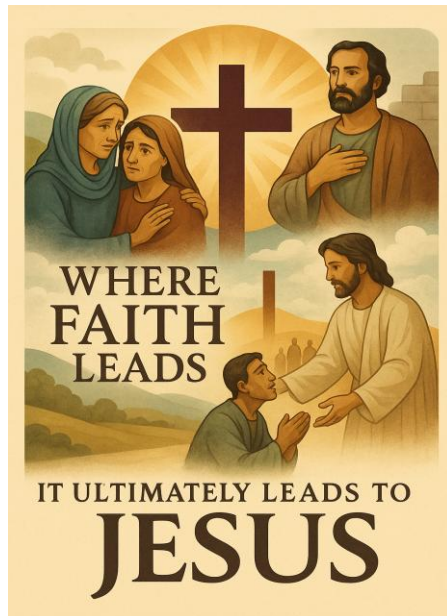


**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30

October 12, 2025



Guided by Faith

**AS WE GATHER**

In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi's difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Jim Frusti**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,  
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
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## INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**     *Psalm 111:1–8*

**Pastor:** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People:** **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

**Pastor:** Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

**People:** **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**Pastor:** He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

**People:** **He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**Pastor:** The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;

**People:** **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old**

3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,  
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,  
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.  
 To hands that work and eyes that see  
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and  
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    *2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13; Psalm 111:9–10*

Pastor: As we come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, we hear the words of encouragement from Paul to young Timothy: “You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

**People: God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we seek strength away from where You promise to be present with Your Word and in Your means of grace, and for the times we have not desired the grace found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Pastor: “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

**People: We confess we have chosen the easy way out when our following and serving of Jesus becomes difficult for our lives, forsaking Your name and the name You have given us in Baptism.**

Pastor: “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.”

**People: We confess we have not remembered the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin, death, and the devil, through His sacrificial death and rising from the dead. Because of this, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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: The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him,

**People: we will also live with Him;**

Pastor: if we endure, we will also reign with Him;

**People: if we deny Him, He also will deny us;**

Pastor: if we are faithless,

**People: He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.**

Pastor: Our faithful God, the one 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 sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

**People: Holy and awesome is His name!**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**People: His praise endures forever!**

### ☩ WORD ☩

#### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in times of suffering, You invite Your people to call upon You in the day of trouble, for You will deliver and Your people will glorify You. In our times of need, be with us.

**People: As we follow and bear Your name in our lives and in our witness, through Your Spirit enliven our faith that we may be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, who we are called to always remember is risen from the dead;**

Pastor: 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**     *Ruth 1:1–19a*     (Ruth's loyalty to widow Naomi)

**Naomi Widowed**

**1** In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. **2** The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, **5** and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

**Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi**

**6** Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. **7** So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. **8** But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. **10** And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." **11** But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, **13** would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." **14** Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

**15** And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." **16** But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. **17** Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." **18** And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

## Naomi and Ruth Return

<sup>19</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE *2 Timothy 2:1–13*

(A good soldier of Christ Jesus)

<sup>2</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11–19*

(Jesus cleanses ten lepers.)

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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.**

**685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;

All discomforts that annoy  
 Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
 Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
 Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
 Since by death He conquered death,  
 He will free us from destruction,  
 Give to us immortal breath.  
 Let us mortify all passion  
 That would lead us into sin;  
 And the grave that shuts us in  
 Shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here with You I die,  
 There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
 He has risen from the dead  
 That to life we may awaken.  
 Jesus, You are now our head.  
 We are Your own living members;  
 Where You live, there we shall be  
 In Your presence constantly,  
 Living there with You forever.  
 Jesus, let me faithful be,  
 Life eternal grant to me.

## **SERMON – Pastor Jim Frusti – “Faithful God, Faithful People”**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *2 Timothy 2:8, 13*

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of everlasting mercy, You offer Your salvation and redemption to all people with forgiveness assured through faith in Your Son. As You did for Your people of old, including Ruth and Naomi, grant us trust in Your provision and direction, even amid trials we may face. Help us to endure and to also point others to the help and hope You offer and sustain by Your grace. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

**People: hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.**

Pastor: Ever-sustaining Lord, who strengthens by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, encourage us by Your servant Paul. As he endured persecution and prison for the sake of Your Gospel for the salvation of the world, sustain us in our faith and in our witness. Grant strength to endure the trials and sufferings in this world, and to remain firm in faith when we bear Your name as Your baptized and redeemed

people. Soften hearts of those who reject Your Word and grace and pour out Your Spirit that many more may come to know Your mercy, which is known and shown through Your Son. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

**People: hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.**

Pastor: Healing Lord, out of compassion, Jesus healed the ten lepers afflicted by disease. Be with those who suffer in body and mind with disease, diagnosis, and despair. We especially lift up to You those who have asked for our prayers, [*including . . .*]. For those afflictions and ailments known only to You, grant the comfort of Your presence and healing according to Your will. We thank You for the healing of our greatest afflictions faced against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. Through hardships, as we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

**People: hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.**

Pastor: Into Your hands 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.

## **Service of the 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.

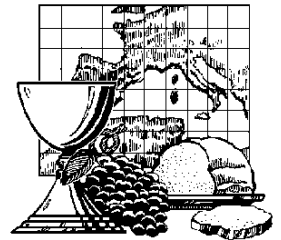
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## 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.



## 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. ++**

### 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you  
outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules  
and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;

With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks  
endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

## 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
 3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
 4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
 5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
 hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
 nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
 love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
 giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
 stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
 sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
 sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

**664 Fight the Good Fight**

1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus through His true body and blood that has been received. Strengthen us by grace, amid suffering, to remain in faith toward You and show fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**CLOSING SENTENCES** *2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13*

Pastor: Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**People: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.**

Pastor: Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

**People: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.**

Pastor: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

**People: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you.

**People: Amen.**

**THE INVITATIONS****922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river

I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.



**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  
 Reader

Pastor Jim Frusti  
 Paul Ventimiglia  
 Jeanette Koch  
 Mark Potter  
 Karen Frusti

Greeter

Jan Paver

Welcome Center

Patrick Baker

Ushers

Jerry Krause  
 Ron Breuhan  
 Marty Jenter  
 Mike Huskey  
 Elyse Huskey

Tech Team

Corey Kovocho

Altar Society

Jan Paver  
 Lisa Fairbairn

Coffee Hour

OPEN

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

**Attendance** Last week: 10.05.2025– Attendance – 8:30am –91 + 11:00am – 71 = 162

**Communion** - 145

**Received** week of 10.05.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$7,796** total includes online giving School - **\$16.20**

12	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 school gym
13	OCT, MON	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Parish Hall
14	OCT, TUE	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 5:45 – 6:45pm	Little League BQ Practice - Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Allen Terrace Harvest Meal- Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	JV/Varsity BQ Practice - Parish Hall
15	OCT, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner Kitchen 2-5pm 7354 Whittaker St
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club (NSC) Room #3
16	OCT, THU	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
17	OCT, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
18	OCT, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall

**Altar Flowers**



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

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

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

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Ruth Natiw  
 Story Point of Northville  
 44600 Five Mile Road  
 Northville Twp., MI 48168



**Newcomer Class** is beginning soon! Are you **NEW** to St. Paul Lutheran? Join us Wednesday evenings **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm** in the church parish hall. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and always. Whether you are new to our church or looking to transfer from another church home, this open discussion group is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Please call the church office to register! 248-349-3140 ext. 10. **All are welcome!** If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church,

**THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!**

**Childcare provided – please call church office if needed. 248-349-3140**

\$\$\$\$ **Endowment Fund News** \$\$\$\$

Our grant window is now open through November 14<sup>th</sup> for the second half of 2025, and we have \$2575 in grant dollars remaining. Please contact the church office for an application.

St. Paul's Endowment Fund 2024 year-end balance was **\$96,665.36** which generates **\$4825** in grant dollars available for 2025. We are headed into our fourth year of grants and have been able to give over \$13,750 in total grants. Here is a re-cap of



what the Endowment Fund

has supported thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- \$450 Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction
- \$2000 Church Roof
- \$450 VBS T-Shirts
- \$500 Bible Quizzers
- \$1000 New Church Website
- \$500 School science experiment/chemistry supplies
- \$2000 Church sign refurbishment project (2025)
- \$250 Bible Quizzers (2025)

Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to donate to our Endowment Fund.

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## Be part of the St. Paul group in support of AWPC at the Fall Banquet



St. Paul has 3 tables reserved so we can sit together. The tickets are \$50 until October 1. If you reserve through McGuigans you can avoid the service charge and we will add you to our list. We are ready to take reservations. If you are paying by check, write the check out to Pat McGuigan (not AWPC) for \$50 per ticket or pay cash and your meal choice of either chicken or vegetarian. Questions contact Bob @ 734-751-3018 or Pat @ 734-718-8597.

**Rebekah's powerful story of reversing a chemical abortion and choosing life for her son is a testament to courage and redemption.**

Another MOST eyeglass mission trip is currently being planned for April 11-18 2026 at a mission church in the town of Pasaquina in El Salvador. MOST has only recently established a presence in El Salvador, and we are excited to be among the first MOST missions to that country. We are establishing an email contact list for anyone who would like to be kept informed as we go forward with the planning. The list is not only for "goers", people considering going on the trip, but also for "senders", people who might want to be involved with supporting the team with fundraisers, etc. There is no commitment so if you would like to be kept informed, please forward your email address to Chris Burgess at [chris.burgess917@gmail.com](mailto:chris.burgess917@gmail.com).





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

This year we'll be learning Paul's letters of 1&2 Corinthians. 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!). Practices will be in the church Parish Hall on Tuesdays @ 6:45PM (2nd-6th grade) or @ 7PM (7th-12th grade), starting August 26. Competitions are 2nd Saturdays from October to March.

Adult volunteers are also needed! No knowledge of the material or Bible Quizzing rules is required. We just need lots of helpers who are good with kids to help at 1 practice each week and monthly competitions!

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



**Sunday School** - Sunday School classes for children in grades PreK – 6th grade begin on Sunday, September 14, 2025, and are held from 9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in Room 5 in the school. If you have any questions about Sunday School class, please see Mrs. Goodman - (248) 662-7580. If you have any questions about praise music for children at St. Paul church, please see Mrs. Huggins – (248) 787-0480. Confirmation class is for those in grades 7 – 8 and is held in Room 3 in the school starting at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please see Jeanette Koch or Pastor Chris. The High School Sunday Morning Class (grades 9-12) will begin meeting (in our new room #13 located in the lower level of the school.) next Sunday September 21 @9:45am. Come check out our new space!

Surviving the Holidays seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death will be held Saturday, November 1, from 9:00am-12:00pm at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia). The seminar features practical suggestions and encouragement through video interviews with counselors, grief experts, & other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, & where to find comfort & strength. Please RSVP by Oct. 26 online (<https://www.griefshare.org/events/262273>) or with Josh Kittleman (586-453-9399 or [joshk@choursavior.org](mailto:joshk@choursavior.org)).



**Thank You for Supporting the**

**Baby Bottle Drive!**

Thanks to your generous hearts, **\$2,712 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!*



Ladies, we would like to invite you to attend our Lutheran Women in Mission Fall Rally, October 25, 2025. We will be at St Michael in Wayne, registration begins at 9:00 and the rally begins at 9:30. We invited Rita Carioti, she is the founder of "We Are Plarners". Margo uses her plastic crocheted mats for her blessing bags. There will be a business meeting to follow, you are welcome to stay or leave after the speaker. We will have snacks all morning. The ingathering is small clothes 0-6 months, diapers (especially 3-6) and wipes for the Swaddling Clothes Ministry at St. Michael. If you would like, you can bring a few plastic bags, scissors and a ruler to try to make the plarn (plastic yarn). They use a special 'Q' crochet hook but we will not be doing that at our rally. She will have some available for purchase at \$3.00 if you want. Contact Nancy Berg or Sue Poole if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.



## BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER



You can choose Memorial  
or Honorium brick  
to support the new church sign.  
Cost of each brick will be  
**\$125.00 (\$6 extra for symbol)**  
We will be laying the brick garden in  
front of the new sign.  
More information to follow

**GRADES 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**



ALL MISSIONS ARE IN  
NORTHVILLE

**ROAD RALLY  
GOOSECHASE**

**ST PAUL  
NORTHVILLE  
HOSTING**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



**DON'T MISS  
OUT ON A  
FUN TIME!**

**SATURDAY  
11/22/25  
2:30-6:00**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, LWML, supports a large number of national 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, our local chapter, Women in Christ, is supporting a mission grant requested by POBLO International for starting an Afghan Ministry in Michigan. The grant funds raised, \$1,550, will be used to support a female Afghan bilingual coordinator as well as provide Bibles and Luther's Small Catechism in the refugees' native language. Transportation to programs and events will also be provided for all participants. Women in Christ graciously thanks you for helping us fulfill our mission grants over the years

### Help Continue the Legacy of St Paul's Lutheran School for Generations to Come

Our St. Paul's family would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support of our school over the years... We sadly are faced with the possibility of our precious preschool being closed due to low enrollment. This would be important for the future of our school. With the help of your generous donations and a leap of faith, we are asking to share this GoFundMe link and QR Code with all your friends, family and even employers.



The proceeds of this GoFundMe will be offsetting the deficit of this MAP year and providing the preschool with the ability to continue to enroll students and support its devoted staff. We already have children attending the preschool program and are continuing to receive in-person tour requests as well as submissions to our online enrollment portal.

We are hoping to enroll students and reach this goal by November 21st of 2025.

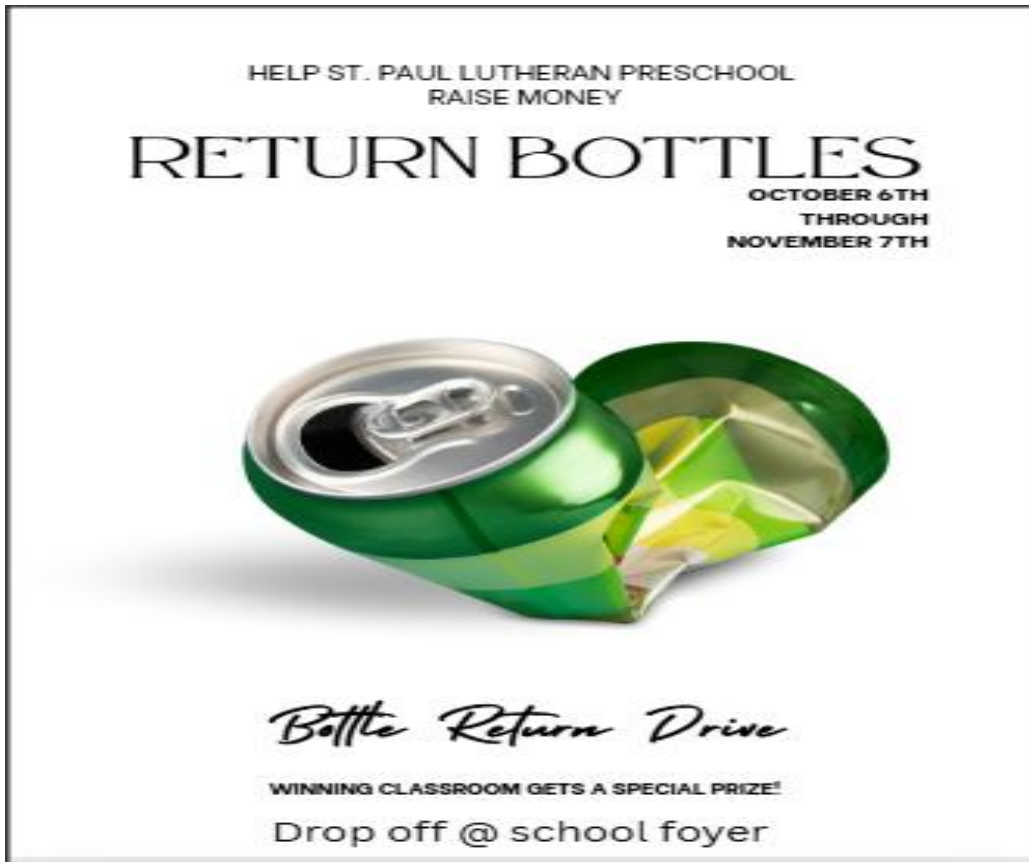
\* In the event we do not reach our goal of \$50,000 all donors will be given the option to be refunded or have their donation go towards supporting our K-8 program.

Please pray for our school... We love our children and want them to continue to grow in their faith and love of Jesus.



Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 (Wednesday) I took a group to **Family of God** to serve a special "Chinese" dinner, complete with : egg rolls, spring rolls, crab rolls, two kinds of rice, chow mein, dumplings, orange chicken, sesame chicken, beef and broccoli, beef and peppers, fortune cookies, almond cookies, salad, fresh fruit, multiple desserts , chop sticks, Chinese to go containers, and drinks- it was a big hit! If you haven't already been down to serve at Family of God in southwest Detroit, consider going- you won't regret it, it is a low commitment, family friendly fun way to show God's love to our brothers and sisters by serving a hot meal to them- Saint Paul commits to twice a month- the first Tuesday of the month and the third Wednesday. October 1<sup>st</sup> was a bonus meal 😊 If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office 248-349-3140 ext. 10 blessings, Margo.



# DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHRISTOPHER L. HALL



## 2025 Fall Concert Series

### *Trinity*

Join us for a presentation of music that explores themes of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit from classical and current composers including: Benjamin Britten, Dan Forrest, Rosephayne Powell, Randall Thompson and more.

Saturday, October 18, 2025  
@ 7:00 PM  
Meadowbrook  
Congregational Church  
21355 Meadowbrook Road  
Novi, Michigan

Sunday, October 19, 2025  
@ 3:00 PM  
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
1800 W. Maple Road  
Birmingham, Michigan

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE  
[WWW.DETROITLUTHERANSINGERS.COM](http://WWW.DETROITLUTHERANSINGERS.COM)

GENERAL ADMISSION \$15 / STUDENTS & SENIORS \$10 / CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE



**WHAT:** St. Paul Annual Trunk 'n Treat

**WHEN:** October 31 (6 pm – 8 pm)

**WHERE:** St. Paul Parking Lot and Church Parish Hall

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Watch for Signup Genius or a sign-up

poster if you prefer. We need help with set up, kitchen and servicing, candy and door prize donations. Our biggest need though is trunks with a goal of 8.

*Let's welcome our Northville neighbors and show them a good time with free parking as a bonus for the community.*