

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 am & 11 am

April 29, 2018



Abide in Me; Abide in Love

AS WE GATHER

In one of His several "I am" statements, Jesus says, "I am the vine. You are the branches." Inviting His hearers to a place of life-generating rest, refuge and renewal, He says, "Abide in Me." In the Epistle, John correlates confessing that Jesus is the Son of God with experiencing and coming to trust in the love God has for us. Abiding in Jesus means abiding in God's love. And God Himself abides in us. This relationship of abiding in Jesus, who Himself is love, was experienced by the Ethiopian eunuch when Philip told him the Good News about Jesus and the Ethiopian was baptized.

On this fifth Sunday we will be receiving an additional ***Student Aid offering*** to help support our students going into full time church work.

Organ Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Joyful Ringer Handbell Choir

WELCOME — Deacon Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL

11 AM Agnus Dei (Alleluia)

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



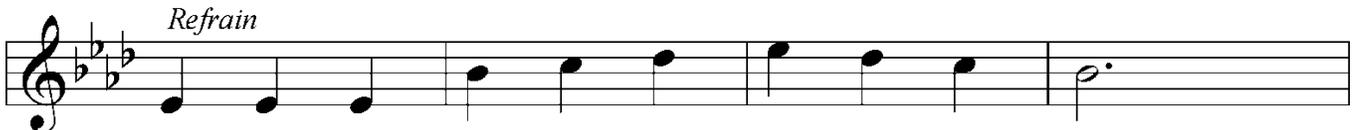
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep-ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for-
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch-



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Leader: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

People: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

People: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD!

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: God who is gracious and merciful:

People: We confess that we are sinful by nature and have turned away from abiding in Your love. We have been enticed by our own desires and lured away from Your love by the spirits of this age. Yet, greater is Jesus who dwells in us by faith than the spirit of the Antichrist who is in the world. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins and bring us again to abide in Your love.

Leader: Christ abides in you! If He had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our sins, but Christ rose from the grave. Everything written about Jesus in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms has been fulfilled. By His own authority and command I proclaim the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

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

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: O Christ, who are Yourself the full manifestation of the love of God for all people,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: 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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: 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

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.

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

(As we sing the following hymn we will gather our special **Student Aid** offering to encourage and support those from Saint Paul preparing for full-time ministry.)

11 AM In Christ Alone

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



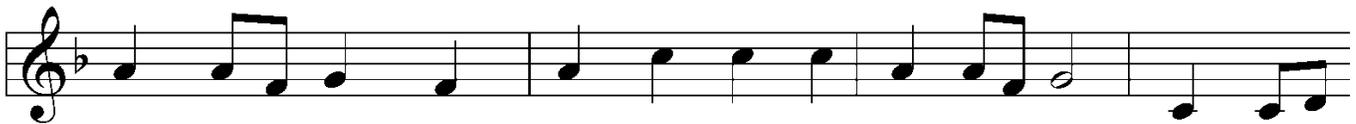
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - dian - ce of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

Sermon – Deacon Jim Frusti - *Jesus said He is the vine and you are the branches. What does this tell you about your connection with Him? How do you maintain that connection and what does He expect of you?*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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 Maier*], our District President; [*Dean Davenport*], our Circuit Visitor, and all those who speak in Your name to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: Hope of all the saints, You have purposed and prepared a future greater than we can imagine in Your creation of a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells. Bring us together with all Your saints to experience Your love together gathered around the throne of the Lamb, who loves all people and gave Himself for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

Sit

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

We invite you to fill out our Friendship Card during the offering which is found on the back of the pew. Please pass your card to the center aisle and leave in pew.

AT THE OFFERING 8:30 AM Here I am Lord

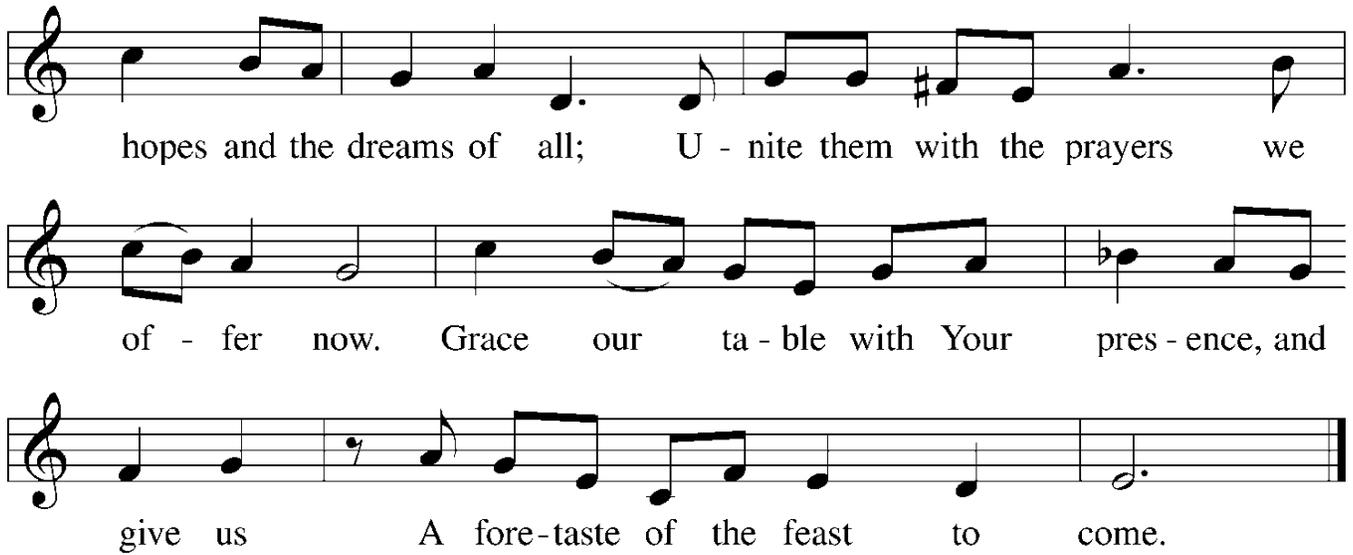
Joyful Ringer Handbell Choir

11 AM Hold Me Jesus

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the



hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

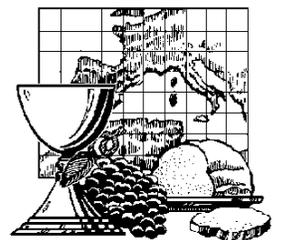
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 INSTITUTION

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



THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

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. ++

11 AM Breathe
11 AM You Never Let Go

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

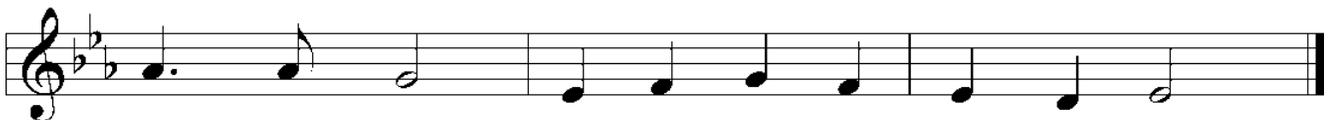
1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader: Amid the many situations in this life that we cannot handle, Your presence, O Lord, sustains us. We thank You for being present with us in the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Help us who experience the presence of Your steadfast love in this Holy Communion to be present for those who need our care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Leader: 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**11 AM Build Your Kingdom Here****919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with Your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.

Organ Postlude

Christus, der ist mein Leben

J. G. Walther

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Agnus DeiMichael W. Smith

Alleluia Alleluia
 For our Lord God Almighty reigns
 Alleluia Alleluia
 For our Lord God Almighty reigns
 Alleluia
 Holy Holy
 Are You Lord God Almighty
 Worthy is the Lamb
 Worthy is the Lamb

Repeat All

In Christ AloneKeith and Kristyn Getty

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.
 'Til 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."

Hold Me JesusRich Mullins

Well, sometimes my life just don't make sense at all
 When the mountains look so big,
 And my faith just seems so small

So hold me Jesus,
 Cause I'm shaking like a leaf
 You have been King of my glory
 Won't You be my Prince of Peace

And I wake up in the night and feel the dark
 It's so hot inside my soul
 I swear there must be blisters on my heart

So hold me Jesus,
 Cause I'm shaking like a leaf
 You have been King of my glory
 Won't You be my Prince of Peace

Surrender don't come natural to me
 I'd rather fight You for something I don't really want
 Than to take what You give that I need
 And I've beat my head against so many walls
 Now I'm falling down I'm falling on my knees

And this Salvation Army band is playing this hymn
 And Your grace rings out so deep

It makes my resistance seem so thin

Hold me Jesus cause I'm shaking like a leaf
You have been King of my glory
Won't You be my Prince of Peace

You have been King of my glory
Won't You be my Prince of Peace.

Breathe

Michael W. Smith

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I I'm desperate for you
And I I'm lost without you

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You Never Let Go

Matt Redman

Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death

Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the
storms of this life
I won't turn back
I know You are near

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus:
Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart
that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Chorus:

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart
that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

Chorus: (2x)

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here
 We pray

Come set Your rule and reign
 In our hearts again
 Increase in us we pray
 Unveil why we're made
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
 Like wildfire in our very souls
 Holy Spirit come invade us now
 We are Your Church
 And we need Your power
 In us

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here
 We pray

We seek Your kingdom first
 We hunger and we thirst
 Refuse to waste our lives
 For You're our joy and prize
 To see the captive hearts released
 The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
 We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
 We are Your church
 And we pray revive
 This earth (We're prayin' for revival)

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here
 We pray

WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher/Officiant</i>		<i>Deacon Jim Frusti</i>
<i>Pastor</i>		<i>Chris Fairbairn</i>
<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Jesse Torres-Palasiq</i>
<i>Family Life Director</i>		<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Organist</i>		<i>Marty Giltinan</i>
<i>Readers</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Chris Burgess</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>John Hasse</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Will Hoffmeier</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Gary Cash Jeff Henning</i>
		<i>Daniel Henning Neale Hoener</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Christian Krauter Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>		<i>Endowment Committee</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>James Bigelow</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Joshua Young</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>George Miller</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Lenny Elliot</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Carolyn Nieukoop</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Raikes Family</i>
<i>Tech Crew</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Chris Baetz</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Curtis Kalina</i>
<i>Counters</i>		<i>Jan Paver Marlene Shoebridge</i>
		<i>Joyce Carr</i>

Altar Society

*Nancy Berg Marlene Shoebridge
Dottie Siefker*

Nursery

*8:30am
11:00am*

*Janet Kovalak
Sandy Young*

Sun Apr 29	● 8:30 – 9:30am	8:30am Worship H/C church
	● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study and Sunday School
	● 11am – 12pm	Worship H/C
Mon Apr 30	● 2 – 3pm	Staff Meeting
	● 7 – 8pm	Worship H/C
Tue May 1	● 12 – 4:30pm	Jim Frusti/Deacon Conference Church Parish Hall
	● 5:30 – 7pm	Always Basketball Gym Rental
	● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders
	● 7 – 8pm	Board of Trustees
Wed May 2	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Women's Bible Study Parish Hall
Thu May 3	● 6 – 9am	National Day of Prayer Breakfast
	● 9:15 – 9:45am	National Day of Prayer - Chapel
	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Ladies Dinner and Bible Study
	● 5:30 – 8pm	Always Basketball Gym Rental
	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbells
	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Church
Fri May 4	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall
Sat May 5	● 8am – 3pm	Gail setup in church
	● 3:30 – 8pm	Kivell Baby Shower Church Parish Hall

Remember Our Shut-ins
Norman Kleiner
16100 N. Haggerty Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-420-4000
*Sunrise of Northville

Today's flowers are:

In memory of her husband Johns birthday from Ruth Natiw.

Extra bouquet in loving memory of my husband John from Carol Crete.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the Monday 7pm service.

Audio recording of the sermons and bulletins (church and school calendars) are now posted online every week @stpaulnorthville.org

FREE FREE FREE – Now that I have your attention – follow the church and school on Instagram – Follow the church at stpaullutherannorthville and the school at stpaulschoolnorthville

Attendance Last week :

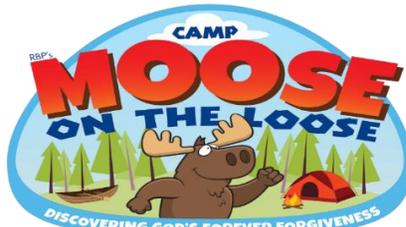
4/22/2018–	8:30am – 125	4/22/2018 Sunday Bible Study- 33
	11:00am – 103 = 228	4/25/2018 Wednesday Ladie's Bible Study - 14
4/23/2018	7pm = 10	

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

Received week of 4/22/18 for Church and School \$(Envelopes plus loose plate) \$8,996.64

School Income - \$3,224.00

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REGISTER @
<https://vbsmate.com/Stpaulnorthville>



St. Paul Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School
June 18-June 22
9am-12noon
FREE



The month of APRIL is MITE box collection. Please drop off your old box and pick up a new one. Help us reach our goal of \$700.00 before July 31. Thank you for your support. To see our Michigan District MITE progress, look at our web site: <http://www.lwmlmichigan.org/>



The Board of Evangelism is collecting new flip flops and new tennis shoes for the Detroit Street Ministry that Margo is involved with every Sunday afternoon. All collections will be matched by the Board of Evangelism. The sizes that we need are a few mediums, large and x-large flip flops (Margo says they can cut them down). Tennis shoes men sizes 10 and 12, women sizes a few 8 mostly 9 and 10. If men tennis shoes are less expensive, you can get some smaller sizes like 8 and 9 for the ladies, they will wear them as well. While you are shopping want to pick up some deodorant it is highly needed most times especially as the hot summer sun starts to appear. Margo invites anyone who would like to go down with her on Sunday afternoon to join her. They set up tables and feed those that come lunch.

Thank you to all who helped with the Family of God meal April 18th. We served Pork Chop Suey over rice (with lots of hidden veggies), chow mein noodles, sweet pickles, buttered rolls, cut up oranges, cookies and a beverage. Ruth Fisher provided the cookies this month. Janet Wisner baked brownies, did the shopping and also helped cooked the meal. Other cooks were Barbara Hoffmeier, Kim Johnson, Sue Mai and Nancy Berg. Nancy and her husband, Doug, and his son, John, went with Will & Barbara Hoffmeier to serve the meal in Detroit to about 70 people. They were also the strong one's who stayed to clean up the kitchen! Thank you all. To assist, please call Barbara #248.756.3035. Our next meal will be May 16th.

Please note: our funds for the mission meals are low. We only have enough money in our designated account to buy food for two more months for this project. CAN YOU HELP? Thrivent grants are available to pay for a months meal. All you have to do is apply on-line and a debit card will be sent that we can use. Each Thrivent member is allowed two grants a year. MEMBERS - WHERE ARE YOU? Please contact Barbara Hoffmeier or John Hasse for more information. **If you would like to contribute to this mission outreach please write a check to "St Paul Lutheran Church" and on the memo line put "Family of God Mission Meals."**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

The Sunday School students study the story of "Lydia" today. Just as God worked His miracle beside the river, clothing Lydia with Christ in Baptism, so God works His miracles in pulpits and fonts around the world today, destroying the work of Satan, ripping believers from the jaws of death, washing away sins in water tinged with Jesus' blood, and clothing believers with His righteousness. Parents could ask, "How did God use water to save Lydia and us? Who does God use to reveal His Word to us today?"

VBS MEETING THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR THIS PAST SATURDAY IS RESCHEDULED FOR SAT MAY 5TH @ 10AM ADULTS AND TEENS WELCOME...BAGELS AND COFFEE

DLS IN CONCERT

The Detroit Lutheran Singers announce their Spring Concert series: Occasional Music: Reflections & Celebrations Four identical concerts will feature a wide variety of music from many different centuries and styles. Composers from Bach to Benjamin Britten, John Rutter and local composer Michael Burkhardt, will be featured at one of these venues:

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| Sat. April 28th | 7:30 p.m. | Holy Cross Lutheran Church
30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia |
| Sun. April 29th | 3:00 p.m. | St. Paul Lutheran Church
420 W. Liberty Rd., Ann Arbor |
| Sun. May 6 th | 3:00 pm. | St. John Lutheran Church
1011 W. University Dr., Rochester |
| Sun. May 6 th | 7:00 pm. | First United Methodist Church
320 W. Seventh St., Royal Oak |

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students over 12. They will be available at the door, but may be purchased in advance online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com.



Welcome! Welcome Spring! **Coffee hour schedule** has some immediate openings for you to fill if you would like. I have listed the remaining open opportunities for the year. Please fill in where your group or individuals may be able to serve. Thank you very much. June 10, June 17, June 24, ALL July Sundays, August 12, August 19, September 9, September 16, September 23, October 21, October 28, December 23 and December 30. Please sign up on the calendar on the refrigerator in the parish hall kitchen. Thank you, Coffee Hour Committee

ALTAR FLOWERS - The following date is available for altar flowers; May 6. You may purchase an extra arrangement any time the two main vases are purchased. The price is \$15.00 for a vase and \$20.00 for an extra arrangement. If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar please call Ruth Natiw, 248-348-7875. Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly to the 2nd quarter altar flower letters.

IT'S A GRAND OL' FLAG! This is the theme for this years 4th of July parade. The Board of Evangelism is seeking volunteers and design ideas. I want to believe we have some creative people in our congregation that can help come up with an idea and some energetic enthusiastic doers that can put an idea together. Maybe if you are in a small group Bible study, your group would like a project or you have some friends that need a good worthwhile project; let our board know of your interest. The parade will be Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00am. Board members are Nancy Berg, Barbara Hoffmeier, Pat McGuigan, Pat Melton, George Miller, Sue Poole, Nancy Schlanser and Shelby Wright..