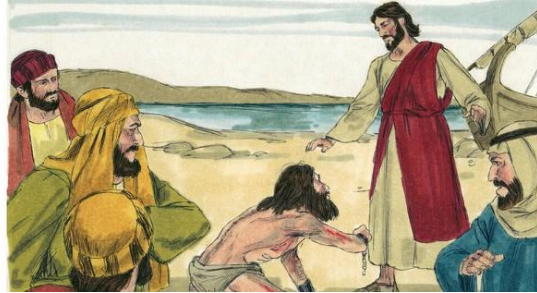


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am

June 22, 2025

**I Will Not Keep Silence****AS WE GATHER**

The demon-possessed man had known tombs, pigs, and "holier-than-thou" loneliness. Just as He does for us, Jesus heals him and sends him away saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you" (*Luke 8:39*). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that our lives will show that we too are worthy of Christ's name!

As Jesus shows His power over demons in healing a possessed man, a battle is won. But a greater victory over Satan and destroying all we ever need fear would be fought and won as He laid His life down on the cross, fulfilled in the promised resurrection victory to follow. Scripture is our history but also our present and our future as it was written and continues to be proclaimed as we gather together and as we live each day with the assurance of Christ victorious over death, the grave, and all things.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is gladness
 Amid all sadness,
 Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By Thee are given
 The gifts of heaven,
 Thou the true Redeemer art.
 Our souls Thou wakest,
 Our bonds Thou breakest;
 Who trusts Thee surely
 Has built securely;
 He stands forever: Alleluia!
 Our hearts are pining
 To see Thy shining,
 Dying or living
 To Thee are cleaving;
 Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,
 We fear no powers,
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.
 He sees and blesses
 In worst distresses;
 He can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story
 Tell of His glory
 With hearts and voices;
 All heav'n rejoices
 In Him forever: Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness,
 Triumph o'er sadness,
 Love Him and praise Him
 And still shall raise Him
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt 28:19b*

People: Amen.

Pastor: Arise, O Lord!

People: Save me, O my God! Psalm 3:7

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge . . .

People: for You are my rock and my fortress. Psalm 71:3

Pastor: Salvation belongs to the Lord;


People: Your blessing be on Your people! Psalm 3:8

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In Eden, our first parents listened to the voice of Satan and disobeyed the voice of God. By their actions they allowed sin and death into world. We have continued in their footsteps, enslaved to sin, bound to die, and all too often captive to the voice of Satan. Let us go before our God and Father, confessing our sins and asking Him for forgiveness.

Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are in captivity to sin. We are powerless to overcome death. On our own, we are no match for the power of Satan. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Free us from our enemies. Restore our broken relationships with You and with one another.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you so that your sins may be forgiven, that death would be destroyed, and that Satan would be defeated. 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. We are freed from our enemies. We are freed to serve in God's kingdom and speak His teachings. We will not remain silent.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the liberator and defender of all people. Free us from the power of sin, death, and Satan, that we may serve You and our neighbors with joy and gladness, for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Galatians 3:23---4:7 (*Heirs According to the Promise*)

Reader: ²³ Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

²⁴ Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. ²⁵ And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

People: ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Reader: Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ² They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. ³ And that's the way it was with us before Christ came.

People: We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

Reader: ⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."

People: ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child.

Reader: And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39 (*Jesus heals a demon-possessed man.*)

Reader: ²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice,

People: "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"

Reader: ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. ³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

People: "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Reader: ³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

People: ³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.

Reader: ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

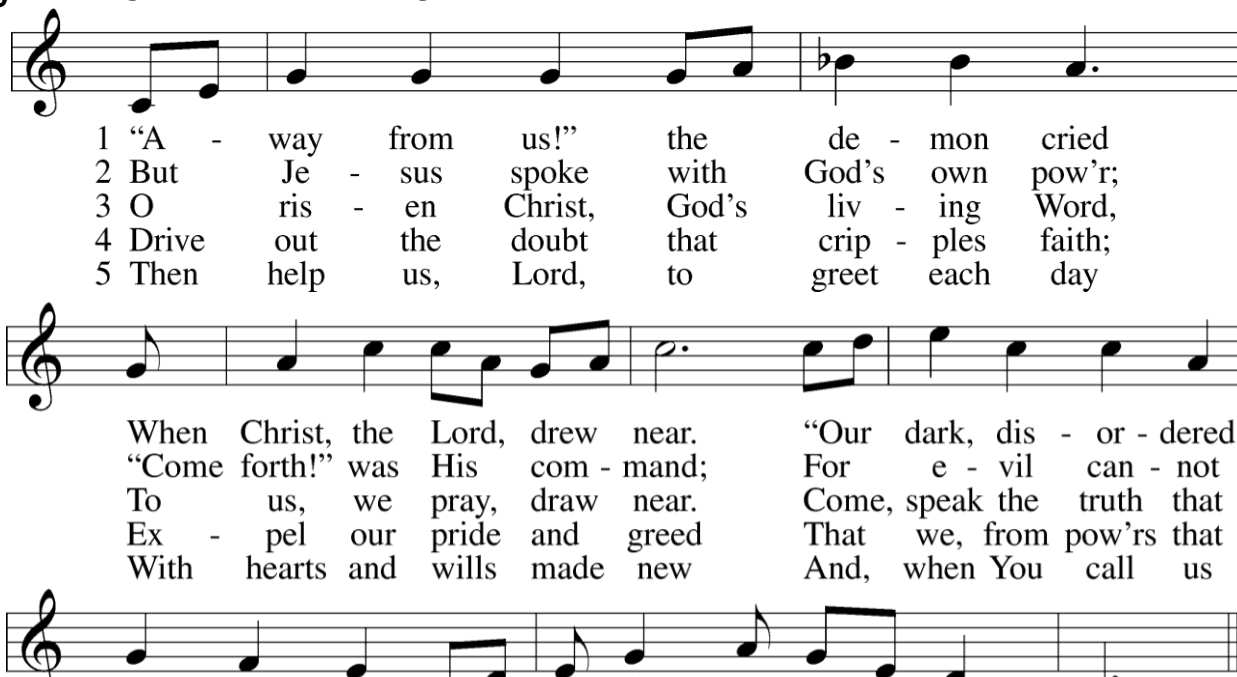
People: Praise to You, O Christ.



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.

541 "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried



1 "A - way from us!" the de - mon cried
 2 But Je - sus spoke with God's own pow'r;
 3 O ris - en Christ, God's liv - ing Word,
 4 Drive out the doubt that crip - ples faith;
 5 Then help us, Lord, to greet each day

When Christ, the Lord, drew near. "Our dark, dis - or - dered
 "Come forth!" was His com - mand; For e - vil can - not
 To us, we pray, draw near. Come, speak the truth that
 Ex - pel our pride and greed That we, from pow'rs that
 With hearts and wills made new And, when You call us

world is lost When You, the Light, ap - pear!"
 bear the Light Nor sin the Truth with - stand.
 cleans - es sin With love that con - quers fear.
 threat - en us, May, by Your grace, be freed.
 forth to serve, To rise and fol - low You.

MESSAGE

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. Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon all the nations of the earth, give them leaders who seek after justice and peace,

People: and lead all people to the freedom of Your Gospel.

Pastor: Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness as the feet of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word.

People: Empower them to resist Satan's lies with the truth of Your Word.

Pastor: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.

People: that they find help and hope among Your people.

Pastor: Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. 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 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.

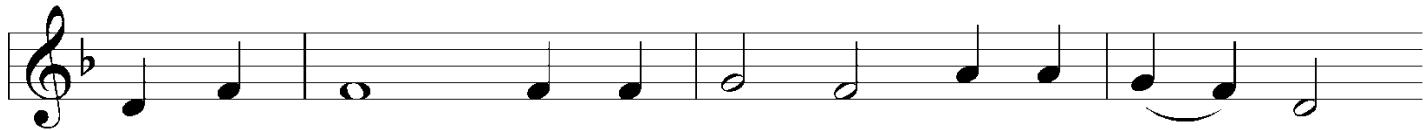
BENEDICTION *John 16:33*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world."
 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**RECESSIONAL HYMN 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.



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
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Reader	Mark Ernst
Greeters	Poole Family
Welcome Center	Pat McGuigan
Ushers	John Hasse Charleen Hill Bob McGuigan Pat McGuigan
Counters	Melissa Raikes Kathy Verseman Dennis Verseman
Acolyte	Matthew Hibbard

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

Attendance Last week: 6.15.2025– Attendance – 8am –97+ 11am –70 = 167

Communion – 132

Received week of 6.15.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$12,283** total includes online giving School - **\$214.98**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Marlene Shoebridge
 303 Pennell
 Northville, MI 48167
 248-349-5697



Altar Flowers

One vase in honor of my wife Pat's birthday from Bob McGuigan.

*One vase in honor of our devoted members, Jerry and Val Krause
 and Will and Barbara Hoffmeier from Ann Kelly.*

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

22	JUN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
23	JUN, MON	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 – 3:30 (Day 1/5)
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
24	JUN, TUE	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 – 3:30 (Day 2/5)
25	JUN, WED	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 – 3:30 (Day 3/5)
26	JUN, THU	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 – 3:30 (Day 4/5)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
27	JUN, FRI	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 – 3:30 (Day 5/5)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall



We are looking for an additional member for the Tech team, 8:30am service. No need for any technical ability and we'll train you. Primary duties are advancing the PowerPoint slides and at times, changing the camera angle for the on-line service recording. Please contact the church office at 248-349-3140 or stpaulnorthville@ameritech.net if you can volunteer. Thank you so much- Paul Ventimiglia

Praise Rock Band (ALL ages) and Craft Time for Children

Kristen Goodman will lead arts, crafts and open gym time for children on alternate Sundays starting June 29, 2025 in Room 5 of the school. If there is an adult male who would like to play basketball, dodge ball or another game with the boys on one of these Sundays, please see Mrs. Goodman.

Praise Rock Band will take place on alternate Sundays starting June 22, 2025 in Room 12 in the lower level of the school. This is open to ALL ages. We'll be playing beginner-level songs and will have available positions in piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, cowbell and vocals. Led by Jeni Huggins - please see her or text 248-787-0480 if you have any questions, or just show up. We will work toward offering a few songs to a small audience on Rally Day, September 7, 2025.

Sundays - Approximately 9:35 am - 10:55 am

June 22, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
June 29, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 6, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 13, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 20, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 27, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 3, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 10, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 17, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 24, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 31, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
September 7, 2025	Rally Day - Praise Rock Band concert?



NORTHVILLE JULY 4TH PARADE
THEME: Hometown USA
OUR INTERPRETATION:
“God Loves Northville
Our Hometown”

How you can help:



1. Candy, Candy, Candy. We can use donated candy to pass out during the parade. It must be wrapped and no chocolate or melty candy. There will be a donation box in the hall.



2. We are walking and handing out candy and pencils so we need as many walkers as available to give a strong presence in the community.

3. Any questions, contact Patrick Baker or any Board of Evangelism member.

Thank you for wherever you can help.

We need Coffee Hour Helpers. I looked at our schedule yesterday and we need three coffee hours covered in June, two in July and four in August. Can you and others team up to help out? Summers are always a bit tough to get volunteers but if you can help, it sure will be appreciated. Everyone enjoys coffee hour and fellowship.

Here is a suggestion for coffee hour (or any variation):

Crackers/Cheese

Fruit

(2) Egg Dishes or deviled eggs

Pastries (3) Such as donuts, bagels, coffee cakes,

French toast casserole or breads

Juice

Coffee cream

3 servers are enough, please try to take everything home with you that was not eaten. Most times the freezer foods do not get used. We also ask that someone from your group take the towels home to wash and return, the next Sunday is fine. We need to remove all the garbage as well.



Coffee Hour Board Members: Jan Paver, Sue Poole or Claudia Williamson.

Thank you very much. Happy Summer

Health care in the United States is easily available, but for those in Haiti this is not the case. For the month of June, Women in Christ will be featuring the mission grant entitled Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti, in the amount of \$25,000. Funds raised will be used to begin furnishing a medical clinic on the island of Ile-a-Vache, Haiti. Once the clinic is established, the Caribbean Children's Foundation will provide to the island's residents basic health care, laboratory and pharmacy services, and opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, health care is a long, often unaffordable, weather-permitting boat trip to the mainland. Please help raise the funds for this badly needed clinic by filling your MITE Box.

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IN THE PARK

**FREE CONCERT HOSTED BY
ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER**

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

4PM - 7PM

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Wednesday, June 25 - ALL DAY

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