

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

April 7, 2019



Shattered Dreams; Dreams Fulfilled

AS WE GATHER

In Isaiah's day, the dreams of the nation of Israel had been shattered; they were in exile. But it was an opportunity to rely anew on God and His gracious plans for them when they would return. Saul had seen his Pharisaic dreams shattered when Jesus proclaimed Himself as the replacement for the sacrifice-filled temple. But newly made Paul was forever changed by the gift of Christ's righteousness, given even to him. The Jewish leaders held on to the nation and temple as if they were the owners, not mere tenants, as in Jesus' parable. When the kingdom was given to others, God's plans for all people were fulfilled. Our self-centered dreams must also be shattered so that God may transform and fulfill them as only His plans for us can. How then shall we live out this new life?

WELCOME – Pastor Chris Fairbairn

GATHERING FOR PRAISE (INVITATION)

OPENING PRAISE SONG:

**Come, Now is the Time to Worship
with Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your
heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your
heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

High and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

One day ev'ry tongue will confess
You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for
those
Who gladly choose you now

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Come, come, come

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Call to Worship:

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Leader: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness

People: Mercifully look upon Your people that our shattered self-serving dreams be transformed by Your life-giving power;

Pastor: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GATHERING FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)

Lord, I come, I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

Without You I fall apart

You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way

When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, you're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today we will receive our Lord's body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, let us make confession to our heavenly Father.

With God's Old Testament people, we remember His rescuing them and us from spiritual and physical enemies, that we might declare His praise.

People: But we confess that too often we still fear those who would harm us and deceive us, unsure of God's almighty protection.

Pastor: With generations before us who joyfully harvested their crops, we give thanks for all the great things the Lord has done for us.

People: But we confess that too often we focus on the gifts and forget the Giver. We are glad, but do not always give God the credit.

Pastor: With Paul and the saints before us, we proclaim the righteousness that comes from Christ alone through the God-given faith He has bestowed on us.

People: But we confess that too often we seek to impress God with our own righteousness. We hope He will answer prayers, thinking that we deserve to be heard.

Pastor: Although our Lord warned His opponents of the judgment they faced, because He, the rejected stone, has become the cornerstone on which the Church is built in grace and mercy, let us confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father,

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not made Christ our true foundation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death, He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who call on Him for forgiveness. As a called servant of Christ to this church body, I declare to you that in the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

People: Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:16–21* (God will do a brand new thing.)

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and
horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched
like a wick:

¹⁸ "Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not

perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for
myself that they might declare my
praise.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Philippians 3: 8–14* (All else is rubbish compared to knowing Christ.)

Reader: ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

People: ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Reader: ⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said,

People: **‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’** ¹⁴ **But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’** ¹⁵ **And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.**

Reader: What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said,

People: **“Surely not!”**

Reader: ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King (Arr. by Dan Galbraith)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness
'Til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when
Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song,
Now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be alone

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;

Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

O, to grace, how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Response to the Word

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs.

Let us pray for all who, like Israel in Isaiah's day, have had their dreams shattered, have been displaced from their homes, are living in refugee camps, or are forgotten in pockets of poverty and discrimination.

People: **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Restore them to their homes, lift their lives in dignity, and provide the food, clothing, and shelter they require.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who, like those in the psalm going to the temple, whose better, joyful, and bountiful times in the past seem like shattered dreams.

People: **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Console those who mourn loved ones, lost crops, and past prosperity. Strengthen and restore those who languish under ill health, inadequate nutrition, or unemployment.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all who, like the tenant farmers in Jesus' parable, have nightmares, fearing that the spiritual and physical blessings they enjoy must be held tightly as their own possessions.

People: **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Open the eyes of governmental leaders, corporation executives, and religious leaders to see their calling to care for others with the resources You provide. Show them how they may serve Your people in justice, compassion, and mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

We invite you to fill out our Friendship Card during the offering which is found on the back of the pew. Please pass your card to the center aisle and leave in pew.

At the Offering

How Great is Our God (Chris Tomlin)

The splendor of a King,
Clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise

My heart will sing
How great is our God

And my heart will sing
How great is our God

Name above all names
You are worthy of our praise

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Service of the Sacrament

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

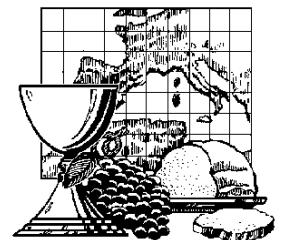
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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.



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. ++

Just As I Am
(Arr. By Dan Galbraith)

Just as I am without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidst me come to thee
O lamb of God I come, I come

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To thee whose blood can cleanse each
spot
O lamb of God I come, I come

I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desp'rate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God, just as I am

Just as I am I would be lost

But mercy and grace my freedom
bought
And now to glory in your cross
Oh lamb of God I come, I come

I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desp'rate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God, just as I am

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I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms
Praise God, just as I am

Through it All (HillSong)

You are forever in my life
You see me through the seasons
Cover me with Your hand
And lead me in Your righteousness

And I look to You
And I wait on You

I'll sing to You, Lord, a hymn of love
For Your Faithfulness to me
And I'm carried in everlasting arms
You'll never let me go through it all

You are forever in my life
You see me through the seasons
Cover me with Your hand
And lead me in Your righteousness

And I look to You
And I wait on You

I'll sing to You, Lord, a hymn of love
For Your Faithfulness to me
And I'm carried in everlasting arms
You'll never let me go through it all

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia
And I'll sing to You, Lord, a hymn of
love

For Your Faithfulness to me
And I'm carried in everlasting arms
You'll never let me go through it all

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith as we press on in response to Your upward call in Christ Jesus that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which 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: The Lord has done great things for us;

People: we are glad, indeed!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you in His fulfilled promises. The Lord make His face shine on you and graciously give you Christ's own righteousness. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final Praise Song:

You Never Let Me Go (Matt Redman)

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught
In the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back
I know You are near

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the
heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

****All the Contemporary Songs used in this Praise and Worship Service are projected on the screen (CCLI # 663075)***

WHERE WE SERVE

*Preacher
Officiant*

*Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Pastor Jim Frusti*

Music Director

Jesse Torres-Palasiq

Elder

John Hasse

Family Life Director

Jeanette Koch

Organist

Marty Giltinan

Reader

Janean Potter

Ushers

Mark Baumgarten Steven Lesh

Nursery

Lenny Elliott

Altar Society

*Michele Doerfer Beth Foor
Chris Henning*

Tech Team

Nancy Berg

Greeter

Jenter Family

Acolyte

Ryan Nordbeck

Counters

*Gary Sixt Ruth Fisher
Carole Crete*

Welcome Center

Patrick Baker

7	APR, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study and Sunday School Classrooms 2,3,4 & 5 gym
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 school
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 6 – 8pm	Sunday Night AA Big Book
8	APR, MON	● 2 – 3pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 3:30 – 6pm	Teacher Meeting Church Office
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism Room #4 School
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
9	APR, TUE	● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Board Meeting Business Office
10	APR, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Ladies Bible Study Church Parish Hall
		● 3:30 – 5pm	Girl Scouts Room 3
		● 6 – 8pm	Seder Meal / Passover Banquet School Gym
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
		● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Worship Service Church
		● 8 – 9pm	Choir Church
11	APR, THU	● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Handbells
		● 7 – 9pm	All Star Driver Education Room 3
12	APR, FRI	● 6 – 8pm	Preschool Dad's Night Out gym
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall

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APR, SAT

10am – 12pm

Motor City Kids Plastic Modeling Club Room #3

12 – 2pm

EASTER FAIR ALL CAMPUS

Audio recording of the sermons and bulletins (church and school calendars) are now posted online every week @stpaulnorthville.org

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 3.31.2019

8:30am - 95

11:00am -91 = 186

Sunday 3.31.2019 Bible Study - 27

Lent Worship 4.3.2019 - 48

Ladies Bible Study 4.3.2019 - 12

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

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

WEDNESDAYS – Ladies bible study- “ Life of Jesus” study - Church Parish Hall @ 9:30am

SATURDAYS Men’s Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 3/31/19 for Church and School (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$9,221

School Income - \$15,408.59

Remember Our Shut-ins

LORRAINE KEGLER

24500 Meadowbrook Rd.

Novi, MI 48375

Today’s flowers are:

One vase in honor of Marilyn, would have been 50 years(wedding anniversary) on the 12th, from the Winternheimers, Terry, Debra, Heather and Fred.

One vase in memory of Eileen Helland’s 93rd birthday from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

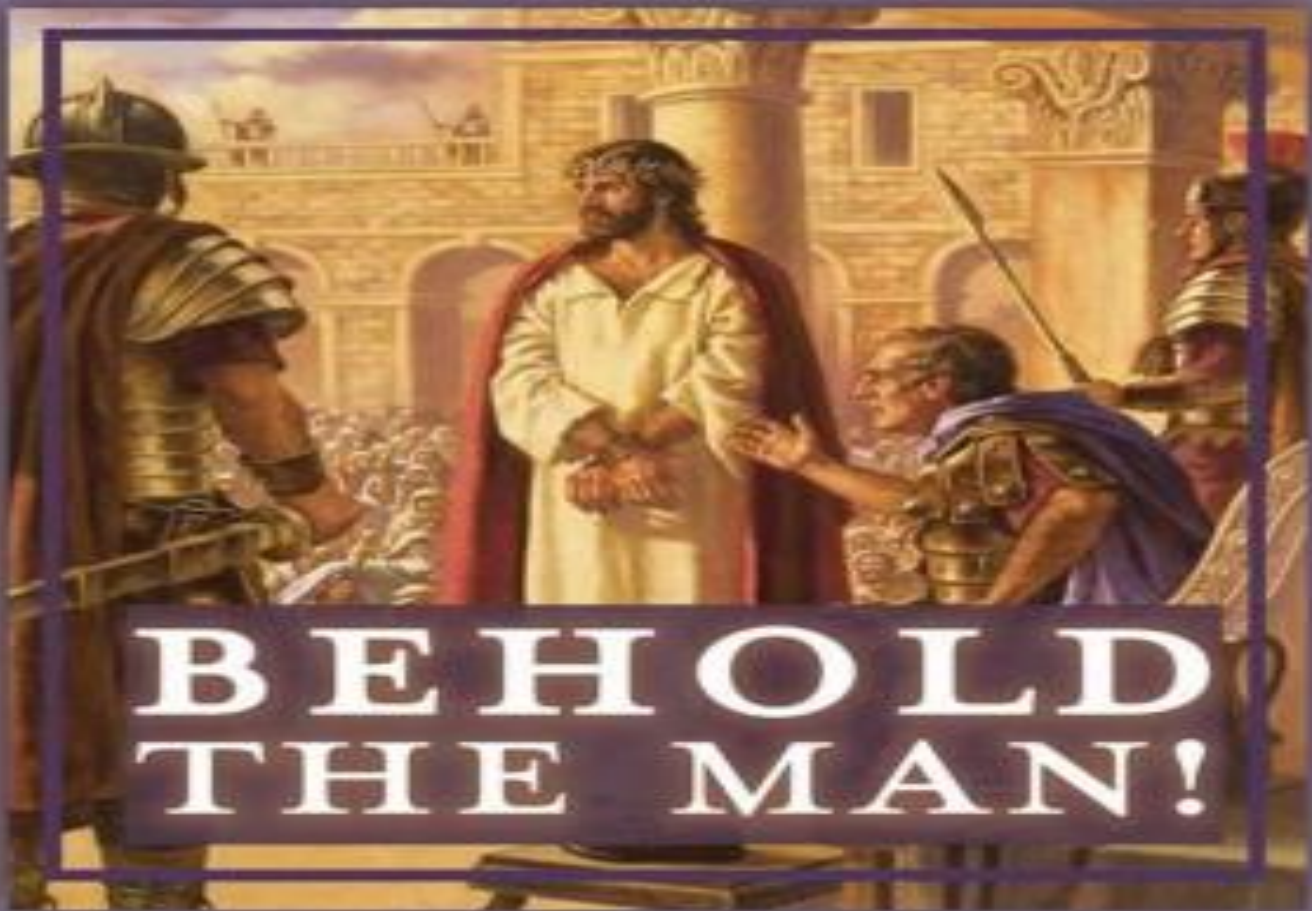
Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am Sunday Service.

04/10/19 – Seder Meal / Passover Banquet – 6pm – School GYM

INVITE A FRIEND and Join Us for our Seder Meal on:

**April 10th
6 pm in Gym**

For many years Chosen People Ministries has used the **Passover Seder** as a tool to tell Jewish people about the Messiah Jesus Christ.
ALL are WELCOME!



BEHOLD THE MAN!

MIDWEEK MIDDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Beginning **ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 6, **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Dearborn Heights will host *Lutherans at Lunch* (midday Lenten Worship & luncheon!) Join together Wednesday afternoons at 12:00pm for worship followed by a light lunch with brothers and sisters from area LCMS congregations! Worship and lunch all in an hour. Come during the daylight hours for worship and hear a local pastor preach! The church is located at: 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 (east of Inkster Road).



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 14th – Palm Sunday – 10am

***Palm Sunday Breakfast 9:00am**

April 18th – Maundy Thursday – 7pm

April 19th – Good Friday – 1pm - with Holy Communion

April 19th – Good Friday – 7pm

April 21st – Easter Sunday – 8:30am

April 21st – Easter Sunday – 11:00am



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
DOUBLE FEATURE
SATURDAY APRIL 13 @ 5PM**



PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



Last week in Sunday School, we learned about “The Baptism of Jesus” is the Bible story taught in Sunday School today. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus’ Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God’s Son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story.

Today in Sunday School the children will study “The Temptation of Jesus.” Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. In your family discussions consider asking, “How are we tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers?”

Easter Fair 2019 coming soon! The Board of Evangelism needs your help to bring the 2019 Easter Fair to St. Paul. The day is Saturday, April 13, from 12:00pm - 2:00p. We are serving a free lunch, providing a few games, story time, egg hunt, prizes, raffle baskets, jelly bean guess and face painting. There are lots of opportunities to help., We sent out a sign up genius volunteer form electronically but if you don't get email or we don't have your email address we may miss out on your help. Along with all the volunteers needed, we need lots of wrapped candy to fill our Easter eggs and empty egg cartons that will be used for the egg hunt. Please let us know how you may be able to help. You can call Sue Poole if you have questions, 249.904.9080.

The FAMILY OF GOD MEALS continue the first Thursday's and the third Wednesday's of the month. For the Wednesday meals the meat is prepared on Tuesdays and then a group cooks in the school kitchen on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00. The servers come at 5:00 to

take the meal down to southwest Detroit and return around 7:30, if they don't stay for the worship service at the mission. *Many thanks to Janet Wisner, our shopper, who always looks for the best buys to keep our budget to \$160 a month.* In February we served Taco Lasagna, Salad, Brownies, and a Beverage to about 50 people. Our cooks were: Nancy Berg, Dawn Englert, Barbara Hoffmeier, Kim Johnson, Kathy Lesserman, Doris Oltersdorf and Janet Wisner. The servers were: Dawn Englert, Wayne Grey, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier, and Steven Leudeman. Brownie bakers were: Bernice Baggett, Anne Burgess, Ruth Fisher, Kathy Hoener and Carol Kandah. In March we served Chicken a la King with peas over biscuits, jello with fruit, brownies and a beverage to about 50 people again. The cooks were: Nancy Berg, Kim Johnson, Barbara Hoffmeier, Doris Oltersdorf and Janet Wisner. The servers were: Beth Hemple, Chris Henning and her sister Debby Pichan, Pat Melton, Steven Leudeman and Will Hoffmeier. We purchased brownies for a change this month. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE!** If you'd like to help with the next meal on April 17th please contact Barbara at #248.756.3035 or bhoffmeier3@gmail.com. To help with the Thursday meals contact Sue Poole smvpoole@comcast.net

A warming oven was purchased for the Family of God kitchen that they will use to serve meals at the mission. Thanks to the generosity of the St Paul Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study group they collected money instead of doing a gift exchange at Christmas. It is greatly appreciated!



Easter Backpacks for Detroit's Homeless – Join us in spreading joy to our homeless and less fortunate brothers and sisters in Detroit by putting together a special backpack full of food, hygiene items and love, to be passed out on Easter Sunday. Special draw string backpacks have been purchased by the Board of Evangelism and are in the church hall way with a list of what can be packed in each backpack. Please pick up an Easter backpack, fill it and bring it back to the church office or leave in the “Blessing bag Central” closet in the parish hall (there is a marked container) by April 19. 2019.