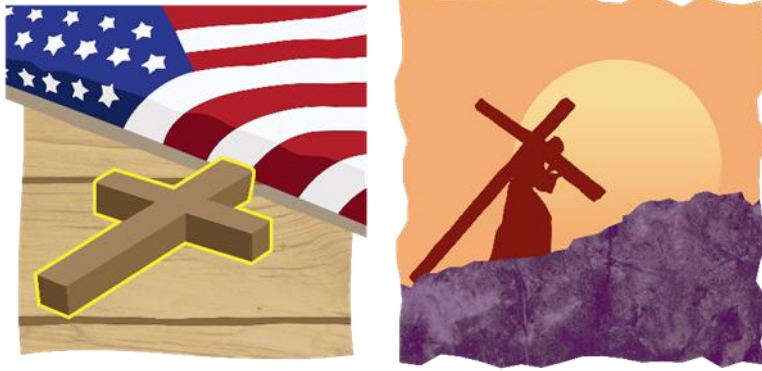


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am
June 28, 2026



The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love

AS WE GATHER

In the popular show *Dirty Jobs*, host Mike Rowe would involve himself for a time with a job that would be considered dirty and often downright messy. It was entertaining for the viewer to watch but also caused the audience to wonder if they could do a job like that. As people called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit and made God's own, He has given us a job. It may not be considered dirty, but it is difficult. The job is to live as His people, to serve as His witnesses, to testify to His truth, and to follow Him where He leads. As hearers, we then wonder, "Can I do a job like that?" It would be tough for His disciples then, and remains tough for us today. But even in those jobs we are privileged to have as His people, we don't go it alone. Jesus has done the dirty work in this world for us through His perfect life and sacrificial death on the cross leading to His victorious resurrection. Because of that, He goes with us wherever He places us to do His work for the sake of others now and for the sake of His kingdom to come.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

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)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free; *(Galatians 5:1)*

People: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 16:24; 22:37; Mark 12:30–31*

Pastor: You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

People: We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.

Pastor: You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

People: We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserves Your present and eternal punishment.

Pastor: You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”

People: We have often failed to take up Christ’s cross in our daily living, our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.

Pastor: As we follow in repentance and humbleness,

People: 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.

A HYMN FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

(Sung to the melody of LSB965 - God Bless Our Native Land)

God bless our native land;
 Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.
 When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
 Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

Ever be Thou our guide,
 Our shepherd, and our pride, Our staff and song.
 Jesus, Thou Christ of God, By Thine enduring Word
 Lead us where Thou hast trod; Make our faith strong.

So shall our prayers arise
 To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
 Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
 To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as we follow You, You call for devotion to Your kingdom apart from the things of this world. Even as the sword of truth divides,

People: help us to know lasting peace and find fulfillment and forgiveness in You;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please Sit

FIRST READING Romans 7:1-13 (*The commandment is holy, righteous, and good but sin deceives and produces death.*)

Reader: ¹ Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

People: ⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Reader: ⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

People: ⁷ What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law.

Reader: For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. ⁹ Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. ¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. ¹¹ For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. ¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

People: ¹³ Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means!

Reader: Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34-42 (*Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.*)

³⁴ "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

"a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

³⁷ "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

People: Praise to You, O Christ; Your rod and Your staff comfort me.

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 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

Truth Be Told

Lie number one:

You're supposed to have it all together.

And when they ask how you're doing
Just smile and tell them, Never better.

Lie number two:

Everybody's life is perfect except yours.
So keep your messes and your wounds
Your secrets safe with you behind
closed doors.

Truth be told,
The truth is rarely told.

I say I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm
fine, hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
I'm broken.

And when it's out of control
I say it's under control, but it's not
And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit
it

When being honest is the only way to
fix it.

There's no failure, no fall,
There's no sin you don't already know,
So let the truth be told.

There's a sign on the door
Says come as you are, but I doubt it.
'Cause if we lived like that was true
Every Sunday morning pew would be
crowded.

But didn't you say church should
Look more like a hospital?
A safe place for the sick,
The sinner and the scarred and the
prodigal - Just like me.

Truth be told,
The truth is rarely told.
Am I the only one who says

I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
Hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
I'm broken.
And when it's out of control
I say it's under control, but it's not
And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit
it
When being honest is the only way to
fix it.

There's no failure, no fall,
There's no sin you don't already know,
So let the truth be told.

Can I really stand here unashamed
Knowing that your love for me won't
change?
Oh, God, if that's really true
Then let the truth be told.

I say I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm
fine,
Hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
I'm broken.
And when it's out of control
I say it's under control, but it's not
And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit
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When being honest is the only way to
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Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

We Lift our Hands in the Sanctuary

We lift our hands in the sanctuary.
 We lift our hands to give You the glory.
 We lift our hands to give You the praise.
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

We lift our hearts in the sanctuary.
 We lift our hearts to give You the glory.
 We lift our hearts to give You the praise.
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our day.

We clap our hands in the sanctuary.
 We clap our hands to give You the glory.
 We clap our hands to give You the praise,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Sing Hallelujah in the sanctuary.
 Sing Hallelujah to give You the glory.
 Sing Hallelujah to give You the praise,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

We sing our song in the sanctuary.
 We sing our song to give You the glory.
 We sing our song to give You the praise,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.

Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.

Yes, will love You for the rest of our days.

Sing Hallelujah for the rest of our days.
 We shout "Hosanna" the rest of our days!

CATECHISM*The Second Article*

People: 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Prayer for Our nation and Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God and for all people according to their needs. Ever-gracious Lord, You have blessed us with time, talents, and abilities to serve others in various vocations. As we continue in the joyful job of following You, and living faithfully with Your Word as our guide, grant us continued confidence in Your presence, Your promises, and Your ultimate peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-present Lord, we know in this world we will have trouble. Our Savior speaks of divisions and disturbances even among those closest to us as we bear the name of Your beloved children. In times of trial, grant us a sure faith in Christ's redemptive work accomplished for us. Even as the sword divides, Your cross brings peace for those who believe that You have overcome this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-providing Lord, You have given us all we need for this body and this life, and have placed authorities over us for order and peace. Even as peace in this world is challenged through wars, skirmishes, and cultural clashes, we have been given a peace beyond all understanding through You. For this nation, we give thanks for the freedoms we are blessed to have as we recognize Independence Day soon. Give safety to all who travel and peace for all who gather. Grant that we appreciate our citizenship here, while also awaiting our true citizenship in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-comforting Lord, so many around us seek peace of mind, peace of soul, and peace of body, including those dear to us who have asked for our prayers, [*especially* . . .]. In times of fears, questions, and uncertainty, give Your peace, answers, and confidence according to Your will that hope and comfort be found in You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands 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.

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.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As we follow our Lord, and as we with joy go to the jobs He would have us do, the Lord goes with you.

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.



FREEDOM...what a blessing to be appreciated and preserved!

God Bless America

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, And guide her,
Thru the night with a light
From above.

From the mountains, To the prairies,
To the oceans, White with foam-
God bless America!
My home sweet home.

God bless America!
My home sweet home.

THE INVITATIONS

What A Friend

Verse 1

Everybody has trials and temptations.
Everybody knows heart break, - isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
Lay our burdens down.

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus.
East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon.
And forever and ever His heart is my
home.

Verse 2

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries.
Everybody knows sorrow, -devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
Lay our burdens down.

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus.
East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon.
And forever and ever His heart is my home.

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful.
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal for He is faithful.
How He has proven it over and over. (2x)
Over and over ...

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus.
East to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon.
And forever and ever His heart is my home. (2x)
And forever and ever His heart is my home.



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

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



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher / Officiant
Music Director

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Paul Ventimiglia

Family Life

Jeanette Koch

Elder

George Foor

Greeter

Krauter Family

Counters

Jan Paver
Christine Lewis

Welcome Center

Marilyn Edick

Tech Team

James Nordbeck

Praise Team

Kurt Menhart
Hannah Hughes
Sarah Hughes
Chris Englert
Linda Johnson
Alexandra Vago (Bass Gtr)

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 6.21.2026– Attendance – 8:30am –138 + 11:00am – 74 = 212
Communion - 166

Received week of 6.21.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$17,634** total includes online giving
School - \$200

Remember Our Homebound

Dorothy Schneider
41215 Fox Run Drive -216 Rose Court
Novi, MI 48377



Altar Flowers

Two vases in loving memory of our son Kevin Gilchrist’s birthday from Stan and Marti Gilchrist.

One vase is given by the children and grandchildren of Dennis and Kathy Verseman in celebration of their love and 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 3rd.

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

28	JUN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
1	JUL, WED	● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
2	JUL, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
3	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
		● 9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental gym

Salem’s Annual God & Country song celebration with Pastor Rene Kaufman will take place Sunday July 5th at 2:30pm. Location is Whalen Lake in Hartland. All are welcome to attend a 1:00pm chapel service with a potluck meal following. You may want to bring a chair for the outdoor song event. Any questions please call Sue Mai at 248-349-7660. This is a special event as we celebrate the 250 years of our nation’s Independence.

July 16—Forever Young: Belle Isle Park Picnic Join us as we enjoy the Belle Isle Park together from 11am to 3pm. Bring your own Lunch. \$20 Per Person - includes bus transportation, State Park access, and reserved Pavilion with Picnic Tables. Sign-up by contacting organizer Linda Waara (734-245-5733)



NORTHVILLE JULY 4TH PARADE
THEME: “America’s 250 Birthday Bash”
OUR INTERPRETATION:
“Celebrating Our Freedoms”

How you can help:



1. Candy, Candy, Candy. We can use donated candy to pass out during the parade. It must be wrapped and no chocolate or melty candy. There will be a donation box in the hall.



2. We are walking and handing out candy and pencils so we need as many walkers as available to give a strong presence in the community.

3. Float construction: If you are handy and would like to be part of the float team we would love to have you join us. Our work schedule for the week of July 15 at 6 pm is:

- **Monday, July 15**
- **Wednesday, July 17**
- **Thursday, July 18**
- **Friday, July 19**



4. Any questions, contact Patrick Baker or any Board of Evangelism member.

Thank you for wherever you can help.



UPDATE, thank you to those who volunteered to help with summer coffee hours. We still have 4 coffee hours on our sheet that need covered, July 5 & 12, August 9 and September 6. The Elders and Board of Evangelism split their board into 2 teams of four and schedule several rotating through the year. You could also ask a couple of your friends to have a coffee hour, maybe do it once or, 3 or 4 times a year. If you have questions, please see Claudia Williamson, Sue Poole or Jan Paver. Thank you, Sue



“To Emily Edick: The St. Paul aftercare students want to thank you for all the great games and toys you donated to our collection. We appreciate your generosity and have enjoyed everything you donated. May God richly bless you!”
