

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am

August 9, 2026



What Can You Do with a Little Faith?

AS WE GATHER

God can walk on water. Of course! No question! God can do anything. But can God make you walk on water? Don't think so? Neither did the apostle Peter. But he did--- for a moment, anyway. The point isn't the miracle, however. The point is **what God can do with a person's faith** and what God can do with you through your faith in Christ. Faith looks to Jesus and receives the Lord's protection, strength, and heavenly goal---the salvation of our souls.

WELCOME – Pastor Chris Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 10:9–10*

Pastor: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
People: and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,
 Pastor: you will be saved.
People: For with the heart one believes and is justified,
 Pastor: and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord of all creation, whose ways are beyond human understanding, we come to You today with sin to confess...

Pastor: Our thinking and acting like we know more than You,
People: we confess to You, Lord.
 Pastor: Our sometimes wavering faith and trust in Your goodness to us,
People: we confess to You, Lord.
 Pastor: Our being paralyzed by fear when the storms of this life rage,
People: we confess to You, Lord.
 Pastor: Our failure to share our faith, when You step back and send us,
People: we confess to You, Lord.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

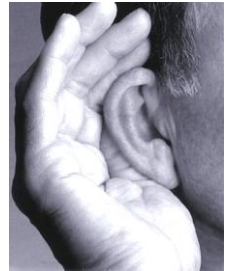
FIRST READING Romans 10:8-17 (*Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.*)

Reader: ⁸ In fact, [Moses] says,
"The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart."

People: And that message is the very message about faith that we preach:
⁹ If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Reader: ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."
¹² Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

People: ¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"



Reader: ¹⁶ But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!

All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,

Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:

Refrain

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,

All you works of God, bless the Lord!

- 5 Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33 (*Jesus strengthens His disciples' faith.*)

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
 Declaring the word of the Lord.
 And these are the days of Your servant,
 Moses,
 Righteousness being restored.

And these are the days of great trials,
 Of famine and darkness and sword.
 Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
 "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
 Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
 Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
 And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
 The dry bones becoming as flesh.
 And these are the days of Your servant,
 David,
 Rebuilding the temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest,

The fields are all white in the world.
 And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
 Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
 Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
 Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
 And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

There's no God like Jehovah!
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MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Trusting in Your promise that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord.

You send out laborers into the world to proclaim the reign of Jesus. We pray for our missionaries in foreign nations and here in our own nation, that Your Word proclaimed by them will not return empty. For the Church, including this congregation, we ask that You would use us to make Your Word known in this place. We rejoice in Your sending as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You extend peace to us like a life-giving river. For cities and towns—those who govern them and the people who dwell in them, we ask that those who work for peace and justice may be strengthened and those who cause turmoil and injustice may repent. We rejoice in Your peace as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You comfort those whose lives are broken. We pray for all who suffer from disease, turmoil in relationships, and death. Amidst their fear, we trust in Your hand of mercy outstretched to them, as it was to Peter, that according to Your will, they may experience wholeness, comfort, and peace. We rejoice in Your comfort as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You restore sinners gently. For all of us in the midst of situations where confession and forgiveness are the only way forward, help us willingly and humbly confess our sins and forgive as we have been forgiven. We rejoice in Your forgiveness of sin as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer, we give thanks. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock to call on the name of the Lord. This we do today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus.

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

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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

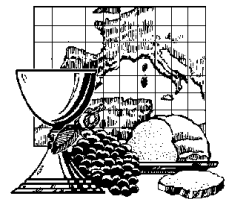
People: And also with you.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
 3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: Almighty God, creator and sustainer of all that exists, in this feast of Your Son, You have again reached out to us in the midst of the storms of our lives to bring peace, calm, and wholeness. Your hold upon us is strong, and You will never let us go. Guide our paths as we depart from Your table, that we may walk in faith, not fearing those things that cannot do us eternal harm; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
abide with you, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE INVITATIONS

RECESSIONAL HYMN 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.

2 With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days.

Refrain

ref **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice,
give thanks, and sing!**



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

Family Life

Elder

Ushers

Greeter

Counters

Reader

Welcome Center

Coffee Hour

Tech Team

Acolyte

Altar Society

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Paul Ventimiglia

Jeanette Koch

John Hasse

Jerry Krause

Ron Breuhan

Marty Jenter

Mike Huskey

Elyse Huskey

Kandah Family

Jan Paver

Christine Lewis

Julia Smith

Sue Poole

Kitchen Crew

Corey Kovoch

Caleb Norton

Jan Paver

Sue Poole

Remember Our Homebound

Margaret Parkinson

735 Randolph Unit 121

Northville, MI 48167

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

Two vases In honor of Lenore Kersten's 102nd birthday
 and in memory of Kurt Kersten (Claudia's parents) from Claudia and Mike Williamson.
Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service.

Attendance Last week: 8.2.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 115 + 11:00am – 57 = 179
Communion - 143

Received week of 8.2.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$12,630** total includes online giving
School - \$0

9	AUG, SUN	● 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
10	AUG, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
11	AUG, TUE	● 9 – 10am	Yolanda M. - Parish Hall
12	AUG, WED	● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club (NSC) Room #3
13	AUG, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
14	AUG, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
		● 9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental gym
15	AUG, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall



🍷 CIDER, DONUTS & FELLOWSHIP 🍷

Young Adults & Young Families Fall Outing

We're bringing together our post-college young adults, young couples, and families with kids of all ages for a fall day at the orchard!

To help us lock in the best date and scale the event (hayrides, private space, or casual meetup), we need a fast headcount.

- **Who:** Post-college grads up through parents with kids!
- **When:** Late September – October (Help us pick the date)
- **Deadline:** Sunday, August 16

📱 Scan the QR code below to submit your initial RSVP!

Maui Vacation in your Plans?



As a way of raising funds for our St. Paul short-term mission trips, a generous family in our congregation is offering the use of their condominium at the beautiful Sands of Kahana Resort in Maui, Hawaii during the week of December 4 - December 11, 2026. More information about the resort at <https://sandsofkahanaresort.com/>. The unit (Orchid Room) is a two bedroom / two bath, with kitchen and with a pull-out couch, comfortably sleeps up to six people. The unit will be awarded to the highest bidder (minimum bid is \$500) in a blind auction with the winning bidder notified on October 1st. Auction proceeds will be deposited to the St. Paul Short-Term mission fund to support future SPL MOST mission trip goers.

Please submit a short statement of your interest along with your bid to Jeff Henning (Jhenning90@comcast.net) by September 30, 2026. If you should have any questions or want more information, please reach out to Jeff Henning or Chris Burgess. Chris and Ann Burgess took advantage of this opportunity last year and would be happy to describe their wonderful experience to interested bidders!



Wild Card Bible Quizzing Tournament This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted at **St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**. Join us **Saturday, September 12, 2026 @ 12PM-5PM!** The material will be 8 random chapters from the Gospel of John (randomly selected 1 week before the tournament). No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each. For info or to register, visit biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Tournaments or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com>, (248) 231-9684.



St. Paul Bible Quizzing - Kids & Adult Volunteers Needed!

Bible Quizzing is a great way to learn Scripture with friends and with the motivation of competition. This year we'll be going over the Gospel of John, which is a great place to get started in Scripture! Kids in 2nd-12th grade are welcome to join. Membership at St. Paul is not required. All experience levels welcome (no prior Bible knowledge required!).

Join us for a 20 minute Bible Quizzing demo with short games, activities, and Q&A in the school building on August 16 and August 23.

We'll run it after both services, so make it to whichever one works best for you. No commitment required. Check out what Bible Quizzing is all about!

Interested in quizzing or volunteering? Talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com>, (248) 231-9684>.





Weather permitting, the parking lot will have cracks filled and seal coated and painted the week of **August 8th.**



It can be driven upon 5 hours after painting.



It should not interfere with Sunday worship.



WELCOME!

OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Megan Kutz officially as a member of St. Paul although she and her family have been worshipping with us for quite some time now. Megan transferred her membership from Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Walled Lake. She is a Special Ed Teacher in Northville Public Schools. She likes writing, reading and yoga. She has already helped with several events including VBS and is on the prayer chain. She would like to help with FOG meals and be a reader. So happy to welcome her.

Please welcome Courtney Julien and her two sons Isaac (14) and Samuel (11) to the St. Paul family. The Julien family participated in VBS this year. Samuel and Isaac were youth helpers and Courtney took pictures. Courtney listed photography and helping at events here as some of her interests. She has already put her photography skills to work and she and Isaac helped with the grounds clean up day earlier this spring. Thank you and we look forward to working beside you more.

Romans 15:7 - "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you."

JULY 15 FOG DINNER

A meal of Sloppy Joes, green beans, chips, brownies and watermelon was delivered and just about everything was gone. What a great night. It was a smaller than usual group and the pastors thought it might have been because of the heat. There is an air conditioning unit in the meeting room but it didn't really help much. We were concerned that we might have a lot left over but when everyone was served, there was just a little bit of sloppy joes which we left.



Two of our servers were Ann Kelly and Kathy Verseman. Ann has been going down for a couple of months now and has become one of our regulars. There is always room for more and you might just fall in love with the mission and the people. The next meal is Tuesday, August 4. Julia Smith was another one of our servers and our official driver when she is available.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve this meal. As the sermon message was Sunday:

***“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” –
Matthew 25:3***

