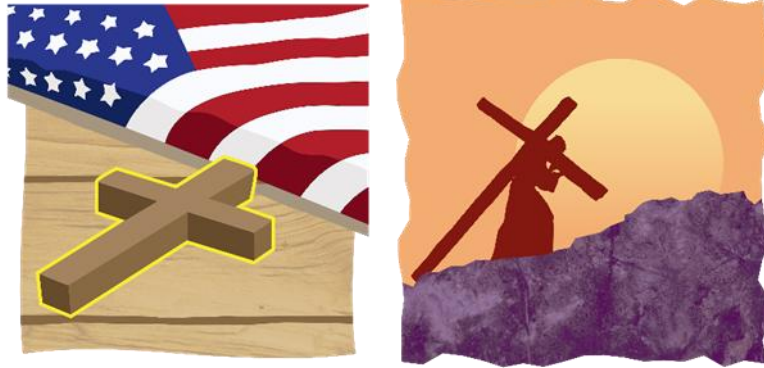


## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 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

## 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!

## 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 deserve 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.**

**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: <sup>1</sup> 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? <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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: <sup>4</sup> 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: <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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: <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. <sup>9</sup> Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. <sup>10</sup> I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. <sup>12</sup> So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

**People: <sup>13</sup> 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.*)

<sup>34</sup> "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> 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—

<sup>36</sup> a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

<sup>37</sup> "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.

<sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

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

<sup>40</sup> "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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 was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please Sit*

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

**Sermon** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**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.

## 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: 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.**

## THE INVITATIONS



**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.



**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

Reader

Marty Jenter

Elder

John Hasse

Ushers

John Hasse  
 Charleen Hill  
 Bob McGuigan  
 Pat McGuigan

Greeter

Hempel Family

Counters

Jan Paver  
 Christine Lewis

Welcome Center

Beth Hempel

Coffee Hour

Elders

Tech Team

Thomas Kutz

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

<b>28</b>	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
<b>1</b>	JUL, WED	● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
<b>2</b>	JUL, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
<b>3</b>	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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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!”