

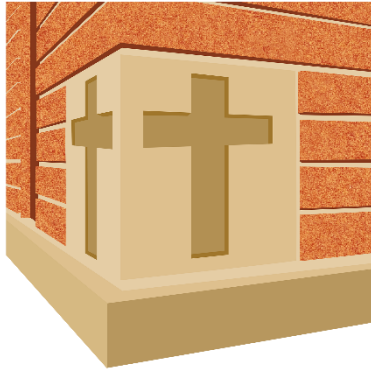
# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Day of Baptismal Affirmation

8:30 AM

11 AM (Rite of Confirmation)

May 3, 2026



**Christ Is Our Cornerstone!**

### **AS WE GATHER**

We see who Jesus is and who we are because of Him. Jesus is the cornerstone, the foundation upon which God's people are built. We are His newborn, chosen, priestly people. We are called to proclaim His excellencies to the world around us, always firm and secure, knowing that Christ is an unshakable foundation.

***Family, friends and guests:*** *Today is a special day in the lives of those young people who have prepared themselves for the Rite of Confirmation. Today they profess their faith in Jesus Christ and continue their baptismal journey in the Church, growing in stature and wisdom.*

As important as this day is for them, this day can be a day of reflection for all of us. We can take this opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of our own growth in faith and how the Holy Spirit has guided us toward a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how He has guided us toward a more complete participation in God's church.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## Song of the Saints

### Verse 1

This we believe that we have a Father  
 Creator who was and who is and will be  
 Who sent us His Son and poured out  
 His Spirit  
 With power to heal resurrect and  
 redeem  
 The song of the saints forever will be

### Chorus

Glory to God the Father  
 Glory to Christ the Risen One  
 All hail the King  
 With Heaven sing hallelujah

This we believe that we have a Savior  
 Jesus the Christ for our sin crucified  
 Yes we believe that on the third  
 morning  
 Gone was the stone for He rose back  
 to life  
 Forever He reigns let His praise fill the  
 skies

### Chorus

Glory to God the Father  
 Glory to Christ the Risen One  
 All hail the King  
 With Heaven sing hallelujah

Amen, Amen  
 Amen, Hallelujah

### Bridge 1

We believe in the saving gospel  
 We believe in the living word  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit  
 Moving in His holy church

We believe in the King of Heaven  
 We believe that Jesus is coming again  
 Hallelujah amen

We believe in the blood that washes  
 We believe in the cross that saves  
 We believe that the curse is broken  
 Buried in that borrowed grave

We believe in the resurrection  
 We believe that Jesus is coming again  
 Hallelujah amen  
 Hallelujah

### Chorus

Glory to God the Father  
 Glory to Christ the Risen One  
 All hail the King  
 With Heaven sing hallelujah

Amen, Amen  
 Amen, Hallelujah (2X)

### Verse 3

This we believe our King is returning  
 And He will wipe every tear from our eyes  
 Our crowns at His feet His throne at  
 the center  
 The song of the saints forever will rise  
 ... Amen

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though Christ is our cornerstone and has changed our identity to be His chosen people, we often build upon things other than Jesus. Such building crumbles to the ground, for unless we build on Christ, we labor in vain. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: though we are Your chosen people, we have acted in accordance with the world rather than Your Word. We have proclaimed hatred and violence rather than Your excellencies. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us as Your newborn, chosen, priestly people, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Though Jesus Christ was rejected and killed, God raised Him from the dead, 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. We are forgiven. We are a newborn, chosen, priestly people.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**(8:30) Beautiful Savior**

*Joyful Ringers*

**EPISTLE** *1 Peter 2:2–10* (You are living stones in God’s house.)

Reader: <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, <sup>3</sup> now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness.

**People:** <sup>4</sup> **You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.**

Reader: <sup>5</sup> And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>6</sup> As the Scriptures say,

**People:** **“I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”**

Reader: <sup>7</sup> Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,

**People:** **“The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.”**

<sup>8</sup> **And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.”**

**They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.**

Reader: <sup>9</sup> But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

<sup>10</sup> “Once you had no identity as a people;

now you are God’s people.

Once you received no mercy;

now you have received God’s mercy.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30) Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is calling**

*Joyful Ringers*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 14:1–14* (Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.<sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.<sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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.

## Build Your Kingdom Here

1) 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  
 We need Your pow'r in us

2) 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 captives' hearts released  
 The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
 We lay down our lives for heaven's  
 cause  
 We are Your church  
 We pray revive this earth

Chorus

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

3) Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
 Reaching the near and far  
 No force of hell can stop  
 Your beauty changing hearts  
 You made us for much more than this  
 Awake the kingdom seed in us  
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
 We are Your church  
 We are the hope on earth

Chorus

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

### MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*If Jesus is our ROCK, what ROLE will you play in His kingdom work?*

*Jesus is the Truth, Way, and Life that defines our worldview and purpose!*

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.



+ + + 11 AM Only + + +

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION and AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

### **COMMENDATION OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS**

Pastor: The Church commends you for your faithfulness in the Christian training of these young men and women. Since their Baptism, you have prayed for them, brought them to God's house for worship, and have insured that they were taught the essentials of the Christian faith. Though today they make public confession of their faith, your prayers and encouragement remain important to them. Will you continue in fervent prayer for them, and, as it is appropriate, support them in their Christian faith and life?

**PARENTS: Yes, with the help of God and each other.**

### **INVITATION**

Pastor: These children of God have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptismal covenant, making another step in their growth as Christians.

**CONGREGATION: Dear friends, we rejoice that through our pastoral and educational ministries you now desire to make public profession of your faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and for the mission of the Church in the world.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH BY THE CONFIRMAND**

*(Confirmand responses are in italics)*

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. You have shared with us His forgiveness and life. By the Spirit's teaching, from God's Word, you have learned His loving purpose for you and all His creation. Now therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Christian Church, the faith into which you were baptized.

Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Do you renounce the devil, and all his works and ways, and all his empty promises?

***Yes, I do renounce them.***



Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

***Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.***

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***Yes, I believe 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.***

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***Yes, 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.***

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

***I do.***

Pastor: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

***I do.***

Pastor: Do you intend to remain steadfast in this confession and Church, and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

***I do, by the grace of God.***

Pastor: Do you desire to be a communicant member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

***I do.***

## **PROMISES OF THE CONFIRMANDS**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- ✝ to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully,
- ✝ to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed,
- ✝ to serve Christ by serving all people, and
- ✝ to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

***I do so intend, with God's help.***

Pastor: Come forward now, give your hand as a pledge of your promise, and kneel at the Lord's altar to receive His blessing.

**BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS**

(The parents, extended family, sponsors will stand and are welcomed to walk up to the altar for when the confirmand's name is read.)



*Luke Donaldson*  
*Thomas John Kutz*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMAND**

Family Life: Let us pray for these children of God who have affirmed the covenant of their baptism, that they may be kept from all evil and from the way of sin and eternal death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Family Life: That the Holy Spirit may continue to fill their hearts with Your grace and love and draw them into a more intimate relationship with You as they continue to grow in their faith in Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Family Life: That they may be kept in their faith until that glorious day when You take them to their heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Family Life: That they may join together with us in faithfully following Your Word and serving You with enthusiasm. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Family Life: Into Your loving hands Father, we place these, Your precious children, trusting in Your grace and mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## WELCOME OF THE CONFIRMANDS

**Pastor:** Upon these your voluntary professions and promises, I welcome you as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, and we invite you to participate with us in fellowship around the means of grace and in bringing glory to God by serving our fellow human beings, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

### Luke Donaldson



**When Born and Where:** May 13, 2012 – Ann Arbor Michigan

**Father's name:** Roger Donaldson

**Mother's Name:** Holly Donaldson

**Where Baptized:** Holly Trinity Lutheran

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Hope Christian Academy

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Hope Christian Academy

**Hobbies:** Basketball, Chess

**Future Occupation:** Theme Park Engineer

**Favorite Hymn/Song:** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**Favorite Bible Verse:** **Joshua 1:9**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

### Thomas John Kutz



**When Born and Where:** December 1, 2011 – Novi Michigan

**Father's name:** Bryan Carl Kutz

**Mother's Name:** Megan Catherine Kutz

**Where Baptized:** Historic Trinity Lutheran

**Where attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** St. Matthew Walled Lake, Michigan

**Where attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Northville High School

**Hobbies:** Sports, music, planes

**Future Occupation:** Fighter Pilot

**Favorite Hymn/Song:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Favorite Bible Verse:** **Psalms 27:1**

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

+ + + **8:30 and 11 AM Continue** + + +

## **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. Lord Jesus Christ, we bring before You all those who have built their lives on something other than You. We pray that You would draw them to Yourself that they may build on a sure foundation. Christ is our cornerstone,

**People: on Him alone we build.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those who have trouble in this world, including for the homeless, the poor, the lonely, the unemployed, those who are abused, and those who are taken advantage of. Lead each of these to steadier situations, so that their lives may evermore be built on You. Christ is our cornerstone,

**People: on Him alone we build.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether that is friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or anything else. We pray that You would bring reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. Remind Your people that they are chosen and holy and called to reflect Your forgiveness. Christ is our cornerstone,

**People: on Him alone we build.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for our nation and its leaders. For our president and vice president and their staffs, for Congress and all lawmakers, for the Supreme Court and all judges, we pray that You would shine Your wisdom upon these, Your servants. Guide them with biblical wisdom to perform their tasks with justice and equity. Christ is our cornerstone,

**People: on Him alone we build.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Christ is our cornerstone,

**People: on Him alone we build.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us and You live and reign with the Father 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.

### **Service of the Sacrament**

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

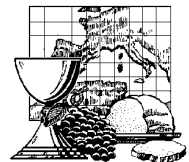
**People: And also with you.**

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 INSTITUTION**

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

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) Confirmands will commune first with their families.

### 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



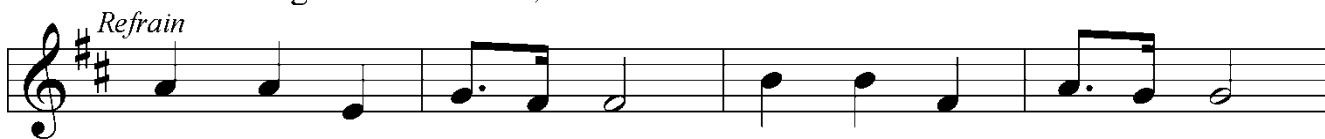
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 lect - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

**Build My Life**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
 We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
 Jesus the only one who could ever save  
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
 We live for You  
 We live for You

## Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
 There is none beside You  
 Open up my eyes in wonder and

Show me who You are and  
 fill me with Your heart and  
 Lead me in your love to those around me

## Verse

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
 Jesus the only one who could ever save  
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
 We live for You  
 We live for You

## Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
 There is none beside You  
 Open up my eyes in wonder and

Show me who You are and  
 fill me with Your heart and  
 Lead me in your love to those around me

## Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love  
 It is a firm foundation  
 I will put my trust in You alone  
 And I will not be shaken

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 It is a firm foundation  
 I will put my trust in You alone  
 And I will not be shaken

## Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
 There is none beside You  
 Open up my eyes in wonder and show  
 me who You are  
 And fill me with Your heart  
 And lead me in Your love to those  
 around me

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 Open up my eyes in wonder and show  
 me who You are  
 And fill me with Your heart  
 And lead me in Your love to those  
 around me

## Ain't Nobody Love Me Like Jesus

### Verse 1

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

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

**Pastor:** Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Grant that we may give ourselves to Your service in how we live and as we confess Your holy name each day, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Christ is Lord! His name brings joy and salvation. Alleluia!**

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:22–27*

**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

### On the Banks of the Promise Land

#### Verse 1

I have built my life on the Solid Rock,  
Far away from the sinking sand.  
But I cast my eye to the home that waits  
On the banks of the Promised Land.

#### Verse 2

There's a song of praise that is lifted there  
By the saints and the angel band.  
Oh, I long to go and to join that choir  
On the banks of the Promised Land.

#### Chorus

Hallelujah, what a morning  
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand,  
And I'm led from grace to glory  
On the banks of the Promised Land.

#### Verse 3

Ev'ry grief and pain that has bound me here,  
Jesus knows and He understands.  
They'll be washed away as I cross that stream  
To the banks of the Promised Land.

#### Chorus

Hallelujah, what a morning  
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand,  
And I'm led from grace to glory  
On the banks of the Promised Land.

#### Verse 4

Then I'll see the face of my Savior dear,  
Beckoned close by His sweet command.  
All my burdens gone, I will rest at last  
On the banks of the Promised Land.

#### Chorus

(Oh) Hallelujah, what a morning  
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand,  
And I'm led from grace to glory  
On the banks of the Promised Land (2X)

On the banks of the Promised Land,  
On the banks of the Promised Land.  
I'm goin' to the Promised Land.  
I'm bound for the Promised Land.  
I'm goin' to the Promised Land.



**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
Music Director		Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director		Jeanette Koch
Elder	8:30am	John Hasse
	11:00am	Mark Potter
Joyful Ringers	11:00am	Anne Burgess Cheryl Bailey Sharon Byrd Linda Courtney Katy Helmick Beth Hempel Kenadee Koch Carol Kandah Julia Smith Shelly Walldorff
Reader	8:30am	Jan Faerber
Ushers	8:30am	Gary Cash Jeff Henning Mike Williamson
	11:00am	Mark Baumgarten Patrick Baker
Counters		Dave Tischler Jan Paver

Welcome Center	8:30am 11:00am	Tim Haubenstricker Marilyn Edick
Greeters	8:30am 11:00am	Burgess Family Roman Family
Coffee Hour		Appalachian Servant Event
Tech Team	8:30am 11:00am	Nancy Berg Shibu George
Altar Society		Nancy Berg Michael Huskey Elyse Huskey

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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

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**Attendance** Last week: 4.26.2026– Attendance – 8:30am -88 + 11:00am – 82 = 170

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Received week of 4.26.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$9,202** total includes online giving **School - \$2,773.96**

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**Remember Our Homebound**

Joyce Carr  
1066 Washington Circle  
Northville, MI 48167



*Altar Flowers*

*One vase in loving memory of my grandson Jamie and  
One vase in honor of my daughter Terri who has been fighting leukemia for 8+ years  
from Carole Crete.*

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

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***One vase of flowers needed for May 17. Cost per vase is \$15.00. If you would like to sponsor a vase, please contact Anne Burgess at 734-765-4792 or [anne.burgess.313@gmail.com](mailto:anne.burgess.313@gmail.com).***

3	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 12 – 2pm	YOUTH OPEN GYM
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
4	MAY, MON	● All day	Set up Auction Event- Gym and Kitchen
		● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
5	MAY, TUE	● All day	Set up Auction Event- Gym and Kitchen
		● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
6	MAY, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
7	MAY, THU	● All day	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PANCAKE BREAKFAST
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
8	MAY, FRI	● 4 – 5pm	LWML GYM - tote bag assembly
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
9	MAY, SAT	● 8am – 5pm	LWML Zone Meeting Gym/Parish Hall

**As we live in the Light, we serve!**

LWML Spring Rally  
Wayne Oak Hills Zone  
Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:30 am

**Welcoming: Margo Dupre  
Christian Author and  
Visual Artist**

**“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified.” 1 Peter 4:10-11**

**In Gathering**

**Please bring for: Detroit Street Ministry**

New: smaller size (not huge bottles but doesn't have to be travel size)  
Hand lotion, toothpaste (not expired) , baby wipes, deodorant, pocket mirrors, flashlights with batteries, white crew socks (mens, not women's) cracker kits with tuna fish or chicken- wash clothes (new), trail mix in individual packages, granola bars, and beef jerky in individual packages!

Living in the light is intentionally living according to the teachings of Christ because He is the Light

St Paul Lutheran Church & School  
201 Elm Street  
Northville, MI 48167



## 💰 Endowment Fund News 💰

It's amazing to think that our St. Paul Endowment Fund began in 2011 with a single donation of \$1,000. God has truly blessed this ministry! At the close of 2025, the Fund balance has grown to **\$109,234.86**, which will provide **\$5,450 in grant dollars for 2026**. Our 2026 grant window is now open between April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, with award notifications being made by the end of June. Grant applications are available on the Narthex bulletin board and in the school office.

We are now entering our **fifth year of awarding grants**, and to date the Endowment Fund has shared more than **\$16,285** to support ministry, mission, and community outreach. Here are just a few of the projects that have been blessed through these funds:

- 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 Repairs
- Church Office Construction
- VBS T-Shirts
- Bible Quizzers
- Church Sign Refurbishment
- Marketing & Ministry Materials

Your generosity — past, present, and future — makes this possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund and continues to support it so faithfully.



Step into the mist! St Paul Northville

# RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

## 5 fun days

June 14 12:30-3:30 Lunch provided all welcome  
 June 15 - June 18 9:00am - Noon  
 3yo preschool - Grade 5  
**REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 5 BY CODE**  
 or <https://vbspro.events/p/stpaulnorthville>  
 Volunteers needed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older



## The Sign Is Here!!! Last call for brick orders!!

### BRICK FUNDRAISER

"4 X 8" ENGRAVED  
BRICK  
TEXT ONLY  
\$125

In Memory of  
Lara Schmidt Angeli  
1/27/1926 - 5/8/2024

TEXT + CLIP ART  
\$131

In Memory of  
Jane Doe  
1930-2025

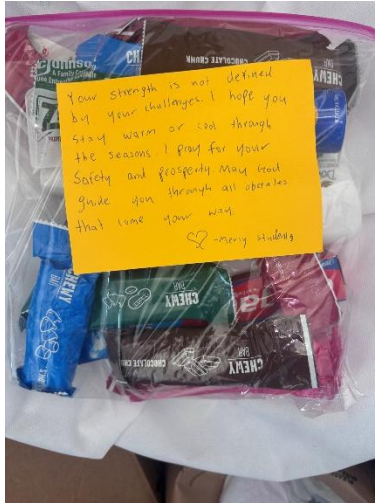


MORE INFO SCAN  
BARCODE



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
St Paul Lutheran Church  
Attn: Brick Fundraiser

Thank you too all that made it happen!!



### Blessing Bag Corner News -

Missy Kreucher, a long time member facilitates making blessing bags at Mercy High School- " In 2020, Mercy High School's Honor Society was struggling for a way to earn community service points without engaging in the community. The introduction of the blessing bags allowed the girls an opportunity to support the community from a distance. Each blessing bag had very specific requirements, including hygiene, warm weather gear, and most importantly, a spiritual biblical message. One blessing bag equals one service

point with a maximum of three allowed. The blessing bags became an instant hit with the girls who needed to earn service points. Since 2020 we estimate Mercy High Schools National Honor Society has donated 350 blessing bags to the Detroit Street Mission. All blessing bags are delivered to St. Paul and distributed accordingly. During covid years we also let the girls earn points for making brownies. One student baked 1200 brownies for the mission. We gave 5 hours for every 100 brownies. "

**Please Help St. Paul School  
Reach Our Fundraising Goals!**

**We are seeking a curated number of  
items for our LIVE Auction**

**A Donation Board can be found in the  
Church Hallway**

**Please stop by!**

**Please take a DONATION Tag of the  
item(s) you would like to contribute to our  
Cinco de Mayo LIVE Auction May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Donation forms and donated Items  
can be dropped off at the school office.

We are also happy to come to you to pick up  
items.




Please direct any questions to:

**Debbie Jenter #248-755-1609**

**[4dj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:4dj@sbcglobal.net)**

**Last day accepting Donations is  
Thursday, April 30th.**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia) will host an Ascension Day service on Thurs, **May 14** at 7pm. This holy day falls forty days after Easter and marks the end of Jesus' ministry on earth. In this account, we see a glimpse of our Christ's exultation as the Lord who sits at the right hand of God. After this moment, the Holy Spirit was sent to the church to be their constant Comforter and Guide, a presence that continues into the life of our church today. What an occasion to celebrate! We hope you can join us as we praise or sacrificed, risen and ASCENDED Savior!

**2000 Years Saved – 250 Years Free**  
**The Lutheran Choralaires Annual Spring Concert**  
 Director—Terry Herald

**Saint John Lutheran Church**  
 16339 East 14 Mile Road Fraser, Michigan

**Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**  
 Suggested Donation: \$10/Adult, \$5/Children

Paul Kienman 248-890-4405 Dan Ragle 419-902-7090  
 info@lutheranchoralaires.org  
 Or any member of the Choralaires

www.lutheranchoralaires.org Facebook – Lutheran Choralaires

THE LUTHERAN CHORALAIRES  
 79TH SEASON




**National Day of Prayer**  
**PANCAKE**

Prayer Stations Chapel @ 9am



**FREE Breakfast**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
 Come Eat and Pray

**THURSDAY MAY 7, 2026**  
**6:30AM – 9AM BREAKFAST**  
**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 201 Elm St Nothville, MI  
**CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6PM FOR PRAYER**




stpaulnorthville.org


**Hello Church and School Family!**

**Today is**  
**Take-a-Peek Tuesday!**

**Live Auction Viewing Launch & Register to Bid**

**PLEASE** help our school by joining us for our **Cino de Mayo Fiesta Dinner & Live Auction**  
*I must turn in final numbers to caterer this week!*

Go to the Givebutter Cinco de Mayo Event page,  
 scan this QR Code with your camera,



PLEASE: Donate, RSVP,  
**then GO to Auction Tab at top to View Auction Items and Register to Bid**

**OR**

**TO View Live Auction Items**

Copy the underlined URL LINK below,  
 Go to, and click on, your Google search bar,  
 then right click to open drop box, click on Paste.  
 The link will appear in your google search bar. Hit search. Event page will open.

<https://givebutter.com/c/cinco-de-mayo-fiesta-auction-euij0a>

(Please check back more items will be added)

**TO Register to Bid:**

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<https://givebutter.com/c/cinco-de-mayo-fiesta-auction-euij0a/auction/register>

**Please invite family and friends!**

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Meal catered by Mexican Fiesta Restaurant

**LIVE AUCTION!**  
 5:30 -7:30ish  
 School Gym

*We are still accepting Live Auction Donation Items through April 30<sup>th</sup>.*  
 Please see the Donation Tag Board in the Church Hallway  
 Sponsorships available at 3 Levels with new QR Link to your website!  
 Level details and forms available in Church Hallway

Thank you everyone for your help, love, and support!  
 Any questions.  
 Debbie Jenter Auction Season 2026 Chairperson  
 #248-755-1609 Call or text  
[4dj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:4dj@sbcglobal.net)

If you have any issues with our new digital URL links or QR code, I am happy to help!!  
**We will also be able to do all the above manually and at door if you prefer.**  
**Just contact me!**