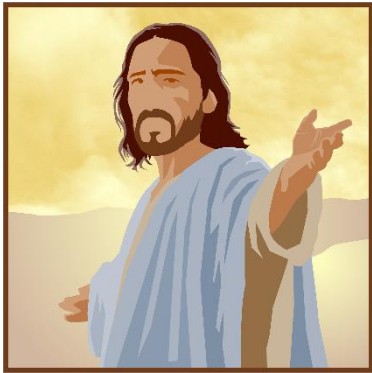


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM

August 30, 2026



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AS WE GATHER

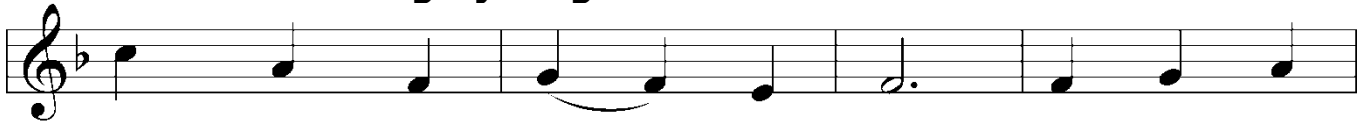
Jesus invites anyone who would come after Him to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. The life of following Jesus includes genuine love and service both to the Lord and to other people—even when those people may be considered enemies. Surrounded by evil in this world, we cling to the God who is good, learning to trust His Word as the means by which we receive His deliverance from our enemies of sin and death. The living, active, delightful voice of our Savior guarantees His ongoing presence in our life.

On this fifth Sunday we will be receiving an additional ***Student Aid offering*** to help support our students going into full time church work.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - mighty - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

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

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

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

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

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, "If you return, I will restore you." 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.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM *Psalm 26*

People: **Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

Women: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

Men: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

Women: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Men: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

People: **But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 12:9-21* (With genuine love, overcome evil with good.)

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21-28*

(Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, **"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."** ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(As we sing the following hymn we will gather our special **Student Aid** offering to encourage and support those from Saint Paul preparing for full-time ministry.)*

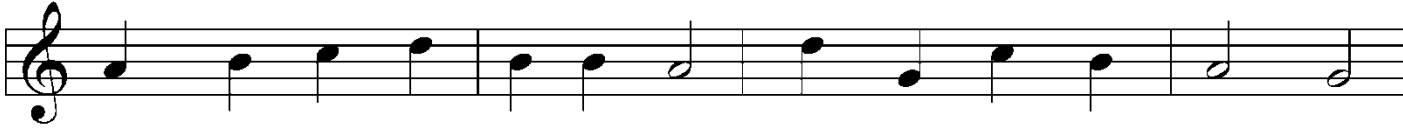
869 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
 4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
 On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
 In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
 Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
 All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
 Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
 Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

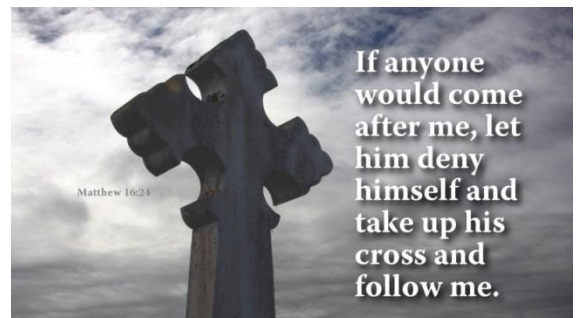
Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

What makes you lay down your cross?

Do you follow the "Easy Gospel?"

When Jesus tells us to deny ourselves,

He means _____.



Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;

May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.

Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;

Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

Saving Jesus *(Soloist Kurt Menhart)*

How could a man who's sent from
heaven
Ever really know
What it's like to be alone

How could a God who's three in one
Really understand
The kind of lonely that I've been

Sometimes I wonder
How can that be true
Then I think about the cross
And all that He went through

There was no one saving Jesus
Nobody by His side
No one to take His place
Or find another way
When he gave His life for mine

Even His father looked away
He was all alone up on that tree
There was no one saving Jesus
When He was saving me

That's something I can't figure out
Cause if I was in His shoes
Lord knows what I would do

I would've called those angels down
To carry me away
But He chose to stay

There was no one saving Jesus
Nobody by His side
No one to take His place
Or find another way
When he gave His life for mine

Even His father looked away
He was all alone up on that tree
There was no one saving Jesus
When He was saving me

He was up there by Himself
No telling how he felt
The kind of pain that God only knows

There was no one saving Jesus
Nobody by His side
No one to take His place
Or find another way
When he gave His life for mine

Even His father looked away
He was all alone up on that tree
There was no one saving Jesus
When He was saving me

There was no one saving Jesus
 Nobody by His side
 No one to take His place
 For there was no other way
 When he bore His Cross and died

And with His Death he took my shame
 And by His Blood He washed me clean
 There was no one saving Jesus

When He was saving you and me

There was no one saving Jesus
 When He was saving you and me

I think that Man sent from Heaven
 Is the one who truly knows
 What it is to be alone.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Remember the call of God through Paul in Romans 12:12:

People: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Pastor: Rejoicing in God's promise to hear our prayers, we delight ourselves in Him, even in the difficulties of life. Together let us give voice to our constant prayers.

Heavenly Father, You alone have the power to redeem Your enemies and make them friends. In the mercy of Jesus, enable us to show love to our enemies. As You have loved us even though we never deserve it, help us to do the same to others in our lives. In Your love, O Lord,

People: help us to love as You have first loved us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, our hearts delight in Your goodness despite the evil of this fallen world. Restore us, renew us, and lead us! We delight in the new life You have given to all who trust in You. In Your joy, O Lord,

People: help us to rejoice in all things.

Pastor: Spirit of truth, You resuscitate what is dead, mend what is broken, and overcome what is evil with the goodness found only in You. Turn us again and again to Your mercy that we, having received it from You, may then extend it to others. Work mightily through each of us in our vocations at church, home, work, and society. Through it all, instill in us Your peace to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In Your peace, O Lord,

People: help us to be peacemakers.

Pastor: Be near to those who are broken in heart, body, and mind. Comfort the lonely and renew the spirit of those who despair. Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. Let those who walk through the desert of difficulty discover the oasis of Your living water. Hear the prayers we offer for those in our family of faith who need Your healing mercies, [*including . . .*]. Your caring love for us is genuine and eternal. In Your care, O Lord,

People: help us to care for others.

Pastor: To You, gracious Father, be all the glory, honor, and praise, in Christ Jesus and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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.

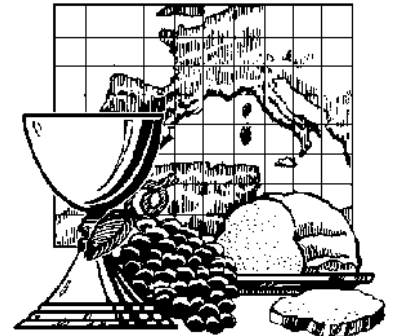
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.



PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

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. ++

971 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never
ends
(Because He lives)

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never
ends
Because He lives ...

Bridge

... I can face tomorrow
 Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
 I know He holds my life
 My future in His hand

Chorus

Amen amen
 I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
 Amen amen
 Let my song join the one that never
 ends (2x)

Because He lives,
 Because He lives

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son's body and blood. Now that we have received His goodness in His Word and Spirit, help us to take up our cross daily and follow our Savior, who leads us with the only love that overcomes evil with good; 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 *Romans 12:21*

Pastor: Do not be overcome by evil,

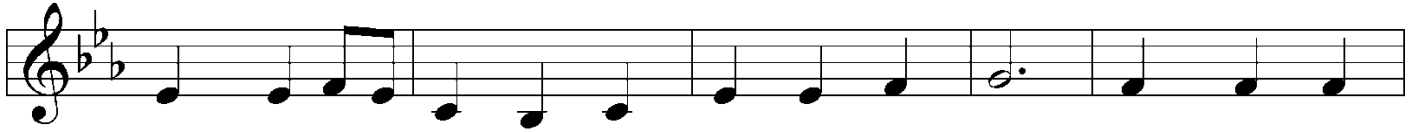
People: **but overcome evil with good.**

Pastor: Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:
 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

861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.



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	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Guest Soloist	Kurt Menhart
Family Life	Jeanette Koch
Elder	John Hasse
Ushers	Gary Cash Jeff Henning Mike Williamson
Greeter	Kreucher Family
Counters	Beth Snow Jane Ripper Allen Ripper
Welcome Center	Beth Hempel
Coffee Hour	Elders
Tech Team	Chris Baetz
Altar Society	Lisa Fairbairn

Remember Our Homebound

Karen (Richard) Schneider
19524 Mann Court
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

Altar Flowers

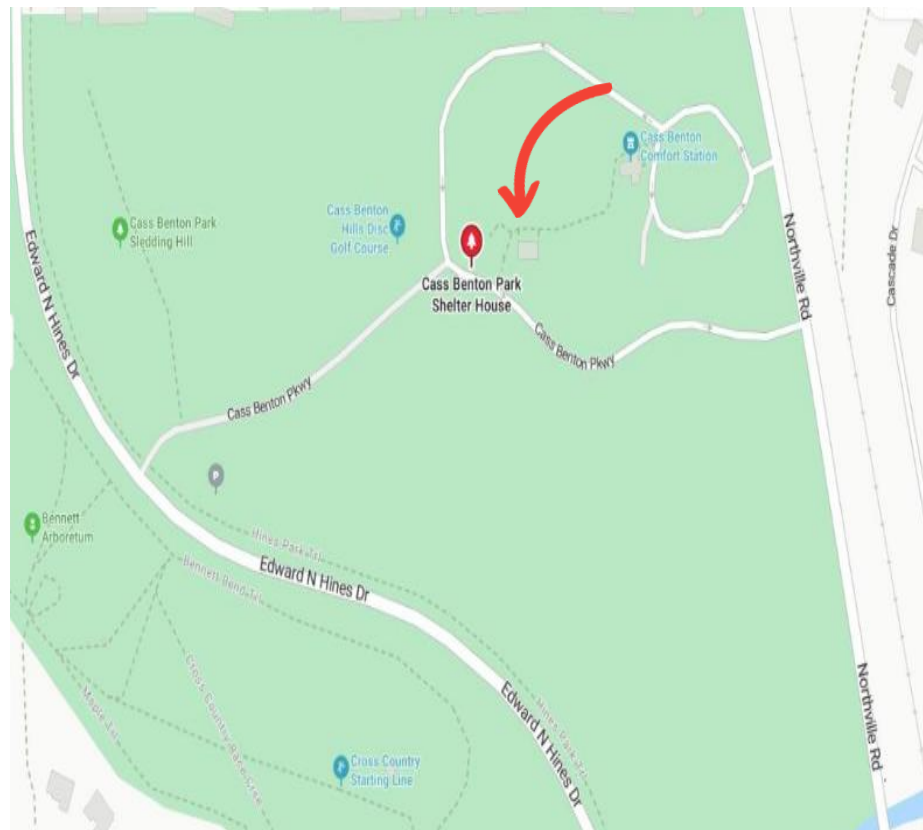
One vase in memory of Kathy Fox's birthday from Jan Paver.
One vase in memory of Janet's mother, Olga Paschke's birthday and Bill's mother, Josephine Kovalak's birthday from Bill and Janet Kovalak.

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

Attendance Last week: 8.23.2026– Attendance – 8:30am – 124 + 11:00am – 100 = 224

Received week of 8.23.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$6,598** total includes online giving
School - \$0

30	AUG, SUN	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
1	SEP, TUE	9 – 10am	Yolanda M. - Parish Hall
		5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
2	SEP, WED	3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
3	SEP, THU	4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
4	SEP, FRI	All day	NO SCHOOL
		7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
		9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental gym
5	SEP, SAT	12 – 5pm	Wild Card Bible Quizzing Tournament





Rally Day is Sept. 13, 2026. It's also Grandparents Day. Please plan to celebrate this special day at an outdoor service. There will be one service at 10:30 am. The location is Cass Benton Park in Northville. The address is 18005 Northville Road, Northville. You may enter Cass Benton Park from either Hines Drive or Northville Road. The park is located between 6 and 7 mile. There is a nice pavilion, rest rooms, play ground and parking. There is no fee to enter the park. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. Watch for a Sign up Genius to volunteer to bring a dish. We look forward to praising our Lord among the trees, flowers, birds and all the natural beauty.



Thank You, St. Paul Lutheran Church  **for Supporting the**

Baby Bottle Drive!

Thanks to your generous hearts, **\$1,577** was raised in the Baby Bottle Drive to support Another Way Pregnancy Center. Your gifts help extend Christ's love to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering hope, healing, and life-affirming care.

*"Let all that you do be done in love."
— 1 Corinthians 16:14*

Thank you for being a part of this life-affirming mission!



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- REACHOUT WORLD
- WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Check out the Lost and Found basket on the shelves as you enter the church.

We would like to purge the basket soon!

There is even a hearing aid in a case that is pinned to the bulletin board above the basket



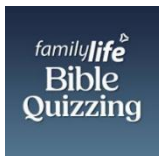

Lost and Found

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>.





OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lisa and Francis Murkowski are the newest members to our St. Paul family. Lisa has a Science and Language arts background, she is a retired teacher and she enjoys writing, reading and crafts. In her previous congregation she was a "Divorce Care Facilitator" and has served with VBS and Mission Trips. She would like to be a reader here. Francis is a retired Marketing Manager and likes reading and fishing. He would like to serve here as a reader and help with marketing.

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 a member of the prayer chain. She would like to help with FOG meals and serve as a reader.

We are 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."

Your Voice. Our School. Our Future.

We want to hear from you! We're asking everyone in our congregation to take a few minutes to complete a survey about our school. Your feedback matters. Your thoughts, ideas, and experiences can help us to celebrate what's going well and identify ways we can make our



school even stronger. Please take the survey and let your voice help shape the future of our school! Scan this QR Code to access the survey

(Paper copies are also available in the narthex hallway and can be turned in at the school office or with Debbie Jenter).

The Family of God meal on Wednesday, August 19th went well thanks to our volunteers who stepped up. The menu was Chicken a' la king (with peas and carrots) over biscuits, cranberry sauce, crunchy coleslaw, brownies, bananas, and beverages. Chris and Dawn Englert, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier served the meal to about 75 people with most of them coming back for seconds to make about 120 meals. The brownie bakers were Alison Babic, Gretchen Hasse, Beth Hempel, Megan Kutz, and Sue Poole. Barbara did the shopping and Nancy and Doug Berg helped her prepare the meal in the school kitchen. Will Hoffmeier prepared the meat the day before. The cost per meal was about \$2.35 - pretty amazing compared to a meal they would get at a fast food restaurant! The funds in the designated account to pay for our groceries with for these meals is running a little low. If YOU would like to contribute to this mission project, you can write a check to "St Paul Lutheran Church" and on the memo line put "Family of God meals." Your contributions will be greatly appreciated so we can continue this ministry to our brothers and sisters in Christ in southwest Detroit. If YOU would like to help this mission, please contact Barbara Hoffmeier #248.756.3035 or Sue Poole #248.904.9080. Thank you. With many hands the work goes quickly and smoothly. Will YOU be a volunteer for us?