

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

October 11, 2026



The Swallowing of Death

AS WE GATHER

What is more difficult to believe: a fable about a man defeating a deadly dragon by eating it or a prophet's prediction that the Creator God would **defeat death itself by swallowing it**? What does Isaiah mean by saying God "will swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8)? Does God eat?

The mighty, eternal, creator God is life Himself and has no need for sustenance. In order to "swallow death," God took on our human form. We die because of the corruption of sin. To "swallow death," the incarnate Savior "ate," or consumed, death by taking the sin of the world onto Himself on the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not die for Himself. Jesus died your death for your sin. So it is that when a sinner is baptized into Christ Jesus, he or she is "baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3). Thereby, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Even with saving faith in Christ, we still have Christian funerals. But by faith we wait, hope, and fully expect to be raised in the resurrection to eternal life. In Christ, the enemy, death itself, has been transformed to be but His divine remedy, freeing us from sin and eternal death. Therefore, by faith in Christ we no longer need to fear death but rather can see it as a peaceful sleep from which we are promised to be awakened to eternal life and the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

HOW GREAT THOU ART (*Soloist / Deb Spradley*)

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL



This is the Day

♩ = 120

E♭ **B♭⁶ B♭⁷**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

(Solo) **(Congr)** **(Solo)** **(Congr)**

4 **B♭⁶ B♭⁷** **A♭⁶/E♭ E♭**

Lord hath made; We will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

(Solo) **(Congr)** **(Solo)** **(Congr)**

8 **A♭⁶/E♭ E♭** **A♭** **E♭** **A♭**

glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; We will re-joice and be

(ALL)

12 **E♭/B♭** **B♭⁷sus** **B♭⁷** **E♭**

glad in it. This is the day,

14 **E♭/B♭** **B♭⁷** **E♭**

this is the day that the Lord hath made. **(2X)**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

Pastor: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: my soul shall exult in my God,

Pastor: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

People: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us 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: 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.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

We Have Come into His House

Verse 1 (Solo)

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Him

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Him

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Verse 2 (With Congregation)

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Him

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Him

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Verse 3 (With Congregation)

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Him

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Him

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9* ***A feast for all peoples***

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

FIRST READING *Philippians 4:4–13* ***"Rejoice in the Lord always."***

Reader: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

People: ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: ¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Soon And Very Soon

Soon and very soon
 We are going to see the King
 Soon and very soon
 We are going to see the King
 Soon and very soon
 We are going to see the King
 Hallelujah hallelujah
 We're going to see the King

Verse 2

No more crying there
 We are going to see the King
 No more crying there
 We are going to see the King
 No more crying there
 We are going to see the King
 Hallelujah hallelujah
 We're going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
 Hallelu - - jah!

(Key Change)

Verse 3

No more dying there
 We are going to see the King
 No more dying there
 We are going to see the King



No more dying there
 We are going to see the King
 Hallelujah hallelujah
 We're going to see the King

Verse 4

Soon and very soon
 We are going to see the King
 Soon and very soon
 We are going to see the King
 Soon and very soon
 We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
 We're going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
 Hallelu - - jah!

Soon and very soon

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14* **Many are called; few are chosen**

Reader: Jesus also told them other parables. He said, ² "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. ³ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come! ⁴ "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!'

People: ⁵ **But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. ⁶ Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.**

Reader: ⁷ "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. ⁸ And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. ⁹ Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.' ¹⁰ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

People: ¹¹ **"But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. ¹² 'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But the man had no reply.**

Reader: ¹³ Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

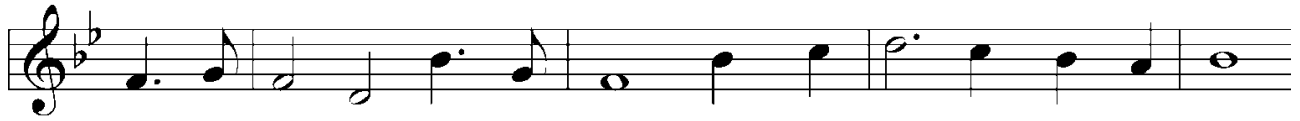
Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

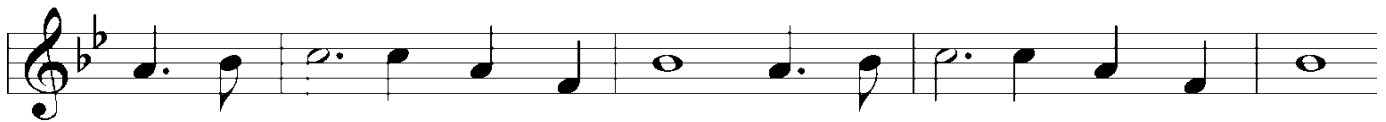
Please Sit

Rock of Ages



Solo V3:

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. In Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have hidden the secret of contentment and the peace that surpasses all understanding. Give us this peace always and help us to learn contentment and joy by abiding in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your wisdom, O Lord, You have set apart those who lead the nations and warned them of Your judgment. Awaken faith within our leaders so that they may serve us faithfully in Your name, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and encourage us to use its freedom for the holy purposes of honoring You and serving our neighbor in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In Your compassion, merciful Father, You behold the plight of all people, whether in the suffering of their bodies or in their troubled minds. Give to them healing and peace according to Your will, and comfort the grieving with Your promise of the resurrection and life to all who die in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the mercies daily and richly supplied, O Lord, You have granted us all things needful for this body and this life and supplied us with an abundance with which to aid our neighbor in need. Receive also the tithes and offerings we bring before You in gratitude for all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Recalling the saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we pray You, Father, to bring us at last with them into the joy of Your presence and into the blessed marriage feast of the Lamb, which knows no end. Help us to fight the good fight and keep the faith so that we may look forward with joy to the reunion with all those who have gone before through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom, and by whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

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

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

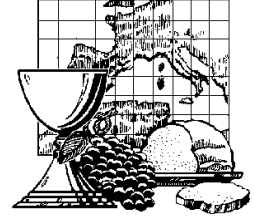
People: And also with you.

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.

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.

There Was Jesus

Every time I try to make it on my own,
Every time I try to stand, I start to fall,
And all those lonely roads that I have
traveled on -- There was Jesus.

When the life I built came crashing to
the ground,
When the friends I had were nowhere
to be found,
I couldn't see it then, but I can see it
now,
There was Jesus.

In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing, in the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken
pieces.
Every minute, every moment
Where I've been or where I'm going,
Even when I didn't know it
Or couldn't see it -- There was Jesus.

For this man who needs amazing kind
of grace,
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't
pay.
I'm not perfect, so I thank God every
day,
There was Jesus.

In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing, in the hurting

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Like a blessing
buried in the
broken pieces.
Every minute,
every moment
Where I've been or where I'm going,
Even when I didn't know it
Or couldn't see it -- There was Jesus

On the mountain, In the valleys.

- There was Jesus
In the shadows of the alleys.

- There was Jesus
In the fire, in the flood.

- There was Jesus
Always is and always was.
No, I never walk alone.
You are always there.

In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing, in the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken
pieces.
Every minute, every moment
Where I've been or where I'm going,
Even when I didn't know it
Or couldn't see it

There was Jesus.
There was Jesus.
... There was Jesus

Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an
old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame,
And I love that old cross
where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross,
so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God
left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

In the old rugged cross,
stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross

Jesus
suffered
and died,
to pardon
and
sanctify
me.



So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day
to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown

I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown

Jesus Is Love (Solo / Deb Spradley)

Father

*Help your children
And don't let them fall
By the side
Of the road*

*Hmm, and teach them
To love one another
That Heaven might find
A place in their hearts*

*'Cause Jesus is love
He won't let you down
And I know He's mine
Forever
Oh, in my heart*

*We've got to walk on
Walk on through temptation
'Cause His love
And His wisdom
Will be our helpin' hand*

*And I know the Truth
And His words will be our salvation
Lift up our hearts
To be thankful and glad*

*Jesus is love
He won't let you down
And I know He's mine
Deep down in my soul
Jesus is love
Oh, yes, He is
He won't let you down
And I know He's mine
Forever, oh, in my heart*

*I know, I
know, I
know, I
know
Ah,
'cause
His
love's
the power (power)
His love's the glory (glory)
Forever (ever and ever)*

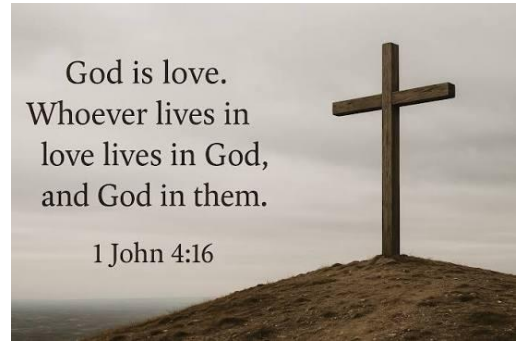
*I want to follow your star
Wherever it leads me
And I don't mind, Lord
I hope you don't mind*

*I want to walk with you
And talk with you
And do all the things you want me to do
'Cause I know that Jesus*

*Who can bring you love? (Jesus)
Who can bring you joy? (Jesus)
Who can turn your life around? (Jesus)*

*Who will pick you up (Jesus)
Oh, when you fall? (Jesus)
Who'll stand beside you? (Jesus)
Who will love us all?*

*One more thing I want to say
Who can heal your body? (Jesus)
Who can make you strong? (Jesus)
Who can help you to hold out (Jesus)
A little while longer?*



BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in Holy Communion, You have given us a foretaste of the wedding feast of heaven. Grant us confidence in the assurance that, clothed in Christ's righteousness, we are ready for the wedding feast that has no end; 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: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)**

THE INVITATIONS

Way Maker



Verse

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise
Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who
You are (2x)

Verse

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise
Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who
You are (2x)

That is who you are
 That is who you are
 That is who you are
 That is who you are (2x)

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
 Even when I don't feel it You're working
 You never stop, You never stop working
 You never stop, You never stop working

Even when I don't see it You're working
 Even when I don't feel it You're working

You never stop, You never stop working
 You never stop, Jesus You are...

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise
 Keeper

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who
 You are (2x)

That is who you are
 That is who you are
 That is who you are
 That is who you are (2x)



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
 Guest Vocalist

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
 Paul Ventimiglia
 Jeanette Koch
 John Hasse
 Deb Spradley

Welcome Center

Tim Haubenstricker

Greeter

Jan Paver

Tech Team

Corey Kovoch

Ushers

Jerry Krause
 Ron Breuhan
 Marty Jenter
 Mike Huskey
 Elyse Huskey

Reader

Julia Smith

Counters

Beth Snow
Jane Ripper
Allen Ripper

Altar Society

Jan Paver
Sue Poole

Coffee Hour

Lisa Fairbairn

11	OCT, 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
12	OCT, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
13	OCT, TUE	● 12 – 1pm	Meeting - Ladies Lounge, Church
14	OCT, WED	● 9 – 10am	Yolanda M. - room 13 school
		● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study- Parish Hall
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club (NSC) Room #3
15	OCT, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
16	OCT, FRI	● All day	Jane Dough - School Kitchen
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
		● 9 – 11:30pm	Yuta Basketball Rental gym
17	OCT, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall
		● All day	Gym- School Event -set up



Remember Our Homebound

Ann Cook
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Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

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

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



One vase for Breast Cancer Awareness Month from Claudia and Mike Williamson.

One vase in honor of my daughter Brooke's birthday from Jean Peedle.

Attendance Last week: 10.4.2026– Attendance – 8:30am - 138 + 11am - 39 = 177
Communion - 148

Received week of 10.4.2026 for **Church** (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$12,794** total includes online giving
School - \$715



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Christ Our Savior – Livonia – 734-522-6830 November 19—Forever Young: Winter at the Train Station

Get ready for the holiday season at the historic Detroit Train Station! Forever Young is organizing a trip for \$70/person, which includes a guided tour provided by Detroit Historical Tours, family-style lunch at Roman Village Cucina Italiana (9924 Dix Ave, Dearborn), and round-trip bus transportation from **Christ Our Savior** parking lot. The bus will depart at 9am sharp. A signup sheet to reserve and confirm your participation is located at the Forever Young table in the **COS narthex**. Payment due by Nov 8 in designated envelopes delivered to **COS Office**, to Sunday Worship Offering Plate **at COS**, or to Linda Waara. We have 47 open spots!

There was a healthy turnout at FOG on the first Tuesday of October (6th). It was a lovely evening with sunshine and warm weather. The featured entree was a chicken pasta dish. The big hit, however, was the brownies, chocolate chip cookies and Oreo's. The kids were crazy for the brownies and they were gone first. One gentleman came to the table five times asking for more cookies. Clearly he had come to the right place for his sweet tooth needs. Pastor Nick provided a lesson on the importance of family and how love for family must be a priority in our lives. This topic is particularly meaningful for Pastor Nick as he is an 'in love' new father. All but two casseroles were consumed. We left the remaining casseroles in the kitchen for any late comers or next day meals. Thanks to everyone who provided a donation. This mission means so much to the children and adults who visit the church seeking a nutritious meal. The next Tuesday night meal for FOG is Nov. 3 (our church also provides a Wednesday meal, October 21st). Watch for the sign up Genius, if you didn't get it this month, it may have ended up in your spam. I am hearing Sign Up Genius and other things (such as attachments, or links) may be issues with Micro-Soft and AI. I welcome people who may know and could give me some direction.



**Young Adults: Christmas
at the Zoo! 🎄**

Join us for a group night at Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo this December! Scan the QR code to let us know you're interested and pick the dates that work for you. More details to come!

ST PAUL YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS Wreath
YOUTH GROUP
FUNDRAISER
Month of October

Wreaths will be delivered last week in November
Help the youth raise funds
for upcoming trips!!!!
QUESTIONS 248-974-3323

Save the Date

Road Rally @ COS

Youth 5th Grade-12th Grade

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21
2:30 - 6:00
Pizza Dinner Provided



Join us for Oktoberfest

Next Sunday, October 18th after the late service the School Board will be hosting a Trifecta event we are calling Oktoberfest. First, we will show Pastor Chris our appreciation for his service among us. Second, we will be having a free will catered dinner as a fund raiser for the school and third we will share a meal that provides an opportunity for Christian Fellowship. There will be a basket for you to put cards and notes for Pastor Chris. The meal will feature German cuisine and beer will be available as an additional fundraiser. (Oktoberfest, after all!!!). Please join us for a wonderful meal and great fellowship in the gym at 12:30. Use the QR code below to register so we know how much food to order. We have received a donation to cover the cost of the caterer so any donation you can provide will go directly to support the school.



♥ \$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser

“Train up a child in the way he should go...” — Proverbs 22:6

Our Lutheran school is more than a place of learning—it is a ministry where children grow in **faith, knowledge, and love for Jesus Christ**. We invite our congregation and school families to prayerfully participate in our **\$1–\$250 Envelope Fundraiser**.

Simply choose an envelope with the amount you would like to give, place your gift inside, and return it to the designated collection area. **Every envelope represents an investment in the lives and faith of our children.**

Whether you are able to give **\$1, \$25, \$100, \$250, or another amount**, your generosity helps provide a Christ-centered education and supports the teachers and ministry of our school.

Together, we can help nurture the next generation of faithful Christian leaders.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support of our Lutheran school ministry’s

Would you consider helping to keep this tradition alive?



Does it seem like we are recruiting early? Well, you are right.

Traditionally the Board of Evangelism organizes this event. As it turns out, this year 4 of the 7 members are unavailable on October 31. We would like to continue this event, but need to make sure we have enough people available the evening of the 31st to make it work. We can do the preliminary work but need to get our helpers lined up early. If you can spare a few hours, you will be truly appreciated. Sign up Genius will be arriving soon and a poster in the hall.



BLAZE ~ 2027 Bible-in-a-Year Reading Group

Have you ever read through the whole Bible? Join St. Paul in our new group called "BLAZE", where we will read through the whole Bible together in 1 year. We have a daily reading schedule that you can do on your own or with family or friends, and we'll meet together on **2nd & 4th Tuesdays (starting Jan 12) @ 6:30PM in the Parish Hall**. The reading plan starts **January 1, 2027**, so be sure to get the reading schedule before then! To join the

email list or see more info and resources like the reading plan, go to:

biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Blaze



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League supports a large number of national grants and Michigan grants through the MITEs we collect every year. October is one of four times a year that MITE boxes are collected. For the month of October, Women in Christ is featuring a mission grant entitled "Life and Hope for Moms in Need—Daughters on a Mission (The Luke Clinic)" in the amount of \$25,000. Life and Hope for Moms in Need: The Luke Clinic in Detroit provides free prenatal, postnatal, and infant care for uninsured and immigrant mothers and babies. This grant will support a registered nurse, bilingual education on safe delivery and newborn care, and essential testing, referrals, and medications. This ministry offers compassionate, dignified care to families with nowhere else to turn, reflecting Christ's love for the vulnerable. Please place your MITE box in the large MITE collection box in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up an empty box to fill for January!

St. Paul Endowment Fund News

Our Grant window is now open! There are \$2,450 in remaining Grant dollars for 2026. Please reach out to the church office to obtain a grant application.

Our St. Paul Endowment Fund just turned 15 years old in September! Through God's blessings and the generosity of our congregation, the Fund has continued to grow and support meaningful ministry opportunities.

We are now in our fifth year of awarding grants. Since the program began, the Endowment Fund has awarded more than **\$19,285** in grants to support ministry, outreach, education, and facility improvements.

Grants Awarded in the First Half of 2026

- Bible Quizzing – **\$500**
- Mission Trip – **\$1,500**
- LWML Convention – **\$1,000**

Previous Endowment Fund Grants Have Supported:

- National Youth Gathering (Texas)
- Belize Mission Trip
- Protect Young Eyes Technology Event
- Handbell Choir Storage Cases
- New Church Website
- Science & Chemistry Learning Materials
- Christmas Decorations
- Church Roof
- Church Administration Office Construction
- VBS T-Shirts
- Church Sign Refurbishment
- Marketing & Ministry Materials

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Endowment Fund** over the years. Every gift—large or small—is an investment in the future of St. Paul. Your generosity continues to make a lasting impact by supporting ministries that strengthen our church, serve our community, and share Christ's love with others. Please continue to keep the Endowment Fund in your prayers and consider making a gift as you are able. Together, we are building a legacy of faithful stewardship that will bless St. Paul for generations to come.

ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER
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Our Annual Fall Banquet

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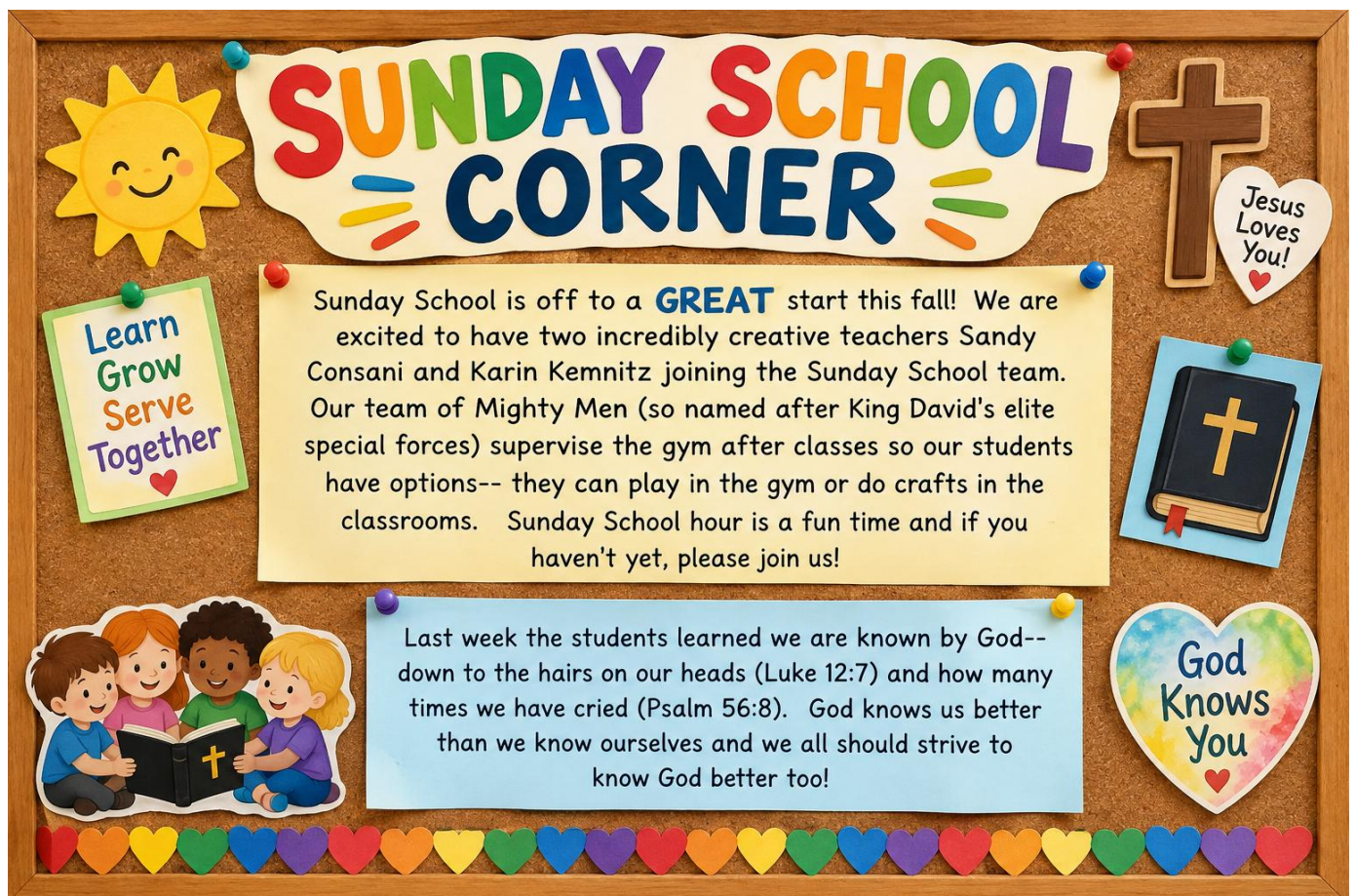
October 22, 2026
6:00-9:00pm

Italian American Banquet Center
39200 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154
www.awpcfriends.org/events

Featuring Dr. Marc Newman, Pro-Life Advocate



St. Paul has 3 reserved tables at the banquet. The tickets are discounted to \$50 if you reserve through the McGuigans. We are ready to take your reservation. Paying by check, write the check out to Pat McGuigan for \$50 per ticket or pay cash and your choice of either chicken or vegetarian meal. Questions contact Pat @ 734-718-8597. The deadline for getting discounted tickets from us is October 4.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Learn Grow Serve Together

Sunday School is off to a **GREAT** start this fall! We are excited to have two incredibly creative teachers Sandy Consani and Karin Kemnitz joining the Sunday School team. Our team of Mighty Men (so named after King David's elite special forces) supervise the gym after classes so our students have options-- they can play in the gym or do crafts in the classrooms. Sunday School hour is a fun time and if you haven't yet, please join us!

Last week the students learned we are known by God-- down to the hairs on our heads (Luke 12:7) and how many times we have cried (Psalm 56:8). God knows us better than we know ourselves and we all should strive to know God better too!

Jesus Loves You!

God Knows You