

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

October 18, 2026



Render to Caesar and to God

## AS WE GATHER

One of the most famous sayings of Jesus appears to provide a neat and tidy divide between the worldly power of government and the spiritual power of the Church. Is that really what Christ is doing? Is He marking the divide or is He commending all things and the ultimate authority to the saving purpose of our heavenly Father?

The things that belong to Caesar appear to be valuable in the moment but are temporary and temporal. **The things of God are everything**—all things in heaven and earth. They are eternal. In reality, there is nothing that does not belong to God, although the Lord assigns different people with the different responsibilities of church and state. In this question of who is in charge, God makes it clear that He is always in charge and always working for our salvation.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

### Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence  
Jesus the Nazarene.  
Wondering how He could love me,  
A sinner condemned unclean.

### Chorus

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be.  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me.

### Verse 2

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own.

He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

### Chorus

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be.  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me.

### Verse 3

When we are ransomed in glory,  
His face at last I'll see.  
Will be my joy through the ages,  
To sing of His love for me.

### Chorus

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be.  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me. (2x)

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*1 Chronicles 16:28; Psalm 28:8; 29:2, 11; 68:34; 1 Peter 4:11*

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**People: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

**People: May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!**

Pastor: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

**People: To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of 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.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.]

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, the protector of all who trust in You,

**People: have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal;**

Pastor: through 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 45:1–7     (The Lord tells King Cyrus He will use him for the sake of Israel.)*

This is what the Lord says to **Cyrus, his anointed one**, whose right hand he will empower. Before him, mighty kings will be paralyzed with fear.

Their fortress gates will be opened, never to shut again.

<sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord says: “I will go before you, Cyrus, and level the mountains. I will smash down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.

<sup>3</sup> And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness—secret riches. I will do this so you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name.

<sup>4</sup> “And why have I called you for this work? Why did I call you by name when you did not know me? It is for the sake of Jacob my servant, Israel my chosen one.

<sup>5</sup> I am the Lord; there is no other God. I have equipped you for battle, though you don’t even know me, <sup>6</sup> so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the Lord, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup> I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times. I, the Lord, am the one who does these things.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (Paul commends the Thessalonians for spreading the Gospel.)*

This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God give you grace and peace.

**The Faith of the Thessalonian Believers**

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. <sup>3</sup> As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. <sup>5</sup> For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. <sup>6</sup> So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. <sup>7</sup> As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

<sup>8</sup> And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, <sup>9</sup> for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God. <sup>10</sup> And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SONG**

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

Day School Children

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 22:15–22* (Jesus teaches about rendering civil authorities their due.)

Reader: <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. <sup>16</sup> They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites. <sup>17</sup> Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

**People:** <sup>18</sup> **But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Here, show me the coin used for the tax."**

Reader: When they handed him a Roman coin, <sup>20</sup> he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" <sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied.

**People:** **"Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."**

Reader: <sup>22</sup> His reply amazed them, and they went away.

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.**



## I Thank God

### Verse 1

Wandering into the night wanting a place  
to hide

This weary soul this bag of bones  
I try with all of my might  
But I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

And just when I ran out of the road  
I met a man I didn't know  
And He told me that I was not alone

### Chorus

You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart You  
changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I  
thank God

### Verse 2

I cannot deny what I've seen  
Got no choice but to believe  
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the  
wind  
So so long to my old friends burden and  
bitterness  
You can just keep them moving  
Nah you ain't welcome here

From now till I walk streets of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul

This wayward son has found his way back  
home

### Chorus

You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart You  
changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I  
thank God

### Bridge

Hell lost another one I am free I am free I  
am free  
(REPEAT 3x)

Hell lost another one I am free I am free

### Chorus

You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
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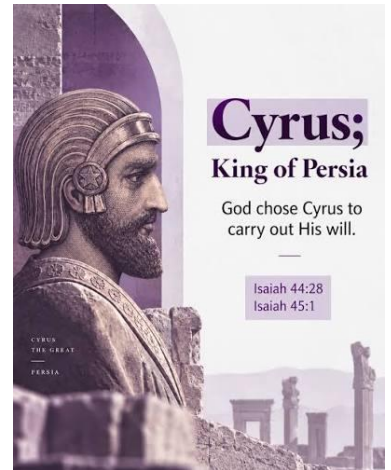
## MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*The question is not what is Caesar's and what is God's.*

*It's all God's, the question is, **are you giving back to God** what is truly His.*

*How do we know what belongs to God? What bears His image? A coin may bear the image of president. But you and I bear the image of God.*

*What image do others see in you as you live out each day?*



## 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.  
Give to Your Church, O Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit, that we hear Your voice and follow where You lead, proclaiming Your Gospel to every corner of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to the nations good and faithful leaders who will work under the guidance of Your Word to lead the peoples with equity and justice, fostering freedom so that we may worship You and love our neighbor, living in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to all people respect for the gift of life, courage to stand against those who would disdain the child in the womb or the aged, and encourage husbands and wives, parents and children in their life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to the sick and those who suffer every blessing of Your presence and healing in accordance with Your will, that they be supported in their afflictions and granted patience until the day when perfect healing reigns. *[Hear us especially for . . .]* Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to us eyes to see Your goodness and the gifts of Your mercy that crown all our days, and give to our hearts gratitude that we use Your gifts for Your glory, for the good of our neighbors in need, and for the support of the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All these things, heavenly Father, for which we pray, grant to us according to Your mercy, providing to us all things needful and beneficial and keeping from us all things as may prove harmful to our faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

*Stand*

## Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Service of the Sacrament

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

## Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## 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 Our Lord

**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.

### Pax Domini

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.



### Ain't Nobody Love Me Like Jesus

I got a story too good to hide  
I was a blind man wandering until I saw  
the light

Yeah I've got a story I can't deny  
I'm a living breathing miracle  
And I just gotta testify

#### Chorus

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
Ain't nobody love me this good  
Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
And I know I know nobody could

Tell me who could give me this freedom  
Tell me who could get me this far  
Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
And I know I know nobody could

#### Interlude

Ain't nobody ain't nobody ain't nobody

#### Verse 2

Now I'm anointed to bring the news  
Everything He did for me I know He'll do  
for you  
He gave me joy for the mourning  
For the ashes a crown

I'm a walking talking miracle  
And I just gotta let it out

#### Chorus

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
Ain't nobody love me this good  
Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
And I know I know nobody could

Tell me who could give me this freedom  
Tell me who could get me this far  
Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
And I know I know nobody could

#### Interlude

Ain't nobody ain't nobody ain't nobody

#### Bridge

Nobody could pull me from the darkness  
Save me by the blood  
Raise me from the ashes

I know I know nobody could  
Break off every shackle  
Tear down every wall  
Set free every captive  
I know I know nobody could (2X)

## Chorus

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
 Ain't nobody love me this good  
 Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
 And I know I know nobody could

Tell me who could give me this freedom  
 Tell me who could get me this far

Ain't nobody love me like Jesus  
 And I know I know nobody could

## Ending

Ain't nobody ain't nobody  
 Ain't nobody (I know I know nobody could)  
 (2X)

**Jesus Is Coming Back**

We know that he's coming back  
 We know that he's coming back  
 We know that he's coming back  
 We know that he's coming back

Have you ever thought  
 That the world has kinda lost its way  
 Crazy as it seems yeah I know it's  
 gonna be okay  
 It doesn't scare me it's temporary

There's something better we got forever  
 And it won't be long  
 'Cause we know our help is on the way

(So) keep your head up  
 Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
 back  
 Don't you give up  
 Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
 back

When the world gets complicated  
 We're gonna keep on celebrating  
 'Cause we know

That Jesus is coming back Jesus is  
 coming back  
 We gotta stay awake  
 'Cause nobody knows the day or time  
 The trumpet's gonna blow  
 And the skies are gonna open wide

He's coming for us just like He told us  
 It's been a long wait but there's a new  
 day  
 And we're gonna sing hallelujah  
 When the King arrives  
 Oh you know you gotta

(So) keep your head up  
 Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
 back  
 Don't you give up  
 Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
 back

When the world gets complicated  
 We're gonna keep on celebrating  
 'Cause we know  
 That Jesus is coming back Jesus is  
 coming back

**Bridge**

Are you ready are you ready  
People get ready people get ready

Are you ready are you ready  
People get ready people get ready

Are you ready are you ready  
People get ready yeah let's get ready

(So) keep your head up  
Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
back  
Don't you give up  
Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
back

When the world gets complicated  
We're gonna keep on celebrating

'Cause we know  
That Jesus is coming back Jesus is  
coming back

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Don't you give up  
Jesus is coming back Jesus is coming  
back

When the world gets complicated  
We're gonna keep on celebrating  
'Cause we know  
That Jesus is coming back Jesus is  
coming back

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back

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING****BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God's grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**THE INVITATIONS**

## Word Of Life

### Verse 1

Word of life  
 Speak to my weary heart  
 Strengthen my broken parts  
 Lead me to Your open arms  
 Word of truth  
 Illuminate all these lies  
 The enemy speaks inside  
 In freedom I will rise

### Chorus

'Cause You called me out from the grave  
 So I can live like I've been changed  
 There is a new song in my soul  
 And it begins when I breathe in  
 Your word of life

### Verse 2

Spirit of God  
 Take me to a deeper place  
 Take me out of what is safe  
 I will not be afraid  
 Spirit of God

Fill me with joy again  
 Springing up from within  
 It cannot be contained

### Chorus

'Cause You called me out from the grave  
 So I can live like I've been changed  
 There is a new song in my soul  
 And it begins when I breathe in  
 Your word of life

### Bridge

The old has gone away  
 Only Your love remains  
 I am alive today ...

### Chorus

'Cause You called me out from the grave  
 So I can live like I've been changed  
 There is a new song in my soul  
 And it begins when I breathe in  
 Your word of life



**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/Officiant

Music Director

Family Life

Elder

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Paul Ventimiglia

Jeanette Koch

George Foor

Welcome Center

Marilyn Edick

Greeter

Foor Family

Tech Team

Doug Towner

Acolyte

Gage Muns

Ushers

Craig Miller  
Christine Lewis

Reader

Jan Faerber

Counters

Dave Tischler  
Jan Paver

Altar Society

Karen Frusti  
Christine Lewis

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| 18 | OCT, SUN | ● 8:30 – 9:30am  | Worship w/ Communion                                               |
|    |          | ● 9:45 – 10:45am | Sunday School & Youth Bible Study                                  |
|    |          | ● 11am – 12pm    | Worship w/ Communion                                               |
|    |          | ● 12 – 3pm       | School Event                                                       |
|    |          | ● 7 – 9pm        | Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym |
| 20 | OCT, TUE | ● 12 – 1pm       | Meeting - Ladies Lounge, Church                                    |
|    |          | ● 6:30 – 7:30pm  | Stephen Ministry Meeting - Room 5                                  |
| 21 | OCT, WED | ● All day        | School Kitchen- Marcy Treder-all day                               |
|    |          | ● 9 – 10am       | Yolanda M. - room 13 school                                        |
|    |          | ● 9:30 – 11am    | Women's Bible Study- Parish Hall                                   |
|    |          | ● 5 – 9pm        | Family of God Mission Dinner Kitchen 2-5pm 7354 Whittaker St       |
| 22 | OCT, THU | ● 4:30 – 5:30pm  | Choir Practice                                                     |
|    |          | ● 5:45 – 7pm     | Bell Choir Rehearsal - church                                      |
| 23 | OCT, FRI | ● All day        | 1/2 DAY- End of 1st Quarter (43 days)                              |
|    |          | ● 7 – 9pm        | AA Mtg. church parish hall                                         |
|    |          | ● 9 – 11:30pm    | Yuta Basketball Rental gym                                         |



### Remember Our Homebound

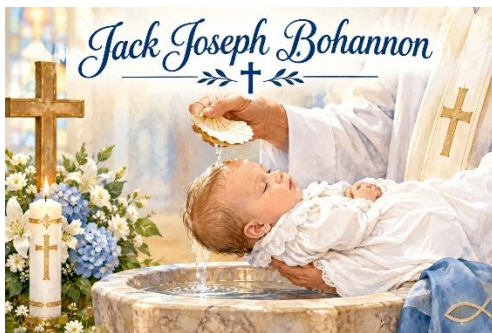
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### **Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall



We share in the joy of **HOLY BAPTISM OF Jack Joseph Bohannon** in the 8:30 AM worship service today. Jack is the infant son of Lindsey and Daniel Bohannon and was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Jack's sponsors are Conor and Jennifer Wolohan. As God writes Jack's name in the book of life let us all pray that this new relationship that has begun today will be lived, explored and discovered throughout Jack's life.



One vase in appreciation of Tom Poole for the many years that he made the coffee for Coffee Hour from a grateful congregation.

One vase in memory of Bonnie Hovey from the Babic family.

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**Attendance** Last week: 10.11.2026– Attendance – 8:30am - 119 + 11am - 73 = 192  
Communion - 93

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Received week of 10.11.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$11,613** total includes online giving  
**School - \$0**

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The newest members to our St. Paul family are **Darin and Brenda Hasse** and their two sons **Peter** (21) and **Christian** (13). They transferred from Zion Lutheran in Petoskey and are now living in South Lyon.

**Brenda** majored in Computer Science and has a Bachelor of Business/Health Care. Brenda works as a medical biller. Her hobbies are photography, electronics, cooking, reading, computers and crafts. She would like to serve working with children and youth groups and has volunteered on Boards of Education and Evangelism.

**Darin** majored in Mechanical Engineering. His hobbies are computers, reading and electronics. He has served as an usher.

**Peter** completed an Associates Degree at Northern Central Michigan University and has a Medical Assisting Certificate.

**Christian** is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and is attending Confirmation Class at St. Paul. He started his education here at St. Paul in Preschool and Kindergarten.

**Romans 15:7 - "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you."**

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### **November 7—Craft & Vendor Fair**

Support the youth at Christ Our Savior by shopping the Annual Craft and Vendor Show! The show will be held at our church on Sat, Nov 7, from 10am to 3pm. A \$2 entry fee supports our youth ministry and gives you access to awesome local crafters, home party vendors, youth bake sale, door prizes, treasure map prizes, hot lunch and concessions. Start your holiday shopping here! Questions? Email [youth@christoursavior.org](mailto:youth@christoursavior.org)

**Mrs. Alyssa Knock**

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. – Jeremiah 17:7*

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**WHAT:** St. Paul Annual Trunk 'n Treat

**WHEN:** October 31 (6 pm – 8 pm)

**WHERE:** St. Paul Parking Lot and Church Parish Hall

**WHAT:** Trunks, candy, hot dogs, cider and free parking

*Let's welcome our Northville neighbors and show them a good time with free parking as a bonus for the community.*



**The DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS are having their fall concerts soon that you won't want to miss!** The 40 voice choir will perform "An American Sampler" with selections of sacred choral music by American composers in honor of the U.S.A. 250th celebration. Tickets are available at the door or from Barbara Hoffmeier (who has sung with the group for 50 years this year!) Saturday, October 24, 2026 7:00 PM - Church of the Divine Child - 1055 North Silvery

Lane, Dearborn, MI – and Sunday, October 25, 2026 3:00 PM – Holy Cross Lutheran Church - 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI

**Christ Our Savior – Livonia – 734-522-6830 November 19—Forever Young: Winter at the Train Station**

Get ready for the holiday season at the historic Detroit Train Station! Forever Young is organizing a trip for \$70/person, which includes a guided tour provided by Detroit Historical Tours, family-style lunch at Roman Village Cucina Italiana (9924 Dix Ave, Dearborn), and round-trip bus transportation from **Christ Our Savior** parking lot. The bus will depart at 9am sharp. A signup sheet to reserve and confirm your participation is located at the Forever Young table in the **COS narthex**. Payment due by Nov 8 in designated envelopes delivered to **COS Office**, to Sunday Worship Offering Plate **at COS**, or to Linda Waara. We have 47 open spots!

There was a healthy turnout at FOG on the first Tuesday of October (6th). It was a lovely evening with sunshine and warm weather. The featured entree was a chicken pasta dish. The big hit, however, was the brownies, chocolate chip cookies and Oreo's. The kids were crazy for the brownies and they were gone first. One gentleman came to the table five times asking for more cookies. Clearly he had come to the right place for his sweet tooth needs. Pastor Nick provided a lesson on the importance of family and how love for family must be a priority in our lives. This topic is particularly meaningful for Pastor Nick as he is an 'in love' new father. All but two casseroles were consumed. We left the remaining casseroles in the kitchen for any late comers or next day meals. Thanks to everyone who provided a donation. This mission means so much to the children and adults who visit the church seeking a nutritious meal. The next Tuesday night meal for FOG is Nov. 3 (our church also provides a Wednesday meal, October 21st). Watch for the sign up Genius, if you didn't get it this month, it may have ended up in your spam. I am hearing Sign Up Genius and other things (such as attachments, or links) may be issues with Micro-Soft and AI. I welcome people who may know and could give me some direction.



Young Adults: Christmas  
at the Zoo! 🎄

Join us for a group night at Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo this December! Scan the QR code to let us know you're interested and pick the dates that work for you. More details to come!



**BLAZE ~ 2027 Bible-in-a-Year Reading Group**

Have you ever read through the whole Bible? Join St. Paul in our new group called "BLAZE", where we will read through the whole Bible together in 1 year. We have a daily reading schedule that you can do on your own or with family or friends, and we'll meet together on **2nd & 4th Tuesdays (starting Jan 12) @ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall**. The reading plan starts **January 1, 2027**, so be sure to get the reading schedule before then! To join the

email list or see more info and resources like the reading plan, go to:

[biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Blaze](http://biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Blaze)





### ♥ \$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser

**“Train up a child in the way he should go...” — Proverbs 22:6**

Our Lutheran school is more than a place of learning—it is a ministry where children grow in **faith, knowledge, and love for Jesus Christ**. We invite our congregation and school families to prayerfully participate in our **\$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser**.

Simply choose an envelope with the amount you would like to give, place your gift inside, and return it to the designated collection area. **Every envelope represents an investment in the lives and faith of our children.**

Whether you are able to give **\$1, \$25, \$100, \$250, or another amount**, your generosity helps provide a Christ-centered education and supports the teachers and ministry of our school.

**Together, we can help nurture the next generation of faithful Christian leaders.**

**Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support of our Lutheran school ministry’s**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League supports a large number of national grants and Michigan grants through the MITES we collect every year. October is one of four times a year that MITE boxes are collected. For the month of October, Women in Christ is featuring a mission grant entitled "Life and Hope for Moms in Need—Daughters on a Mission (The Luke Clinic)" in the amount of \$25,000. Life and Hope for Moms in Need: The Luke Clinic in Detroit provides free prenatal, postnatal, and infant care for uninsured and immigrant mothers and babies. This grant will support a registered nurse, bilingual education on safe delivery and newborn care, and essential testing, referrals, and medications. This ministry offers compassionate, dignified care to families with nowhere else to turn, reflecting Christ's love for the vulnerable. Please place your MITE box in the large MITE collection box in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up an empty box to fill for January!

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## St. Paul Endowment Fund News

**Our Grant window is now open through November 15th!** There are \$2,450 in remaining Grant dollars for 2026. Please reach out to the church office to obtain a grant application.

Our St. Paul Endowment Fund just turned 15 years old in September! Through God's blessings and the generosity of our congregation, the Fund has continued to grow and support meaningful ministry opportunities.

We are now in our fifth year of awarding grants. Since the program began, the Endowment Fund has awarded more than **\$19,285** in grants to support ministry, outreach, education, and facility improvements.

### Grants Awarded in the First Half of 2026

- Bible Quizzing – **\$500**
- Mission Trip – **\$1,500**
- LWML Convention – **\$1,000**

### Previous Endowment Fund Grants Have Supported:

- 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
- Church Administration Office Construction
- VBS T-Shirts
- Church Sign Refurbishment
- Marketing & Ministry Materials

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund over the years. Every gift—large or small—is an investment in the future of St. Paul. Your generosity continues to make a lasting impact by supporting ministries that strengthen our church, serve our community, and share Christ's love with others.

Please continue to keep the Endowment Fund in your prayers and consider making a gift as you are able. Together, we are building a legacy of faithful stewardship that will bless St. Paul for generations to come.

ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER  
PRESENTS

*Our Annual Fall Banquet*

# CONTENDERS

October 22, 2026  
6:00-9:00pm

Italian American Banquet Center  
39200 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154  
[www.awpcfriends.org/events](http://www.awpcfriends.org/events)

Featuring Dr. Marc Newman, Pro-Life Advocate



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

**Jesus Loves You!**

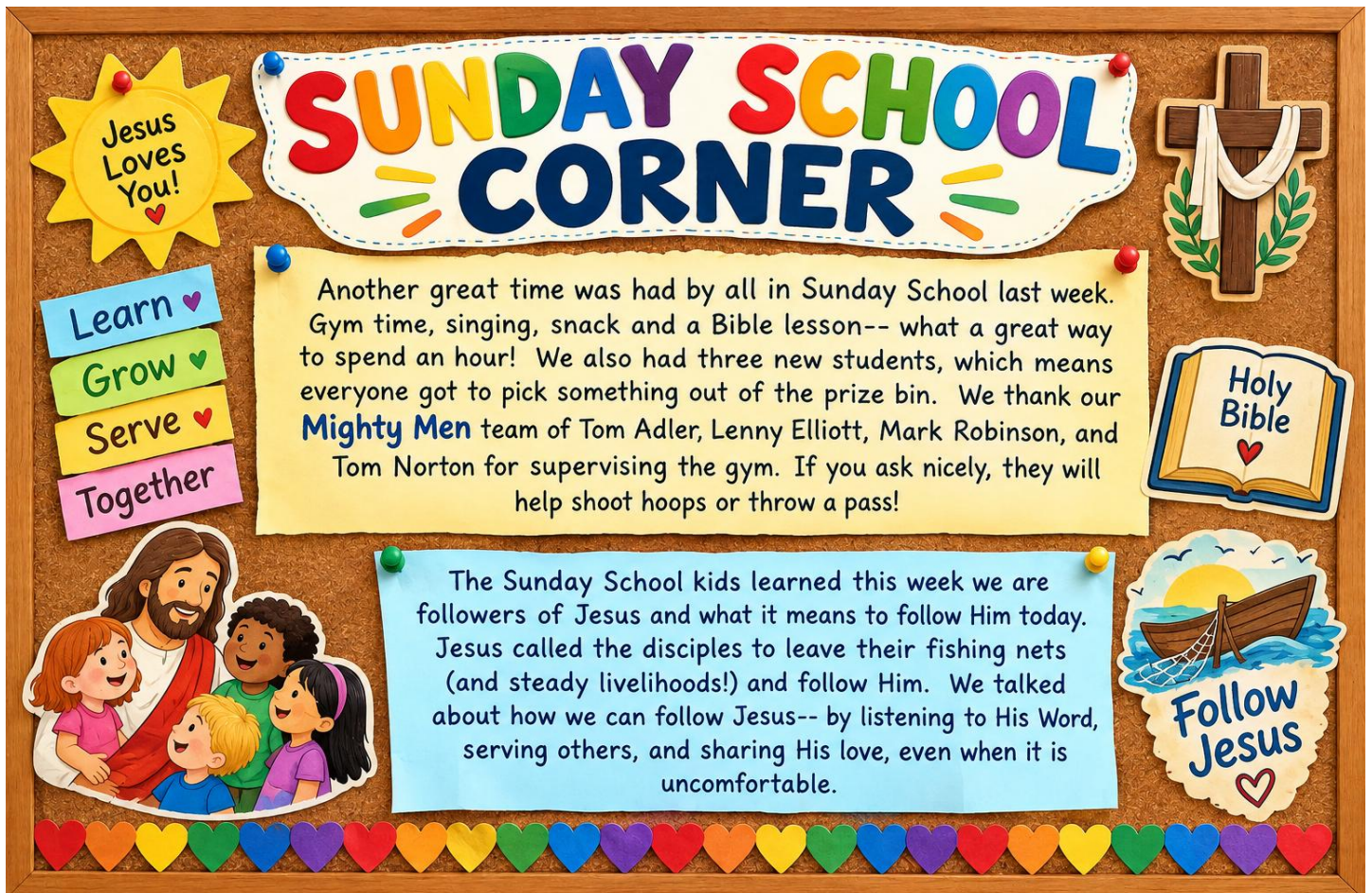
**Learn ♥**  
**Grow ♥**  
**Serve ♥**  
**Together**

Another great time was had by all in Sunday School last week. Gym time, singing, snack and a Bible lesson-- what a great way to spend an hour! We also had three new students, which means everyone got to pick something out of the prize bin. We thank our **Mighty Men** team of Tom Adler, Lenny Elliott, Mark Robinson, and Tom Norton for supervising the gym. If you ask nicely, they will help shoot hoops or throw a pass!

The Sunday School kids learned this week we are followers of Jesus and what it means to follow Him today. Jesus called the disciples to leave their fishing nets (and steady livelihoods!) and follow Him. We talked about how we can follow Jesus-- by listening to His Word, serving others, and sharing His love, even when it is uncomfortable.

**Holy Bible**

**Follow Jesus**



Everybody welcome to attend the private showing of The Chosen, season 6, episode 1.

When: November 8th, 5pm

Where: Parrish hall, St. Paul

Bring yourself, family, friends to see next episode with early release for churches.

Men's bible study group will provide light refreshment, snacks.

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