

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30am

May 18, 2025



In a Little While

**AS WE GATHER**

Sometimes Jesus' words sound like a riddle. "A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me" (*John 16:16*). "What do You mean, Lord? Like the disciples, we do not know what You are talking about." Taken away momentarily by death and now ascended into heaven, Jesus allows us to experience His presence among us through Word and Sacrament as we await the fullness of joy that will come in His presence in the new heavens and new earth. On that day, the dwelling of God is with people; and we will be His people and He will be our God.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**RINGING OF THE BELL**

# This Is The Day

Words and Music by  
Les Garrett

$\text{♩} = 120$

$E\flat$   $B\flat^6$   $B\flat^7$

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

**Solo** **Cong** **Solo** **Cong**

4  $B\flat^6$   $B\flat^7$   $A\flat^6/E\flat$   $E\flat$

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

**Solo** **Cong** **Solo** **Cong**

8  $A\flat^6/E\flat$   $E\flat$   $A\flat$   $E\flat$   $A\flat$

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

**Cong**

12  $E\flat/B\flat$   $B\flat^7_{\text{sus}}$   $B\flat^7$   $E\flat$

glad in it. This is the day,

14  $E\flat/B\flat$   $B\flat^7$   $E\flat$

this is the day that the Lord hath made.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. It features a single melodic line in the treble clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (4, 8, 12, 14) at the beginning. Chord symbols are placed above the staff, and performance instructions for 'Solo' and 'Cong' are enclosed in boxes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words aligned with specific notes or rests.

**OPENING SENTENCES**     *Psalm 148:1–3, 13*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**People: praise Him in the heights!**

Pastor: Praise Him, all His angels;

**People: praise Him, all His hosts!**

Pastor: Praise Him, sun and moon,

**People: praise Him, all you shining stars!**

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**People: for His name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Almighty God,

**People: We confess before You our sinful nature and sinful deeds. We do not like to wait for anything! As sinners we want and labor for things that perish, forgetting to set our affections on You and Your kingdom where true joys are found. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and fill us with the Spirit of truth that our sorrow may turn to joy.**

Pastor: The dwelling of God is with people. You are His Beloved, and Jesus is in our midst. He is and ever shall be. All your sins are washed in the blood of the Lamb and truly forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

## Soon And Very Soon *(Choir and Congregation)*

### Verse 1

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

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  
 Hallelujah!

### Verse 3

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  
 Hallelujah!

(Key Change)

### Verse 4

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 5

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  
 Hallelujah!

Soon and very soon



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You are the unseen presence in all human affairs, the unseen actor in the drama of our lives. Though our days are now marked by sorrow, in a little while we will see Jesus. Grant us Your Spirit that we may behold You through eyes of faith as You come among us by Your Word and Sacraments; 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** *Acts 11:1–18* (The Gentiles have received God’s Word.)

**Reader:** Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers<sup>1</sup> criticized him.

**People:** <sup>3</sup> **“You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!” they said.**

**Reader:** <sup>4</sup> Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. <sup>5</sup> “I was in the town of Joppa,” he said, “and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. <sup>6</sup> When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. <sup>7</sup> And I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.’

**People:** <sup>8</sup> **“‘No, Lord,’ I replied. ‘I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.’**

Reader: <sup>9</sup> "But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. <sup>12</sup> The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. <sup>13</sup> He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!'

**People:** <sup>15</sup> **"As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"**

Reader: <sup>18</sup> When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND READING**     *Revelation 21:1–7*     (God dwells with people.)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 16:12–22* (The Spirit of truth brings joy!)

<sup>12</sup> "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup> He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

<sup>16</sup> "In a little while you won't see me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see me again."

<sup>17</sup> Some of the disciples asked each other, "What does he mean when he says, 'In a little while you won't see me, but then you will see me,' and 'I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> And what does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, "Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won't see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. <sup>20</sup> I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. <sup>21</sup> It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. <sup>22</sup> So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.

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.



*Sit*

## Way Maker

*(Choir and Congregation)*

### Solo (Deb)

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

### Congregation & Choir

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 (Cong. Cont.)

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

### Verse 2 (Cong. Cont.)

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

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

### Chorus (Cong. Cont.)

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

**Solo:** That is who you are / **Cong:** That is who you are (4x)

**Solo:** 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

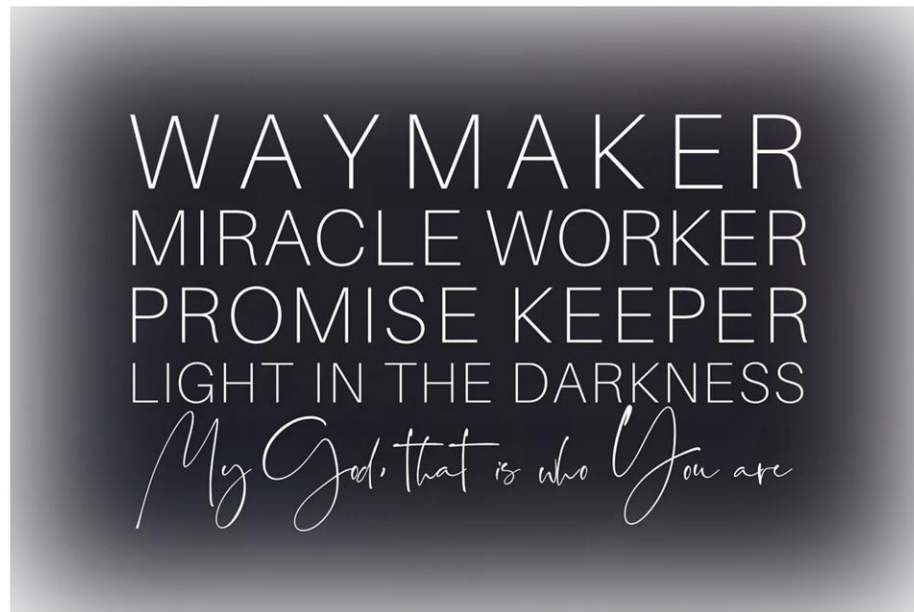
**Cong. & Choir:** Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working (3X)

You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working (2X)

**Chorus (Cong. Cont.)**

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

**Solo:** That is who you are / **Cong:** That is who you are (4x)



**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. Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. In hard times or good, help us to trust that You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives. Grant us patience and faith—patience to wait a little while to see Jesus and live forever in Your new creation, and faith to trust that in the meantime, You are truly present and active among us by Your Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God who makes all things new, we ask You to renew what is broken in this world. In both the public and private sectors, please rejuvenate systems of government, commerce, healthcare, industry, and service that people may become valued more than profit or power. Also by Your grace and Spirit, please continue healing the brokenness of individual people at every level of our society in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, who is trustworthy and true, You give us pastors and deacons to speak Your Word on Your behalf. Grant faithfulness to these men that they may serve as under the cross, ever pointing others toward the Savior. With Your love and tender mercies, visit the sick and all who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, 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

**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.**

### Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

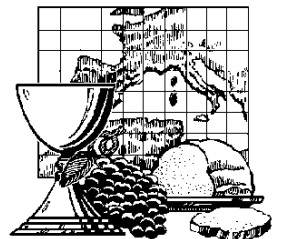
**People: And also with you.**

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.*

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. ++*

### 628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
 That earth and hell combined  
 May not about this sacrament  
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
 To thank You day and night  
 For Your true body and true blood,  
 O God, my peace and light.

## 626 COME, LET US EAT

*Leader*

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

*All*

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.

*Leader*

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

*All*

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.



## 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

## There Was Jesus

*(Duet - Deb Spradley / Paul Ventimiglia)*

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  
 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.

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your own dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. He has accomplished salvation for us and brought us from being no people to being **Your people**. Bring to completion all that He began, that our sorrows be turned to joy and we be strengthened in faith and live in confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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**

## God is Good

May your struggles keep you near the cross  
And may your troubles show that you need God  
And may your battles end the way they should  
And may your bad days prove that God is good  
And may your whole life prove that God is good



# G O D I S G O O D

HIGH VOX (ax) (HARM) F C/E Dm C G/B Am G C F C Dm C

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May your strug-gles keep you near the cross. And may your trou-bles show that

A  
B

LOW VOX (MEL) G/B Am G7 C F C/E Dm7 C B7sus E7 Am C

you need God. And may your bat-tles end the way they should. And may your

F C/E F Am7 D7 G7 C F C/E F (G) Am

bad days prove that God is good. ♯ may your whole life prove that

1. D7 G7 C 2. D7 G7 C FINE

God is good. ♯ may your God is good. FINE

Detailed description: This is a handwritten musical score for the hymn 'God is Good'. It is written on a grand staff with two systems of staves. The top system is for guitar, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom system is for vocal parts, with a soprano (S) and alto (A) part on the top staff and a tenor (T) and bass (B) part on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score includes various musical notations such as chords, accidentals, and dynamic markings. The title 'G O D I S G O O D' is written in large, spaced-out letters at the top. The page number '18' is at the top center.



**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**

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Will Hoffmeier
Reader	Jan Faerber

St Paul's Choral Ensemble	Lisa Fairbairn Cheryl Bailey Nancy Berg-Crenshaw Anne Burgess Chris Burgess John Hasse Barbara Hoffmeier Will Hoffmeier Linda Johnson Rich Johnson Chris Englert Sue Roman Jeff Shapiro
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Guest Artists	Deb Spradley / Voice John Slitti / Perc Liam Gallegos / Bass
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Welcome Center	Kathy Verseman
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Ushers	John Nordbeck Barry Helmick Katie Helmick Carole Crete Paul Kemp
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Greeters	Lisa Fairbairn
Tech Team	Patrick Baker
Counters	Jan Paver David Tischler
Altar Society	Karen Frusti Sue Poole Christine Lewis
Coffee Hour	Board of Evangelism
Acolyte	Joshua Norton

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**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

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**Attendance** Last week: 5.11.2025– Attendance – 8am –120 + 11am – 66 = 186

**Received** week of 5.11.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$14,023.44** total includes online giving School - **\$714.10**

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**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Joyce Carr  
1066 Washington Circle  
Northville, MI 48167

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*Altar Flowers*



*One vase in memory of Virginia Kleiner’s birthday from Diane and Joel Robinson.  
One vase in honor of Jerry and Valeria Krause’s wedding anniversary from Cheryl and Stan McGown.*

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

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18	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 12:30 – 3:30pm	Drop in volleyball (6th grade and up)
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
21	MAY, WED	● All day	School Musical 6 pm - church
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	School Musical
22	MAY, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
23	MAY, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY (Day 1/4)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
24	MAY, SAT	● All day	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY (Day 2/4)

## Voters Meeting Sunday – May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:45am- Church Parish Hall



The Board of Social of Ministry will be having a **Graduate Recognition** the first part of June. We are making a “Picture Board” to display in church. **If you have a 2025 High School or College Graduate** we would like the name, the school, a picture, and a brief mention of what the graduate’s future plans are. Please send the same to Cheryl Koch: [CKoch2rn@gmail.com](mailto:CKoch2rn@gmail.com) or drop off at church office. **Before May 31**



For the month of May, Women in Christ is honoring the LWML Mission Grant entitled New Shepherds for South Sudan (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) for \$18,000. The people of South Sudan are in need of the gospel, living in extreme poverty, civil war, famine, and disease, with average life expectancy of only 56 years. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan (ELCSS) has more than 200 congregations, but fewer than 80 pastors to serve them. Need for new pastors is great, as each pastor is responsible for preaching God's word to at least three congregations, often long distances apart. Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Macomb, MI, has partnered with ELCSS to establish a seminary, the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) to provide theological education for new pastors. These CLIHM seminarians come from extreme poverty and do not have funds to cover educational costs. This grant would support five South Sudan seminarians for one year, providing tuition, supplies, room and board. Please consider this great need when you fill your MITE box this month.

## **MAY MOVIE NIGHT**

**IT'S FREE**

**SATURDAY MAY 24 @ 5 PM**

**TBD**

**PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN**

**Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go  
enjoy a night out.**

**Please contact me if you have any questions.**

**Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director**

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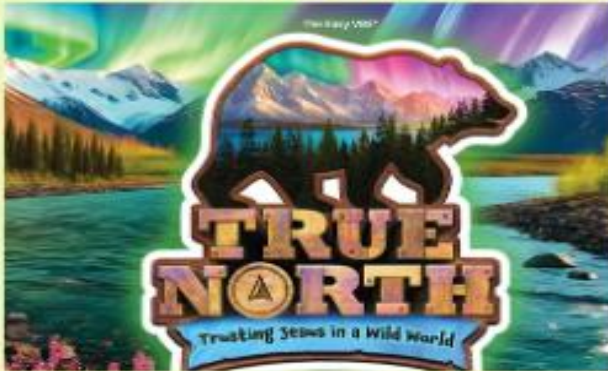
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**JUNE 15-19**  
**VBS**

**AGES-3YRS-5TH GRADE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 6TH GRADE AND OLDER**



**ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**REGISTRATION LINK:**

**[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SPLTRUENORTH](https://vbspro.events/p/spltruenorth)**

**Starts June 15th**  
**@ 5:00pm with**  
**Fried Chicken**  
**dinner**

**June 16-19**  
**9am-NOON**



**ACTIVITIES:**

- **BIBLE STORIES**
- **GAMES**
- **MUSIC & FUN**
- **ARTS & CRAFTS**

**201 ELM ST**  
**NORTHVILLE, MI**

Barbara Hoffmeier will be leading a team of ten members from St Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, Michigan, May 10th through the 17th, with MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunity Short Term.) They will be conducting Eyeglass Clinics in two different locations during the week and hope to distribute about 1000 pairs of prescription glasses and sunglasses. The location is Amatitlan in the Western Highlands of Guatemala.

The BLOG to follow their

progress is: <https://guatemalateam2504missiontrip.blogspot.com/> You can send her a message at: [bhoffmeier3@gmail.com](mailto:bhoffmeier3@gmail.com) St Paul sent a team there in April of 2018 for a Construction Project and to teach Health and Hygiene classes. *Please keep Barbara and the team in your prayers for safety, good health, and many opportunities to share the Good News so they will "see" Jesus!*

Spring has sprung! We sure could use your assistance in sprucing up the grounds on Saturday, May 31, 9am - 1pm, or any part thereof! Hotdogs for lunch. Bring your rake, trimmer, edger, gloves, and other outdoor tools you would like to use. Just as your home yard needs attention after the winter, so your Church home needs some attention as well. This is rated an "easy, entry level" project for those who would like to serve , but don't know where to begin helping out at your Church home. Rain or shine, indoor or out-of-door, we will be ready with projects! Contact Mark Faerber, Trustee if you have questions. 734 686 2100.

A great big thank you to our Chicken Tetrazzini Casserole makers, Julia Smith, Mary Lou Jaussi, Janet & Bill Kovalak, Claudia Williamson ,Kathy Verseman, Jeanette Koch, Gretchen Hasse and welcome Kathleen McFall our newest helper. Carolyn Nieuwkoop & Marcy Treder made salad for us and Karen Frusti & Carole Crete brought rolls and Carole also brought the butter. Beth & Chuck Hempel brought all the fruit, bananas, their favorite they always ask for an extra for their pocket. Chocolate and white Milk - Jan Faerber, juice - Anne Burgess and a case of water - Shelly Walldorff. Cheryl, Jan and Lisa made all the desserts and there are never leftovers of those, they love them , whatever it is they eat them all up. Our servers were Claudia and Mike Williamson, Pat McGuigan, and Shelly Walldorff. We thank Margo for organizing the kitchen and Marcy for putting together our paper products. Pat shared that Ben helped them serve, he finished up at Concordia and is going to St. Louis for Seminary, Pat said he was a joy to serve with. Michelle who was beaten up over a month ago still needs our prayers as her physical signs are fading the inside ones are not. Family of God is getting a new pastor, number 3, more information on him to come. Thank you all for helping those that need a warm meal and some social contact, "Family" of God.

**Top 2 winners will receive prizes**

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER**

**EUCHRE**

Calling all Euchre fans to join us for  
A NIGHT OF FUN

**SATURDAY MAY 31**  
at ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Check-in: 5:30 PM  
Game starts 6:00 PM

**\$15 PER PERSON**  
**\$25 PER COUPLE**  
**\$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12**

**Appetizers, Lemonade,  
Pop, Beer, & Wine**

All proceeds benefits the youth going to  
New Orleans

For more information, please call 248-349-3146  
<https://forms.gle/VWothOrdDP6xFwsj9>