

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 am

March 22, 2026



**I AM** the Resurrection!  
From Death to Life

## AS WE GATHER

Accounts of life coming out of death are found throughout the Bible. We remember the story of the Valley of Dry Bones, which is celebrated in a familiar spiritual song that ends with this refrain: "Now hear the word of the Lord!" Our Lord Jesus Christ has words for us to hear—important, eternal words. In today's Gospel we hear Him say: "I am the resurrection and the life!" Life came out of death for Lazarus and, by God's gracious action, it does for us as well.

**WELCOME** — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

## RINGING OF THE BELL

### Death Was Arrested

Guest Musicians:

*Guitar: Jeff Henning*

*Bass guitar: Gabriel Martel-Robinson*

*Jennifer Huggins: Vocals*

## Death Was Arrested

### Verse 1

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

### Verse 2

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

### Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

### Verse 3

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

### Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

### Verse 4

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

### Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

Oh we're free, free, forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Oh we're free, free, forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

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When death was arrested and my life began

## Confession and Absolution

### *Stand*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### *Kneel/Stand*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

### *Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord and giver of life, You call Your people from death and despair to faith and faithfulness. In Christ, we are assured of resurrection and life. Enlighten our hearts that we may have a right understanding in all things and may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your Word among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

### Come Alive (Dry Bones)

Through the eyes of man it seems  
There's so much we have lost.  
As we look down the road  
Where all the prodigals have walked.

And one by one the enemy  
Has whispered lies and led them off as  
slaves.

## Verse 2

But we know that You are God,  
Yours is the victory.  
We know there is more to come,  
That we may not yet see.  
So with the faith You've given us,  
We step into the valley unafraid.

## Chorus

We call out to dry bones, "Come alive,  
come alive."  
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive  
come alive."  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army  
rise.  
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive."

## Verse 3

God of endless mercy, God of  
unrelenting love.  
Rescue ev'ry daughter,  
Bring us back the wayward sons.  
And by Your spirit breathe upon them.  
Show the world that You alone can  
save,  
You alone can save.

## Chorus

We call out to dry bones, "Come alive,  
come alive."  
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive  
come alive."  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army  
rise.  
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive."

## Bridge

(So) breathe, oh breath of God,  
Now breathe, oh breath of God.  
Breathe, oh breath of God, now  
breathe. (REPEAT)

## Chorus

We call out to dry bones, "Come alive,  
come alive."  
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive  
come alive."  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army  
rise.  
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive."  
  
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**Old Testament**    *Ezekiel 37:1–14**(The valley of dry bones)*

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *Romans 8:1–11*

(Life in the Spirit through Christ)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### *Stand*

**Holy Gospel** *John 11:1–45*

(Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

Reader: A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.<sup>2</sup> This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. <sup>3</sup> So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

**People:** <sup>4</sup> **But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."** <sup>5</sup> **So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,** <sup>6</sup> **he stayed where he was for the next two days.** <sup>7</sup> **Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."**

- Reader: <sup>8</sup> But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"  
<sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light."<sup>11</sup> Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."  
<sup>12</sup> The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!"<sup>13</sup> They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. <sup>14</sup> So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."
- Reader: <sup>16</sup> Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus."  
<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days.<sup>18</sup> Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss.<sup>20</sup> When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."  
<sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."  
<sup>24</sup> "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."
- People:** <sup>25</sup> **Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"**  
<sup>27</sup> **"Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."**
- Reader: <sup>28</sup> Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." <sup>29</sup> So Mary immediately went to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him.<sup>31</sup> When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.<sup>34</sup> "Where have you put him?" he asked them.

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

**People:** <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Reader: <sup>38</sup> Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance.<sup>39</sup> "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" <sup>41</sup> So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me.<sup>42</sup> You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." <sup>43</sup> Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

<sup>45</sup> Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

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.**

## Rise Up

In the dark and all alone,  
Growing comfortable.  
Are you too scared to move  
And walk out of this tomb?

Buried underneath the lies that you  
believed,  
Safe and sound, stuck in the ground,  
Too lost to be found.

You're just asleep  
And it's time to leave.

Come on and rise up,  
Take a breath, you're alive now.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling  
us,  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

You're brand new,  
The power of death couldn't hold you.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling

us,  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus!

Verse 2

When he said your name  
the thing that filled your veins  
was more than blood.  
It's the kind of love that washes sin away.  
Now the door is open wide,  
And the stone's been rolled aside.  
The old is gone, the light has come.

So come on and rise up.  
Take a breath, you're alive now.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling  
us,  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

You're brand new,  
The power of death couldn't hold you.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling  
us,  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Bridge

He's calling us to walk out of the dark.  
He's giving us new resurrected hearts.  
He's calling us to walk out of the dark.  
He's giving us new resurrected hearts.

Chorus

Come on and rise up.  
Take a breath, you're alive now.  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling  
us,  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

You're brand new,  
The power of death couldn't hold you.

Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling  
us,  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

Rise up / Rise up / Rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus?

## **Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**

*Lazarus is brought back to life again..., so was Jesus, and SO WILL WE!  
How does that cause us to "Pause" and "Fast Forward" in the overview of our life?*

## Joy of the Lord

### Verse 1

Though the tears may fall my song will rise  
 My song will rise to You  
 Though my heart may fail my song will rise  
 My song will rise to You  
 While there's breath in my lungs  
 I will praise You Lord

### Verse 2

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes  
 I'll lift my eyes to You  
 When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes  
 I'll lift my eyes to You  
 While there's hope in this heart  
 I will praise You Lord

### Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength  
 In the darkness I'll dance  
 In the shadows I'll sing  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength

### Verse 3

When I cannot see You with my eyes  
 Let faith arise to You  
 When I cannot feel Your hand in mine

Let faith arise to You  
 God of mercy and love I will praise You  
 Lord

### Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light  
 I feel alive with You  
 In Your presence now I come alive  
 I am alive with You  
 There is strength when I say  
 I will praise You Lord

### Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength  
 In the darkness I'll dance  
 In the shadows I'll sing  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength (2x)

### Bridge

When sorrow comes my way  
 You are the shield around me  
 Always You remain  
 My courage in the fight

I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming  
 Walking on the waves reaching for  
 Your light

### Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength

In the darkness I'll dance  
 In the shadows I'll sing  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength (2x)

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Grant grace, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray for Your kingdom on earth. Around the globe may there be an increase of the Word of life. May the Spirit's power be made evident in the Church, as it reaches out to all parts of the world, bringing the good news of sins forgiven through Christ to every place. Gracious God, in mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

People: Grant health, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray at this time for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they may be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Healing God, in mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant care, we pray, in mercy, Lord. Lead us by the working of the Holy Spirit to do that which God intends for us to do, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities, and being agents of care and concern in our circles of relationship. Caring God, in mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant blessing, we pray, in mercy, Lord. As we remember with gratitude those sisters and brothers in Christ whose journeys on earth have been completed, may we be guided by the Spirit in ways that honor their earthly lives and bring blessings to others as we anticipate the eternal joys to be shared with them in the courts of heaven. Ever-living God, in mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.  
 Forgive us, forgive us  
 As we forgive the ones who sinned  
 Against us; forgive them.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from the evil one.  
 Let your kingdom come.

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

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

On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

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

The kingdom is yours.

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

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

On Earth as in Heaven,  
 Right here in my heart.

**Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**THE INVITATIONS****My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling, and in my doubts.  
 In my failures, You won't walk out.  
 Your great love will lead me through.  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
 whoa oh,  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
 In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
 Your great love will lead me through.  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
 whoa oh,  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
 Shining in the darkness,  
 I will follow You! Oh,  
 My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
 I will trust the promise:  
 You will carry me safe to shore,  
 Safe to shore / safe to shore / safe to  
 shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
 With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
 My God's love will lead me through;  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
 whoa oh,  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
 Shining in the darkness.  
 I will follow You! Oh,  
 My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
 I will trust the promise:  
 You will carry me safe to shore  
 Safe to shore / safe to shore / safe to  
 shore.

Fire before us,  
 You are the brightest.  
 You will lead us  
 Through the storms.

(2X)

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
 Shining in the darkness,  
 I will follow You! Oh,  
 My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
 I will trust the promise:  
 You will carry me safe to shore,  
 Safe to shore / safe to shore / safe to  
 shore.



**Need some PRAYER?** Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

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



### **WHERE WE SERVE**

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Greeter	Verseman Family
Ushers	Matt Babic Lenny Elliott
Counters	Dave Tischler Jan Paver
Tech Team	Jame Nordbeck
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker

Praise Team

Sarah Hughes  
Hannah Hughes  
Chris Englert  
Kurt Menhart  
Linda Johnson  
Ellie Juers

Reader

**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

**Attendance** Last week: 3.15.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 117 + 11:00am –98 = 208  
Communion - 161

Received week of 3.15.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$ 14,465** total includes  
online giving **School - \$447.82**

**Remember Our Homebound – NEW ADDRESS**

Ann Cook  
1823 Crooks Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48309



*Altar Flowers*

*2 vases in honor of our 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary from Doug and Nancy Berg.*

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22	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Mission Trip Bible Study- room #1
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 2pm	YOUTH OPEN GYM
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
23	MAR, MON	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 1/7)
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
24	MAR, TUE	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 2/7)
		● All day	Piano tuning
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 6 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
25	MAR, WED	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 3/7)
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Lenten Dinner- Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Worship Service
26	MAR, THU	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 4/7)
		● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
27	MAR, FRI	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 5/7)
		● All day	1/2 Day of School End of 3rd Quarter
		● 5 – 8pm	Bible Quiz Party - Gym
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
28	MAR, SAT	● All day	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (Day 6/7)
		● 10am – 2pm	EASTER FAIR
		● 2 – 3pm	PALM SUNDAY SET UP GYM

For the month of March, Women In Christ is highlighting an LWML mission grant that provides funds to assist in the ministry of the Orphan Grain Train in the amount of \$18,000. The Orphan Grain Train has volunteers in 27 locations across the United States who gather clothes and other relief supplies for destitute people around the world. Their motto is "Sharing resources and bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near." Please keep the Orphan Grain Train in your prayers.

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Everyone is invited to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon of the Council of Lutheran Women (CLW) on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. This year's luncheon will be held at the Mirage, 16980 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038. RESERVATIONS are \$38.00 per person, which includes a \$2.00/person donation to seminarians and CLW-supported food banks. NOTE: Seating is at tables of 10. Reservations are now being accepted and will be via Zeffy. The link to the Zeffy reservation will be available on the CLW website. Please let Sue or Barbara know if you are registering to go, we would like to fill a table and plan on riding together. Thank you.

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### Lent Schedule 2026

#### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**NOON LENT SERVICES – PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- FARMINGTON HILLS**

**LUNCH AFTER SERVICES**

3/25

**7PM LENT SERVICES - ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH- NORTHVILLE**

**5:30PM LENT DINNER**

3/25

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**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 3/29/2026 - 8:30AM-9:30AM**

**PALM SUNDAY 3/29/2026– 10AM SERVICE**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 4/02/2026– 7PM SERVICE**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 4/03/2026– 1PM & 7PM SERVICES**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/05/2026 – 8:30AM & 11:00AM SERVICES**

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As you may have seen the notice in the bulletin about the Council of Lutheran Women Luncheon, I hope you have placed your reservation to join us. We would like to have an in-gathering of socks. All sizes for men, women and children. We will collect them for 3 weeks and take them down to the luncheon with us. The end purpose will be for the missions of Gifts for all God's Children, Family of God and Elli's House. Please be sure to have them to church by Sunday March 22. Any questions, please contact Sue or Barbara. Thank you.

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**Part-time custodian needed for the school.** Hours would be Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm-8pm but time is some what flexible. Call the school /church for more information. 248-349-3140.

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## PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

hosted by Confirmation Students

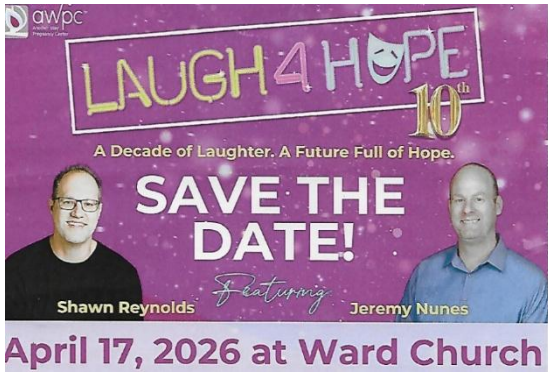
Come enjoy breakfast before 10am  
Church Service

*March 29, 2026 @ 8:30 am*



**STOP BY THE FAIR @ THE EASTER FAIR  
OR  
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**





## AWPC COMEDY SHOW IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17 AT WARD CHURCH.

St. Paul will once again have a section reserved so we can sit together. We are eligible for a group discount and if you purchase tickets from Pat McGuigan you will only pay \$15 each. The deadline to get tickets from her at the group rate is April 5 (Easter Sunday). You can pay with cash or check but if you pay by check, write it out to Pat McGuigan. Hope you can make it and enjoy an evening of laughter and fellowship.



Tuesday, March 3rd, another meal was taken and served at FOG in Southeast Detroit. The group was on the smaller side with about 70 meals being served. The boiler is scheduled to be replaced but it didn't happen yet so it was a bit nippy. Pastor Jim continues to recover from his stroke at home and we pray for a complete recovery. Once again it was a group effort putting the meal together with Sue Poole doing the organizing. The menu was Chicken Tetrazzini, salad, rolls, a variety of deserts, fruit and drinks. Thank you to everyone who helped provide this meal for our friends in Southwest

Detroit. The servers had a challenge getting underway as a police car blocked the eastbound ramp at M-14 and Sheldon and had to go west to Beck Road, turn around and get back on 14. Once past I-275 things went very smoothly and arrival was on time. I guess this was just practice for the start of construction season when you never know which road is going to be open until you get there. The next meals scheduled are Wednesday, March 18 and Tuesday, April 7.

The Easter Fair is right around the corner on Saturday, March 28 (less than 3 weeks). Will you help?

We have the Easter Bunny, face painter, balloon twister and are working on a lot of other things. To make it a success though, we need your help.

SignUp Genius\* has been sent out. There will also be a sign-up board in the hall so choose whichever method you like and we will coordinate the two.

We love to have youth volunteers who are willing to commit to 2 hours of service where needed during the event. If you need service hours, this would be an opportunity for you.

We will also need donations of candy and small prizes. There will be a box for these in the hall.

\*If you do not receive the SignUp Genius, please let Pat McGuigan know so you can be added to the list.



Friday 3.6.26 the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class of **Guardian Lutheran School of Dearborn** came to learn about the Blessing Bag Street Ministry and make bags (with supplies they had brought) including hand written notes of encouragement. The children did such a great job! They listened to a short presentation and had a question and answer time- the biggest hit was getting to try on the "Sleeping Bag Coat". It is wonderful to partner with other churches to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters who live on the streets of Detroit.



**Blessing Bag News Corner** - 20 beautiful backpacks were delivered this week, filled with hygiene items, non-perishable food, gloves, hats, shirts, blankets and more. So many people in the community help with this ministry and it is growing- this week I am highlighting Cindy Nagy, a friend I met through another friend, here is what she said about the ministry and how she got started :

“As the saying goes, “when one door closes, another opens”. I was helping downriver at a soup kitchen for many years and the doors closed. I had donated to outreach through a friend. I thought what if they had a backpack

to carry with them. I found backpacks for sale and started filling them with what could help get them through at least a moment. I had friends and family who help me with items – I was able to fill 120 backpacks last year. My dad taught me, if they ask for a dollar, give them two, you don’t need that other dollar. My dad would give me money. I would give it for food or pop or heat -this is what keeps me going , no one should have to pay for heat. We all can make a difference, mine is one backpack at a time”.



**Blessing bags** are located in the parish hall on tables towards the back, if you see someone in need, feel free to grab a bag for them 😊

# DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHRISTOPHER L. HALL

## 2026 Spring Concert Series

### *Ancient Stories*



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE  
[WWW.DETROITLUTHERANSINGERS.COM](http://WWW.DETROITLUTHERANSINGERS.COM)

Saturday, April 18, 2026 @ 7:00 PM  
 Royal Oak First United Methodist Church  
 320 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street,  
 Royal Oak, Michigan

Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 3:00 PM  
 Central United Methodist Church  
 3882 Highland Road,  
 Waterford, Michigan

Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 7:00 PM  
 Orchard United Methodist Church  
 30450 Farmington Road,  
 Farmington Hills, Michigan

Sunday, April 26, 2026 @ 3:00 PM  
 Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church  
 24110 Cherry Hill Road,  
 Dearborn, Michigan

GENERAL ADMISSION \$15 / STUDENTS & SENIORS \$10 / CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE



**Youth Bowling last week was a blast! We had 17 youth and 4 adults participate. Our next big event is Super Mario Smash Brothers Event on April 11th Noon- 5pm more info to come.**



***Newcomer Class*** is beginning soon! Are you **NEW** to St. Paul Lutheran?

Join us Wednesday evenings **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and always. Whether you are new to our church or looking to transfer from another church home, this open discussion group is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Please call the church office to register! 248-349-3140 ext. 10.

**All are welcome!**

If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church,

**THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!**

**Childcare provided – please call church office if needed. 248-349-3140**

  
**DINE TO DONATE!**

**20% WILL BE DONATED TO:**

April 13, 2026     Dine-in and Carryout all day!  
Be sure to mention St. Paul Northville!!





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March 19th the Family of God (FOG) was treated to Pat McGuigan's sloppy joe dinner. Barbara Hoffmeier drove and with Shelley Ernst, Pat McGuigan, Julia Smith and Kathy Verseman served the sloppy joes, green beans, chips, mandarin oranges and the eagerly awaited brownies baked by Beth Hempel and Chris Henning, who also was our shopper. The 110 servings were very gratefully received. We were also very happy and thankful Pastor Hill was well enough to attend and also that the boiler had been repaired so we had heat.