

Jesus: The Love of God Overcomes the World

AS WE GATHER

The Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved all people, making a home for us with Him in the Father's love. Dwelling in the Father's love by faith in Jesus, we keep His commandments. As we come to realize that we are loved by God, we discover that keeping His commandments is not burdensome, but a joy. Jesus' word of promise fills us with joy. He has chosen us to be His fruit-bearing friends who **love people the way He does**. Alleluia!

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 family.

WELCOME – Pastor Chris Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

837 Lift High the Cross Refrain 6 Lift of Christ pro-claim Till high love the cross, the θ all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. 0 1 Come, Chris-tians, fol low where our Cap - tain trod, 2 Led tri - um - phant their way by this sign, on 3 All new - born sol _ diers of the Cru - ci fied -4 O Lord, once lift the glo-rious ed on tree, Refrain θ Our king vic to - rious, Christ, Son of God. _ the The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine. Bear who died. on their brows the seal of Him As Thou hast prom - ised, draw all Thee. to us

> 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

INVOCATION

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OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Let every created thing give praise to the Lord.

People: He has made His people strong. Praise the Lord.

- Pastor: [Jesus says,] "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die." *John 11:25-26*
- People: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. Job 19:25-27
- Pastor: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. *Romans 14:7-8*

CONFESSION of our sins and THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Drawn from the Six Chief Parts of Christian teaching; Exodus 20)

- Pastor: For the times we have had other gods in our lives...
- People: and for the times we have trusted in things other than You, forgive us, good Lord.
- Pastor: For the times we have misused the name of the Lord...
- People: and for the times we have failed to call upon You in prayer, forgive us, good Lord.
- Pastor: For the times we have forgotten the Sabbath day...
- People: and for the times we have despised the preaching of Your Word, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have not honored father or mother...

People: and for the times we have failed to respect others in authority, forgive us good Lord.

- Pastor: For the times we have murdered...
- People: by hurting people in thought, word and deed, forgive us, good Lord.
- Pastor: For the times we have committed adultery...
- People: with thoughts and actions unbecoming to Your design for love and marriage, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have stolen...

People: and for the times we have acted dishonestly, forgive us, good Lord.

Pastor: For the times we have given false testimony...

- People: and for the times we have hurt someone's good name, forgive us, good Lord.
- Pastor: For the times we have coveted our neighbors' possessions or family members...
- People: and for the times we have tried to acquire things not belonging to us, forgive us, good Lord.

ABSOLUTION and THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS

(Drawn from the Six Chief Parts)

- People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Tune: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today)

May the Lord Christ be with us, Alleluia! As we celebrate anew, Alleluia! Jesus' victory o'er death, Alleluia! That to us grants life and breath, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

May the Lord Christ come to us, Alleluia! And declare His love anew, Alleluia! Through the bread and through the wine, Alleluia! As upon this feast we dine, Alleluia!



Joyful Ringers

FIRST READING 1 John 5:1–8 (Everyone who is born of God overcomes the world.)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. ² We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. ³ Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. ⁷ So we have these three witnesses— ⁸ the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree.



Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God!

It is Well with My Soul

Joyful Ringers

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9–17 (Loving one another, we abide in God's love and experience the fullness of joy.)

Reader: ⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have **People:** loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

- ¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce Reader: lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.
- This is the Gospel of the Lord. Reader:
- Praise to You, O Christ. **People:**

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.



MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Blessed Assurance

- Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
 - Refrain:
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.
- Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels, descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
- Perfect submission, all is at rest, in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



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.

Haelyn Marie Elliott



When Born and Where: July 12, 2010 Worcester, MA
Father's name: Leonard David Elliott
Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Marie Terwilliger
Where Baptized: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville
Where attending 8th grade: Hillside Middle School
Where attending 9th grade: Northville High School
Hobbies: Violin, roller blading, reading and drawing
Future Occupation: Ophthalmologist
Favorite Hymn/Song: Awesome God

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Brooke Marie Howard



When Born and Where: February 10, 2010 Ann Arbor, MI
Father's name: Joshua Thomas Howard
Mother's Maiden Name: Kristy Lynn Becker
Where Baptized: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills
Where attending 8th grade: Hillside Middle School
Where attending 9th grade: Northville High School
Hobbies: Volleyball, running, crafts and skiing
Future Occupation: Sports Nutritionist
Favorite Hymn/Song: Give Us Clean Hands

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 56:3-4 ³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?.

Aaron Xavier Robinson Martell



When Born and Where: October 11, 2009 Ann Arbor, MI
Father's name: Mark Aaron Robinson
Mother's Maiden Name: Yolanda Hiram Martell Torres
Where Baptized: Holy Trinity Lutheran Livonia, MI
Where attending 8th grade: St. Paul Lutheran School, Northville
Where attending 9th grade: Novi Christian Academy
Hobbies: Basketball, dodgeball, reading, Legos
Future Occupation: Physicist
Favorite Hymn/Song: Amazing Grace

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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. We thank God for the Christian Church, for our new Confirmands and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us. With the love of Christ we will show His Good News. **People:** Pastor: We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us. With the love of Christ we will share His Good News. **People:** Pastor: We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially . . .]. Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. With the love of Christ we will visit and support others with His Good News. **People:** Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: With the love of Christ we will <u>serve and comfort</u> with His Good News. Amen.

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

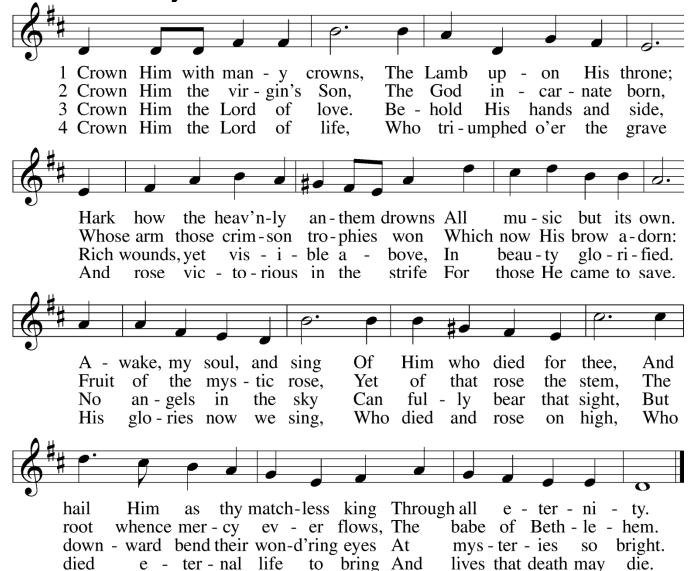
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COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray. ++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

Children of the Heavenly Father

- Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;In His holy courts they flourish.From all evil things He spares them;In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
 From the Lord His children sever;
 Unto them His grace He showeth,
 And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



In Christ Alone

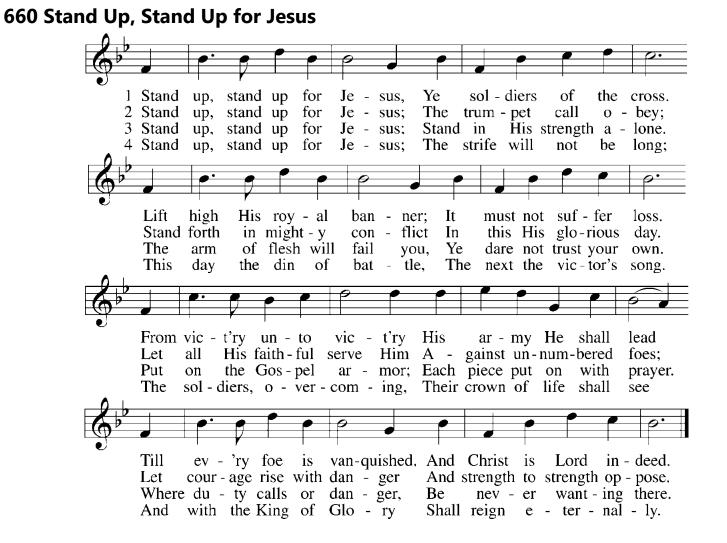
In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

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. 2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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."



BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

- Pastor: We thank You, God, that with this gift of the body and blood of Jesus, You cleanse our hearts. Grant that we may bear the fruits of Your love in our life and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone 1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build: 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which im - plore, we These hal - lowed courts shall 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise ring; With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with ev - er - more Un - til us The Three in Our voic - es we will raise One to sing And thus great love Our hopes we place Of pres-ent grace And joys a - bove. that day When all the blest To end-less rest Are called a - way. joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo-rious name. pro - claim In

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	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn Pastor Jim Frusti Jeanette Koch Paul Ventimiglia Tom Poole
Joyful Ringers	Cheryl Bailey Anne Burgess Linda Courtney Katie Grab Beth Hempel Carol Kandah Arlene Kurzawa Shelly Walldorff Debbie Winternheimer Sharon Byrd Charleen Hill
Reader	David Austin
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Counters	Jan Paver Janet Wisner
Ushers	Gary Cash Jeff Henning Neale Hoener Mike Williamson
Acolyte	Joshua Norton





Greeters	Hempel Family
Tech Team	Nancy Berg
Coffee Hour	Middle School Class
Altar Society	Nancy Berg
	Kara Patterson
	Kellen Patterson
News	Notes

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAYS:Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.WEDNESDAYS:Women's Bible Study @9:30am - Parish HallSATURDAYS:Men's Bible Study - Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am - Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 4.28. 2024 – Attendance - 8:30am – 83 + 11:00am – 53 = 136

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808, Received week of 4.28.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$8,077- total includes online giving School – \$2,242.60

Remember Our Shut-InsTed SchultzCambrian Senior Living52365 10 Mile #128South Lyon, MI48178

Altar Flowers



One vase in loving memory of my grandson Jamie and one vase in honor of my daughter Terri who has been fighting leukemia for 4+ years from Carole Crete.

Extra arrangement is in honor of Peyton Lewis's confirmation day with love from Nana.

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



5 may, sun	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
	11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
	● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
6 MAY, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
	🔵 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
	● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Bd. of Youth and Family Education church office
7 MAY, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
	● 7 – 9pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting- Parish Hall
8 MAY, WED	• 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
	● 7 – 8pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting Room #1
10 may, fri	• 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
11 MAY, SAT	 All day 	Boots on the Ground Service Day- Detroit



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Dan and Ellie Juers as new members to St. Paul. They have been attending St. Paul for quite some time now and became members in April. Soon we will be welcoming another new member as they are expecting a baby this month.

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.

For the month of May, Women in Christ would like to draw your attention to the LWML grant entitled "A Rising Need, a Spiritual Opportunity (Lutheran Special Education Ministries in Michigan)." This is a \$20,000 grant to enable LSEM to provide educational and spiritual support to children who are experiencing learning loss and have learning needs in Lutheran schools, including our own school. Please keep LSEM in your prayers and add to your MITE box this month.

Gabriel Taverner, an eighth grade student at our day school won the local round of the 55th annual America and Me Essay Contest with an essay depicting his grandmother, Benita Puzzuoli, as his hero. Following are quotes from the article published in the April 18 *Novi Note*. She was just recently given the all-clear following a battle with acute myeloid leukemia, but throughout her battle, she never stopped following the Lord. "I chose her because she really impacted my life even though she was feeling good," Taverner said.

In his essay, Taverner spoke of how Puzzuoli taught him to have a strong faith in God even in the hardest times. He said that despite her illness she always has a positive attitude and puts others before herself. He stressed that his grandmother equipped him with "the wisdom of God, which gives a peace that surpasses all understanding." He said her favorite verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

"When I face the difficulties of this world, I know that this verse can be an anchor to my relationship with Christ, and it's extra special because it is a treasured verse of hers," Taverner wrote in his essay.

"I was hoping for a positive impact (on others), definitely, because it's easy to lose hope," he said. "But you got to know that there is a savior that can pull you out of it, and here's an example. And real-world examples definitely help."

Mrs. Chopp, his teacher said, "He is extremely patient. He's extremely polite—always polite. I've never heard him say a mean thing. . . . He's mature, he's kind, he's considerate. He is a remarkable young man."

SAVE THE DATE

Registration @ https://shorturl.at/rst38

Sunday 19, 2024 2PM-6PM 1st Grade – 8th GRADE

Singles Tournament.

Prizes for top players!

Dinner and snacks provided N





Must RSVP by May 15, 2024



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



<u>BRING:</u> 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

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.



Fellow St. Paul members, I am pleased to let you know that the new shingles for the church roof have been ordered. A down payment has been made and the shingles are being manufactured.

Additional information will be forthcoming. If you have ideas about fundraising the Trustees will be happy to consider them. If you wish to make a donation toward the completion of this project, please note that it is for the Roof Fund. Thanks to all for supporting this effort and for help along the way.



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/



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