 167

Communion –131

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808,

Received week of 4.21.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$10,237- total includes online giving School - \$1,666.45

Memorial gifts have been made to the Saint Paul General Fund Memorials from Tom and Sue Poole and from Janet Wisner in memory of Donna Thomas. A gift has been made to the Saint Paul Music Fund from Linda Johnson in memory of Donna Thomas.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ted Schultz
Cambrian Senior Living
52365 10 Mile #128
South Lyon, MI 48178

Altar Flowers



In memory of her husband John's birthday from Ruth Natiw.

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

28 APR, SUN	• 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
	8:30 - 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45 - 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
	9:45 - 10:30am	7th/8th grade Confirmation room #3
	● 11am – 12pm	Worship
	● 12 – 1pm	VBS Meeting -Parish Hall
	• 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
29 APR, MON	• 8am – 5pm	CLW Meeting Parish Hall church parish hall
1 MAY, WED	8:30 – 11am	CINTAS FIRE INSPECTIONS
	• 6:30 – 7:30pm	Newcomers Group - Parish Hall
3 MAY, FRI	• 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
4 may, sat	• 9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

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National Day of Prayer PANCAKE





CHAPEL @ 9AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Come Eat and Pray

Prayer Stations

P_{rayer} Stations THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024 7AM - 9AM BREAKFAST ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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201 Elm St Nothville. MI CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6PM FOR PRAYER



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SAVE THE DATE

DETROIT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE BOOTS ON THE GROUND

4th ANNUAL SPRING SERVICE DAY

WHEN: May 11 9 am - 1 pm

WHERE: 19370 Greenfield, Detroit 48235

WHAT: Outside grounds clean up

BRING: Rakes, clippers, trimmers, etc., and especially a chain saw if

you have one. Remember to bring work gloves.

QUESTIONS: Contact Pat McGuigan (734) 718-8597 /pking1252@gmail.com



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Our first new members of 2024 are Les and Sharon Pederson. They moved to Northville about 2 years ago and have been attending St. Paul for quite some time now. They decided to make St. Paul their new church home and requested a transfer from Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford.

Look for their pictures on the new member bulletin board. We look forward to getting to know them better and welcoming them to our St. Paul family.

During the month of April, Women in Christ will be highlighting LWML grant 7 for Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker. This grant is \$20,000, and it will enable Michigan women in the Concordia University System to use their gifts in service for the LCMS in professional church work. Please help LWML reach their mission grant goals by filling a MITE box and returning it to the church.



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

The grant application window for 2024 is now open from April 15th to May 31st! Our 2023 year end balance is **\$89,129.90** which generates **\$4450** in grant dollars available for 2024. We are headed into our third year of grants and here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has done thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction

Grant applications are available in the school office, or the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you to everyone that attended our shred event in March. We were able to collect \$250 in free will donations.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Just a couple dates available. May 19 one vase, June 30 one vase. If you would like to purchase a vase please call Valeria Krause. 734-464-4188 and leave a message.



Call, Email or use the Go Fund Me Link - https://gofund.me/c4abdf9d

<u>Guatemala Eyeglass Mission</u> In the early hours of Sunday April 14^{th,} the St. Paul Guatemala mission team returned safely from their mission to Zacapa, Guatemala. God blessed the St. Paul team and our 5 other team members from congregations in Northern Michigan and Washington state with a very successful mission. Despite the heat (reaching 106 degrees at one point!) we were able to serve 482 people and dispense 660 pairs of glasses. The team wishes to thank the St. Paul congregation for all the prayers and support without which the mission could not have been accomplished. You can read more about the mission on the team blog at https://mostteam2423.wordpress.com/



We, the members of the Auction Committee, would like to thank our sponsors, our congregation, our school families, and our Church and School staff, and all our volunteers for making our Storybook Gala a success! Your generosity of time, talent, and dollars has made our goal of supporting our St. Paul Northville Lutheran School possible! Anyone looking in at our event at Suburban Showcase saw a lovely room full of folks having a fun evening. We saw a miracle, made possible by your loving generous hearts!

Great Night Downtown for the **Family of God Mission** Meal 4.17.24. Fed about 80 people and a total of **125** plates of food. We took brownies (thank you church family) homemade pierogies, meatballs and gravy, pulled pork sandwiches, garden salads, pasta salads, potato salads, coleslaw, a great variety of desserts, including Pastor Hill's favorite banana pudding (he got his own pan) - made by a friend of mine- chips and drinks! Such a blessing to be able to serve! Glad to be able to have my friends enjoy a night of giving and for my church family to be so supportive! Everyone is welcome to help with these meals, need more information? Give the church office a call- Love Margo 248-349-3140









Lutheran Choralaires Spring Concert in support of Concordia University Ann Arbor The Lutheran Choralaires, a men's chorus under the direction of noted Detroit area composer and arranger Terry Herald, will present their annual Spring Concert entitled "What Wondrous Love is This" on Saturday May 18th, 4:00PM at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154). Tickets are not necessary, however there will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will go to support the Concordia University Ann Arbor Music Department and Students In Need funds. For further information email info@lutheranchoralaires.org,or visit www.lutheranchoralaires.org