

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30am

April 28, 2019



Alive Forevermore!

AS WE GATHER

Thomas will forever be known as a doubter. In reality, he should be remembered less for his doubts, which the rest of the disciples also shared, and more for his failure to be present when Jesus first revealed Himself risen from the dead. No one grows in faith by failing to assemble together with the people of God around His Word and His Table. God grows our faith and deals with our doubts not with distance but with the intimacy of Jesus' presence through the Means of Grace. The Spirit works through the Means of Grace, and there **our doubts give way to faith** and trust in Christ's death and resurrection.

PRESERVICE MUSIC**Sonne der Gerechtigkeit****T. Beck****WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn****RINGING OF THE BELL**

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

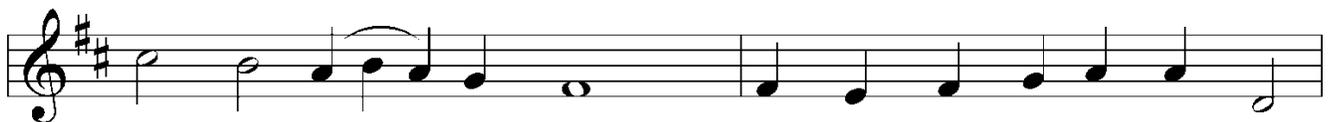
People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; and so I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. There is no more condemnation, but only new life in Christ. Have no doubt, your sins are forgiven, completely forgiven. The peace of the Lord ☩ be with you.

People: Christ be awaken in us! Amen.

*Stand***Service of the Word****633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that:

People: Jesus is Lord and God;

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

People: Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12–20 (Speak to all the people the words of life.)

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

(Unless I see in His hands and His side the wounds, I will not believe.)

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Reader: That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

People: "Peace be with you," he said.

Reader: As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said,

People: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

Reader: Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

People: But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Reader: Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them.

People: "Peace be with you," he said.

Reader: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

People: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

Reader: The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

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

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried. Alleluia!

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. That we may proclaim without fear Jesus Christ crucified and risen, and that with words and deeds of witness others may come to hear of Jesus Christ and believe in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That those absent from the Lord’s house may be restored to hear with us the good news of His Word and receive with us His very body and blood at His Table, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the nations of the world may live in peace, that the people of the world may enjoy good government and freedom to worship the Lord without fear, and that God may bless our President, Congress, Governor, and all those who make, and administer our laws, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That those wounded in body or spirit may be healed, the suffering find relief, the grieving be comforted, and the dying be at peace in Christ, [*especially . . .*], and all those whom we name before the Lord now in our hearts, [*pause*] let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the erring may be restored to the truth and that all who hunger for righteousness may receive Christ's gifts with faith and live out their lives before Him in holy fear and good works, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: All these things for which we have prayed and all other things for which we have need, let us pray the Lord to grant us according to His mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sit

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 leave cards near center aisle as you leave.

At the Offering

O filii et filiae

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Stand

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

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

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real tune: LSB 461

1 These things did Thomas count as real:
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

2 The vision of his skeptic mind
Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.

4 May we, O God, by grace believe
And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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R. Weinhorst

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Where We Serve

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Dennis Verseman</i>	
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Marty Giltinan</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Jesse Torres-Palasiqne</i>	
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Sue Poole</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Jeff Henning</i>	
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Emily Young</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Nancy Berg</i> <i>Dottie Siefker</i>	<i>Marlene Shoebridge</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John Hasse</i> <i>Gary Sixt</i>	<i>Charleen Hill</i> <i>Pat McGuigan</i>
<i>Tech Crew</i>	<i>Nancy Berg</i>	
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Carolyn Nieuwkoop</i>	

28	APR, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study and Sunday School Classrooms 2,3,4 & 5 gym
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 11am – 12pm	Grades K-2 Sing in Church
		● 6 – 8pm	Sunday Night AA Big Book
		● 7 – 8pm	Auction Meeting school rooms #2 & #3
29	APR, MON	● All day	AUCTION -GYM-set up
		● 2 – 3pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 6:30 – 8pm	School Board Meeting Office Table
		● 7 – 8pm	Worship
30	APR, TUE	● All day	AUCTION GYM-set up
1	MAY, WED	● All day	AUCTION GYM-set up
		● 9 – 11am	School Vision Screening Room #5
		● 9:30 – 11am	Ladies Bible Study Church Parish Hall
		● 3:30 – 5pm	Girl Scouts Room 3
2	MAY, THU	● All day	AUCTION GYM-set up
		● 6am – 8pm	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER CHURCH & PARISH HALL
		● 9 – 11am	School Vision Screening ROom #5
		● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Ladies Dinner and Bible Study
		● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Handbells
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Scouts Rooms #4 & #5
		● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Church

3	MAY, FRI	● All day	AUCTION - GYM-set up
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Ansul System Fire Inspection school kitchen fire suppression system
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall
4	MAY, SAT	● All day	AUCTION - GYM
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study church parish hall

AUCTION STARTS AT 6PM

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

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 4.21.2019 8:30am – 180
11:00am – 180 = 360 – Easter Sunday

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 4/21/19 for Church and School (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$17,496.15

School Income - \$ 2,423.39

Rental Income - \$5,160

Today's flowers are:

In memory of her husband John's birthday from Ruth Natiw.

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

Remember Our Shut-ins

LORRAINE KEGLER

24500 Meadowbrook Rd.

Novi, MI 48375

Vacation Bible School is June 17-21, 2019. "Let Jesus Roar" is the theme. Children from ages 3-12 are invited to participate in VBS. As we prepare to host our children for this week long event, we are in need of volunteers. If you are able to help, please register as a volunteer by going to the website: stpaulnorthville.org Use the arrow to scroll to the message about VBS. There you will see "**Click here to register**".

You may register as a volunteer or participant. All volunteers must register. You will be asked for your drivers license number as well as basic information. There will be an orientation meeting for all teen and adult volunteers on Sunday, June 2 at 12:00 pm in the parish hall. Please consider joining the VBS Team in praise of Jesus. Contact Jeanette Koch for more information.

National Day of Prayer is May 2. We hope that you are able to participate in some special activities planned at SPL as we take time for prayer. There will be a pancake breakfast from 6:30-9:00 am. Members, family and friends are all welcome. The church will be open for private prayer from 6 am. to 7 pm. New this year are Prayer Stations. For example, at one station you will be asked to use pipe cleaners to make something for which you are thankful to God. You will place your creation on a tree sculpture. Mark your calendar for May 2 and join others as we pray about what is on our heart.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

PRAYER STATIONS
Prayer Changes Things

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

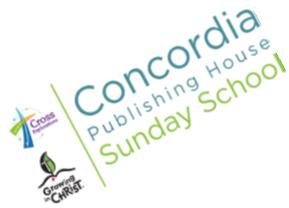
FREE BREAKFAST
PRAY & EAT

STOP AND PRAY

WHEN: THURSDAY MAY 2 @630AM – 9AM
WHERE: CHURCH PARISH HALL
PRAYER STATIONS WILL BE AVAIBLE THROUGH OUT THE CHURCH!!

We were able to serve a meal at the FAMILY OF GOD the day before Maundy Thursday and attend a special “foot washing” ceremony. Vicar Tyler Cronkright and Deacon John led the service that night focused on being servants as Christ’s ambassadors. One of the three volunteers that had their feet washed was a young man who had recently had a close encounter with death but was saved by the quick actions of a staff member. (We found out later about his past.) After the service he and the staff person had a special hug and our hope and prayers are that his life is being changed by this ministry and especially the love of Christ that is being shown there. They conclude their worship services, as we do at St Paul’s, by saying “Go out and serve the Lord” but they also respond to “How do we do that?” “By serving each other!” What a powerful statement. Do we take that charge ourselves? The people we serve everywhere is showing others the love that Christ had for us. We are saved to serve!

Thank you to our “servants” in April: Shopper: Janet Wisner; Cookies and brownie bakers: Marilyn & Ron Breuhan, Bernice Baggett, Anne Burgess, Janet Wisner; Cooks: Nancy Berg, Kim Johnson, Kathy Lesserman, Doris Oltersdorf, Janet Wisner, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier; Servers: Rachel George (first timer), Dawn Englert, Chris Henning, Debby Pichan, Barbara & Will. We had 16 volunteers serve about 65 people with plenty of Pork chop suey over rice with chow mein noodles, sweet pickles, brownies and Easter cookies, cut up oranges and beverages. Our next meal will be May 15th. You can see more information about the Family of God on their website and Facebook.

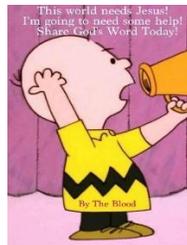


SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Today in Sunday School we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"

The Board of Social Ministry will be recognizing our 2019 high school and college graduates at a coffee hour on June 2. If you have someone graduating would you please send the name, a picture of the graduate, where they are graduating from, and a description of what their future plans are, (college they might be attending, job they might have secured, etc.) to: Ruth Fisher at RTFNovi@gmail.com or drop same off with Margo at the church office before **May 26**.

HELP NEEDED FOR JESUS!!!!



VBS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults and Youth (6th grade and up)

THAT'S ROAR FOR JESUS

JUNE 17 - 21

9am – Noon

You can sign up on St Paul's home page

Volunteer meeting Sunday June 2 @ noon

Lunch will be provided by BOCE



Detroit Street Outreach "Easter Backpack pass out" was a huge success – thank you so much church family for sharing your blessings and spreading God's love!

