

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2019



Grace Unexpected

AS WE GATHER

Jesus is full of surprises. He says and does things differently than we might expect from God. Many will seek to enter the narrow door of the kingdom but will not be able. God's discipline of His children is an expression of His deep love for us. Some who are last will become first, and some who are first will find themselves last. How strange. The way of Jesus is the way of the cross, of suffering, discipline, and of being last. Divine strength is made perfect in human weakness. Grace unexpected is delivered in Word and Sacrament and through Jesus' own presence with us in our sufferings. Thank You, God, for **grace unexpected and overflowing!**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Near the Cross

R. Powell

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

804 O Worship the King



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
 Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!



INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Great is the steadfast love of the Lord toward us,

People: and His faithfulness endures forever. Splendor and majesty are before Him, from this time forth and even forevermore.

Pastor: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

People: call upon Me in the day of trouble, says the Lord, and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The First Reading

Hebrews 12:4–24

(God disciplines those He loves by His Word.)

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reprov'd by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of

spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand**THE GOSPEL *Luke 13:22–30***

(Strive to enter the narrow door.)

- ²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!'"
- ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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.

Please Be Seated

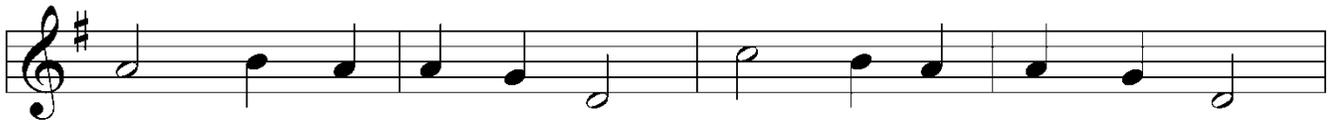
748 I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

THE SERMON

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Loving Father, You are always good, and You intend every good for us. Thank You for adopting us as Your own dear children in the waters of Holy Baptism. Thank You for reminding us that our sins are forgiven in The Absolution. Thank You for teaching us to recognize Your living voice and to understand Your love through Your

Holy Word. Thank You for when You feed us with the body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. Continue to use these visible Means of Grace, that when we face hard times, we may learn to recognize the unexpected grace of Your loving hand at work through all things for our good. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Bridegroom, Your Bride, the Church, is buffeted from without and within by the impulses of power, agenda, and control. Grant to Your people faithful Pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants who will hold before us the eternal Gospel of Your saving love. Grant us listening ears to hear what You are speaking to us through their ministry. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, it is easy to see the problems in the systems of this world. It is even easier to lay blame at the feet of corrupt rulers, military powers, economic forces, and unjust laws. Grant us a different perspective that we may learn to recognize You at work among people who are poor, weak, marginalized, and set-aside in our land. Rather than wasting our energy criticizing what is wrong, grant us strength of purpose to practice a better way—the way of love and service to our neighbor in Jesus' name. O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Kind Healer, help those who are sick and people who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Help them to reject all notions that their sufferings are a punishment from You. Instead, cause them to know and to believe that You love them and will sustain them through every affliction . O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All of these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, dear Father, for the sake of Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please Be Seated

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

Jesus Calls Us

R. Powell

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide with you, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE INVITATIONS**680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

POSTLUDE**Allegretto****E. Thiman**

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.

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>		<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>		<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Organist</i>		<i>Marty Giltinan</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>Karen Frusti</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>8:30am</i> <i>11:00am</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i> <i>John Hasse</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>		<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>John Hasse</i> <i>Gary Sixt</i> <i>Pat McGuigan</i>	<i>Charleen Hill</i> <i>Bob McGuigan</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Christian Krauter</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>8:30am</i> <i>11:00am</i>	<i>Josh Young</i> <i>Grant Smith</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>8:30am</i> <i>11:00am</i>	<i>Pat McGuigan</i> <i>Jenter Family</i>	
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>8:30am</i> <i>11:00am</i>	<i>Burgess Family</i> <i>Sue Poole</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>		<i>Nancy Berg</i> <i>Dottie Siefker</i>	<i>Marlene Shoebridge</i>

Counters

Marilyn Breuhan

Janet Wisner

Coffee Hour

Women In Christ

Tech Team

8:30am
11:00am

Nancy Berg
Patrick Baker

25	AUG, SUN	● 8:30am – 12:30pm	NO RENTALS ON CAMPUS
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Bible study Parish Hall
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 6 – 8pm	Sunday Night AA Big Book
26	AUG, MON	● All day	First Day of School 1/2 Day
		● 2 – 3pm	Staff Meeting School Office
		● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
		● 6:30 – 8pm	School Board Meeting Office Table
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School School Office
29	AUG, THU	● 4 – 6pm	Bible Quizzing parish hall
30	AUG, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA MTG Church Parish Hall

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

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 8.18.2019 8:30am - 67
11:00am - 41 = 108

Communion – 94
Sunday Morning Bible Study - 20

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 second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.

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

Received week of 8/18/19 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$7, 758

School Income - \$411

A memorial has been given to the Choir/Music Fund from Jeff Shapiro in memory of Terry Dreyer.

A memorial has been given to the Choir/Music Fund from the Kovalak Family in memory of Terry Dreyer.

A memorial has been given to the Detroit Street Outreach from Carole Crete in memory of Terry Dreyer.

Today's flowers are:

One vase in memory of loved ones from Ruth Natiw.

One vase in memory of my son Joshua David's birthday from Pat McGuigan.

One extra bouquet in honor of Kathy Fox's 94th birthday on the 31st from Jan Paver.

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

Remember Our Shut-ins

PHYLLIS ZARISH

520 W. Main Street

Northville, MI 48167

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, it's that time again and we can use your help. The sign up board is up for volunteers to help make pies on Thursday, September 12, 3:00pm-9:00pm and Friday, September 13, 9:00am until done. We plan to make 75-90 pies in those two days and Marlene and her daughter will be baking on Saturday. You can make some at home as well. We typically sell about 160-180 pies.

Please sign up to set up, be a pie runner, serve and sell our pies during the Heritage Festival and tear down. You know the saying a lot of hands make the work load lite.

We try to have three volunteers per shift, it works okay with two at the slow times but you just never really know. Our booth is in front of Genetii's again this year.

Friday Night, September 13 this is our busiest evening especially after the parade

4:00-6:30 - 3 slot open

6:30-9:00 - 3 slot open (if its too dark we may close earlier)

Saturday, September 14

11:00-1:00 - 3 slot open

1:00-3:00 - 3 slots open

3:00-5:00 - 3 slot open

5:00-8:00 - 3 slot open (may close at 7:00pm)

Sunday, September 15

11:00-1:00 - 3 slots open

1:00-4:00 - 3 slots open

There are instructions at the booth and typically the crew before you will let you know what you need to do. Sign up soon so we know we can expect you. The proceeds of the sale are split between our school and church. It's a wonderful outreach to our community. They look forward to our pies. You can call, text or email if you have questions, Sue Poole 248 904 9080

Youth Group Bowling



Let's start the new school year with some
FUN!!!!

Sunday Sept 15 @ 4pm

Novi Bowl

Bring a friend for bowling, pizza and fun!!!

RSVP by Sunday Sept 8th

Jeanette

Text me @ 248-974-3323 or
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

MOST Ministries Presents... BELIEVING IS SEEING. The 30th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Fundraising Luncheon. Sunday, September 22nd, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm. Krefl Center for the Arts Concordia University Ann Arbor. 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48195. Speakers: Muzi Khumalo, Director of Caring Friends, South Africa; Sue Pfeil, Missionary; Gayle Sommerfeld, Founder of MOST Ministries.

RSVP by August 19th (or as soon as possible) No charge for the luncheon. Opportunities to donate to MOST Ministries will be available. Call Linda Thompson #734.994.7909 ext. 0. Please request to sit at Barbara & Will Hoffmeier's table.

The Michigan District LCMS is offering a great opportunity to see and hear from our local missions, all in one spot and in one day! Nearly a dozen MI District-sponsored urban ministries will share about their efforts to serve their communities in the name of Jesus through short (10-15 minute) presentation. **THE FAMILY OF GOD MINISTRY WILL BE ONE OF THEM.**

On Monday, September 26, 2019, Camp Restore, Detroit will host the URBAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE. 17100 Chalmers St. Detroit, MI 48205.

Doors will be open at 11:00 and lunch will be served at 11:30, followed by presentations. The program is scheduled to end at 3:00 pm. Secure parking is available. Registration is \$15 and needs to be made on-line... <https://michigandistrict.org/event/urbanministryconf/> Contact Will & Barbara Hoffmeier to carpool that day: #248.756.3035.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – ALL AGES

Why be a Sunday School teacher?

Sunday school teachers exist to help young Christians both learn and apply the teachings of the Bible. James 1:22 teaches, "But be DOERS of the WORD, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Learning is incomplete without action. Sunday school serves to equip young believers to know the truth so they can live it out throughout the week in every area of life.

Scripture commands us to be teachers of the Word.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

You will be rewarded!!!!

Matthew 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray on it. Let the Holy Spirit guide your ways!

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Proverbs 16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

If interested or you have questions, please call me or email me

Jeanette familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or 248-349-3140 ext 13

SAVE THE DATE



HOMECOMING PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPT 8TH @ 1100

(FOLLOWING 10AM CHURCH SERVICE)

LET'S START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR OFF WITH A BLAST!!

Sign up Genius is on the stpaulnorthville.org website

It's BINGO time coming soon at Allen Terrace. We are going to begin with ice cream sundaes at 6:30, August 28 and BINGO at 7:00. The McGuigan's requested a Thrivent grant for funding for the BBQ, Ice Cream Sundaes and the October Harvest meal, thank you Bob and Pat Please join us for all or a part of our evening up at Allen Terrace. We could use one more cookie maker if someone has some time, we have all the beverages we need this month. We can always use small prizes such as a pack of cookies, candy bar, jello or pudding cups, note pads, cards etc.. Women in Christ is supplying our coverall prizes, \$5.00 Kroger gift card. Thank you Women in Christ. We hope you can join us for a fun evening at Allen Terrace.

Did you know September is FALL PREVENTION!!!



Come join us for FREE lunch and a FREE presentation
 Saturday Sept 14th @ Noon parish hall
 Prizes and fellowship!!!

RSVP by Sept 7th familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or 248-349-3140 ext 13

ST. PAUL BIBLE QUIZZING



Kids!

Bible Quizzing is back again! For our second year as a team, we will be going over the short epistles of *Hebrews*, *1 Peter*, and *2 Peter*. This is a chance to study and learn the Bible in a fun, competitive environment with other kids (**ages 11-21 welcome**). It is intended for kids who do *not* yet know the Bible in depth, not just those who already know it, so it will be a great learning experience for everyone! Talk to Jake (details below) for more info or to sign up.

Adults!

Think you can quiz on the Bible as well as the kids? Our Detroit Bible Quizzing (DBQ) league hosts one tournament each year where **all ages are welcome**, called the *All-Timers Tournament*. It will be over the Hebrews 11-13 and 1 Peter 1-4 (only 7 small chapters) in Wayne on **Saturday, January 18, 2020**. Our St. Paul team (Jake Fairbairn, Brittany Matthews, and Rachel George) took 1st place last year! Come join the fun and see what it's like to quiz against the kids, coaches, and other guests who come.

Talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com>, (248) 231-9684 for more details or to sign up!
