

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 am

ONLINE WORSHIP March 22, 2020



*The Perfect **LIGHT** who gives us **SIGHT!***

Living among the Bible's Trees:

Jesse's Tree



AS WE GATHER

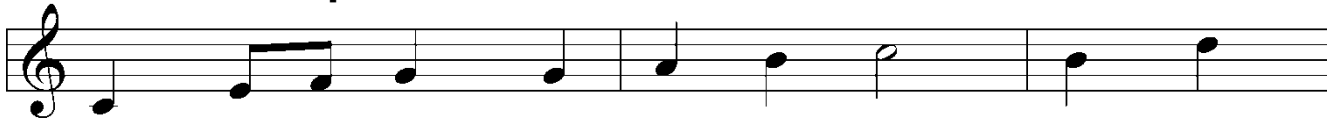
The trees of the Bible help us realize why we need a Savior, how God provided a Savior for us in the person of Jesus Christ, and how the saved lives of repentant believers look. Today we consider Jesse's tree, that is, his family tree. His son David kept faith with God, but succeeding generations wandered away, and God let other nations' armies defeat them until only a veritable stump remained. But by the

grace of God, from that stump a Branch would come, our Lord Jesus, fulfilling all the ancient promises. From Him springs new, eternal life.

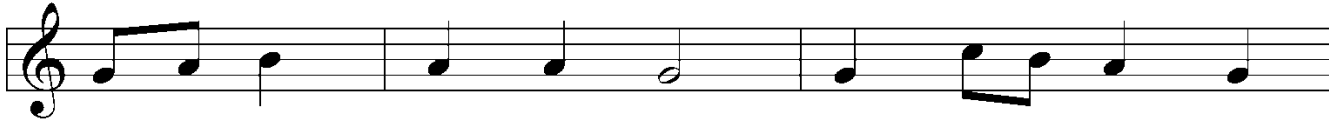
WELCOME – Pastor

Our first bulletin for ONLINE WORSHIP is a mix of what Pastor Jim was going to preach on this past Wednesday (Jesse's Tree) and the regular Gospel for the fourth Sunday in Lent. Thank you for continuing your spiritual nourishment in this new way!

981 To Your Temple, Lord, I Come



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
 5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
 soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
 bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

7 From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24–26*

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

ALL: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the darkness of the world around us and amid our own blindness to His will and ways, God calls us to confess our sins.

People: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: God of God, Light of light,

People: we confess that by nature we are sinful and unclean, born in darkness. We are often blind to Your Word and Your work in our lives, sinning against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Jesus, who is the light of the world, forgive me all my sins, that my eyes may be opened and my heart enlightened to look to You in faith and hope.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through His death on the cross, Jesus Christ has shined His eternal light of forgiveness, peace, and life on you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

You are My All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak,
 You are the Treasure that I seek.
 You are my All in All.
 Seeking You as a precious jewel,
 Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
 You are my All in All.

Chorus:
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of god
Worthy is Your name

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.

When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my All in All.

Chorus:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remain in darkness without Your light, and we walk in blindness if You do not lead. Always shine Your light of truth that we may see and live in Your grace. Help us to acknowledge Your goodness by serving others; 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 *Isaiah 10:33–11:16* (The Branch, on whom will rest the Holy Spirit, shall usher in a peaceable kingdom.)

³³ Behold, the Lord God of hosts will lop the boughs with terrifying power; the great in height will be hewn down, and the lofty will be brought low.

³⁴ He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an axe,
and Lebanon will fall by the Majestic One.

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his

eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

¹¹ In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

¹² He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

¹³ The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

¹⁴ But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.

¹⁵ And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals.

¹⁶ And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 5:8–14*

(Walking as children of the light)

Reader: ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

People: ¹³ **But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL *John 9:1–41*

(Jesus heals a man who was born blind.)

Reader: As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

People: ² **“Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”**

Reader: ³ “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.⁴ We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.⁵ But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes.⁷ He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! ⁸ His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other,

People: “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?”⁹ Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!”

But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!”

¹⁰ They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?”

Reader: ¹¹ He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”

Reader: ²⁸ Then they cursed him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! ³⁴ “You were born a total sinner!” they answered. “Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw him out of the synagogue.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵ When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.” ³⁷ “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!”

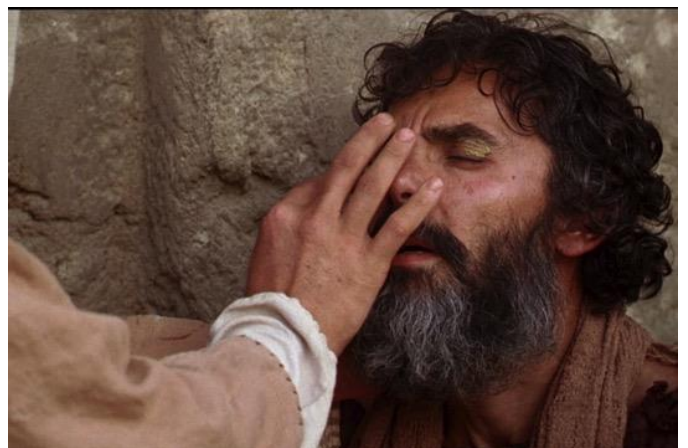
³⁸ “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. ³⁹ Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.”

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

People: ⁴¹ **“If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.**

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.

MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

As Christians, we turn to God in times of fear and uncertainty as we do in times of joy and celebration. Please join us as we pray for God's heart of love, mercy, and truth to dwell in us and show us how to face the challenges posed by the new Coronavirus.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual illness. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Protect our families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit, according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times:

Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul. In Christ You have delivered us from such deadly perils of sin and death, You will deliver us again. On You we have set our hope,

People: and hope does not disappoint us! Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

We invite you to **HOLD ON TO YOUR REGULAR OFFERINGS** and bring them the next time you are able attend worship at church. Or, consider giving online at www.stpaulnorthville.org

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

**For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7**

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God's grace, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

People: **With eyes now open, and ears to hear our Lord, we say, "Amen!"**

CLOSING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful.
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

2. Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Chorus

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.**

3. Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

4. Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

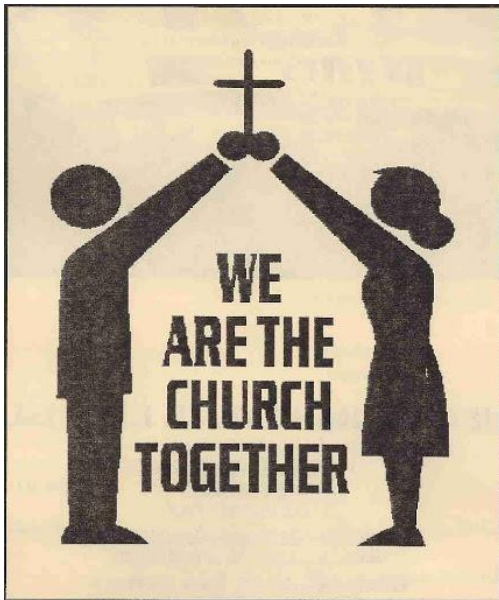
Chorus

5. You give and take away
You give and take away
and forever I will say,
Blessed be Your name


(sing 2x)

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.







Remember that you're still part of a community.



just
DON'T GO TO CHURCH!



Be
the church

- Be the People of God 
- Be the Family of God 
- Be the Temple of God 
- Be the Body of Christ 
- Be the Light of the World 
- Be the Bride of Christ 

Remember Our Shut-ins

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE TUESDAY NOON



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

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 3.15.20 - 8:30am - 48

11:00am - 45 = 93

Bible Study - 21

Communion - 70

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

Received week of 3.15.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate) \$4,699.06





School Income - \$1,734.14

Jeanette drove Margo and I down to Family of God on Thursday, March 5, and made two of our casseroles, thank you Jeanette. Our casserole makers were Jeanette Koch (2), Barbara Hoffmeier (2), Gretchen Hasse, Mary Lou Jaussi, Janet Kovalek, Lori Wooderson and Chuck & Lisa Willis. Great big thank you to all of you and especially to those that made two. Mary Lewis supplied 6 pounds of sour cream, Sandy Hills brought in 4 big jars of salsa, Kathy Hoener chips, Janet Wisner oranges and bananas for all, Doris Oltersdorf all the beverages, Kathy Degan and Sue Roman yummy cupcakes which were a big hit. While Mary was shopping for the sour cream, the Lord drew her to pick up a large package of granola bars for us to take down. Church family it is things like this that touch our hearts as we serve those that are needy and homeless, you care so much for all of God's children and you continue to do what you can to help us serve them. Our Bible study was the biggest group ever, Susan Hill led it and it was on our faithful, almighty, all knowing, all present LORD, in whom we serve. Blessings and hugs, until next month.

Do you love to read? Or do you hate it? Is it important? Literacy is tied to education levels, wage levels, and health—statistically, the lower the literacy of an individual, the more basic challenges exist. For Christians, it can also contribute to faith challenges—difficulty in understanding the gift given to us by God because of challenges in understanding the written words before them and in comprehending what it means personally.

Since 1992, Lutheran Heritage Foundation has been translating Lutheran books such as *Luther's Small Catechism* or *The Good News About Jesus* into various languages and providing them to missionaries around the world. **During March, Women in Christ wishes to highlight Grant #9, Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World (Lutheran Heritage Foundation).** This grant from the LWML Michigan District will fund over 3,000 books for missionaries and partner churches. What a privilege we have to help! Please keep filling those MITE boxes!!

GET YOUR

Friday, April 24
Doors open 6:15pm
Begins 7:00pm
Ward Church
Northville, MI

TICKETS

Join your family of St. Paul for an evening of fun to raise money and awareness – and uphold life-saving work of Another Way Pregnancy Center. Tickets are \$10.00 each proceeds to AWPC.

Please see Chris or Beth Dempster for tickets – All are welcome !

PHONE 724.495.9993 or EMAIL wcdempster@comcast.net

JOIN US in passing out Jesus DVD's to our community. The Board of Evangelism will sponsor this task. Thank you to our scout troop that has given us a good start. Along with the DVD, we will include church/school brochures and fliers to invite them to our Prayer Day breakfast and VBS. We had 900 to pass-out, some of those have been given away already. Our day to pass them out to our designated area is going to be **Saturday, May 2 from 10:00-12:00 with a luncheon** afterward.

Please **CHOOSE 1 of 3 Easy Ways to Help Out:**

- 1) We believe two people can hand out 50 bags (simply hang on front doors of residence), we will **need 36 volunteers**. We are asking that all the brochures and fliers be ready by Sunday, April 19th.
- 2) We need some of you to take 100 (or less) home to put the bags together, which means put a DVD, brochure and flier into a bag and return to church April 24th.
- 3) Praying for the families that will be touched by this mission work in our neighborhood and those of us who will be delivering them is something all of us can do.

If you would like to see the three videos on the DVD go to:

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/the-story-of-jesus-for-children.html/english.html>

That is The Story of Jesus movie (for children)

The other movies are "The Life of Jesus" and "Magdalena." <https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch.html>

The website is: www.saturateUSA.org

It's quite interesting. Any questions, please talk to Pastor or one of the Board of Evangelism members.