

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

June 28, 2020



Hard Truth and Real Good

AS WE GATHER

A battle has been raging over the centuries between those who ignore the hard truth that we are sinners, hopeless by ourselves, and those who have realized the real good that our Lord has graciously won for us.

Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. When Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life.

PRESERVICE MUSIC**WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn****RINGING OF THE BELL**

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, we hear voices proclaiming false peace and promising abundant blessings in exchange for our lip service and loving intentions.

People: Open our ears to hear the severity of Your Law and our hearts to be overwhelmed by the mercy You offer because of the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING Romans 7:1-13 (*The commandment is holy, righteous, and good but sin deceives and produces death.*)

Reader: ¹ Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

People: ⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Reader: ⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

People: ⁷ What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law.

Reader: For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. ⁹ Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. ¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. ¹¹ For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. ¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

People: ¹³ Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means!

Reader: Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34-42 (*Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.*)

³⁴ "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

"a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

³⁷ "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

People: Praise to You, O Christ; Your rod and Your staff comfort me.

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 Sit

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*Stand***Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances. Heavenly Father, use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what people lack, until the eyes of world's power brokers are open to see their plight and put people's needs above their own political aspirations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, use compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical professionals as they tend those under their care; and open our eyes to see opportunities in which we may serve. [*Specific petitions may be added.*] Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, "we may bear fruit for God." Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ's name.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world as we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. Thank you.

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: God the Father, who promised lasting peace; the ✠ Son, whose death and resurrection have made that peace real for all who call to Him in faith; and the Holy Spirit, who has opened our eyes that we may believe, bless you and keep you in His care today and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS – If you have an announcement, you are welcome to speak from your pew or the lectern as we normally have.

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Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Officiant

Pastor Jim Frusti

Music Director

Paul Ventimiglia

Elder

Tom Poole

Ushers

John Hasse

Charleen Hill

Gary Sixt

Bob McGuigan

Pat McGuigan

Greeters

Richard Johnson

Altar Society

Nancy Berg

Marlene Shoebridge

Dottie Siefker

Tech Crew

Nancy Berg

Welcome Center

Sue Poole

Counters

Melissa Raikes

Lynda Luedeman

Ruth Natiw

OUR 2020 CONFIRMANDS

Ryan Elof Nordbeck



When Born and Where: June 20, 2006 – Royal Oak, Michigan
Father’s name: James Karl Nordbeck
Mother’s Maiden Name: Sarah Sabine Nordbeck
Where Baptized: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville, Michigan
Where attending 8th grade: Hillside Middle School, Northville, Michigan
Where attending 9th grade: Northville High School, Northville, Michigan
Hobbies: Golf, Baseball, Swimming
Future Occupation: Pilot
Favorite Song: Awesome God
Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 12:15 NCV

“Be happy with those who are happy, and be sad with those who are sad.”

Grant Michael Smith



When Born and Where: June 8, 2006 – Ann Arbor, Michigan
Father’s name: John Gordon Smith
Mother’s Maiden Name: Laraine Lynn Washer
Where Baptized: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville, Michigan
Where attending 8th grade: Hillside Middle School, Northville, Michigan
Where attending 9th grade: Northville High School, Northville, Michigan
Hobbies: Video games, Robotics
Future Occupation: Engineer or Accountant
Favorite Song: Beautiful Savior
Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

28	JUN, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 8:30 – 9:30am ● 10 – 11am ● 6:30 – 7:30pm 	Fairbairn Bridal Shower Parish Hall Worship VOTERS MEETING church AA Mtg church parish hall
29	JUN, MON	● 8:45am – 12pm	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2
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1	JUL, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am – 12pm ● 10 – 11am 	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2 VIRTUAL VBS
2	JUL, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:45am – 12pm ● 5 – 8pm ● 5 – 8pm 	McCollister "Mini-School" Classroom #2 Family of God Ladies Dinner and Bible Study Wedding Rehearsal Dinner church parish hall
3	JUL, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All day ● 7 – 9pm 	Fairbairn Wedding church parish hall/church AA Mtg. church parish hall
4	JUL, SAT	● All day	Breakfast - Fairbairn Wedding Party church parish hall

Attendance – 6.21.2020 – 8:30am - 77 11:00am – 40 = 117 Communion total - 100



*Today's Flowers are in memory of our son Kevin Gilchrist's birthday from
Stan and Marti Gilchrist.*

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11:00am service.

News & Notes

Lutheran Heritage Foundation -

Can you imagine reading the Bible for the very first time? To the new Christian, the hundreds of pages filled with new ideas and teachings can be overwhelming. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation mission is to translate and publish books, like *Luther's Small Catechism*, that help explain Scripture. To learn more about this important mission, come hear our guest presenter, Rev. Robert Marshall, on July 12. He will show and share how these books are making an impact on the Christian Church around the world.

The Family of God Mission continues to serve the needy in southwest Detroit. There's a great video of Pastor Tyler being interviewed by a staff person from the Michigan District LCMS. Check it out! <https://youtu.be/XqCgy25Ee-c> We delivered another meal to them on Wednesday, June 17th, with 50 take out boxes and 25 boxes for those who entered the building for the first time in three months. They were so happy to be able to come and sit at a table and eat with friends they haven't been with since the pandemic began. Those who served were: Chris Burgess, Pat Melton, Sue Poole and Barbara Hoffmeier. Those who cooked were: Nancy Berg, Marti Gilchrist, Barbara & Will Hoffmier, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Doris Oltersdorf. Those who baked brownies for the desert were: Marilyn Breuhan, Anne Burgess, Ruth Fisher, Kathy Hoener and Carol Kandah. THANK YOU ALL for your service! *We can use more workers on Wednesday, July 15th. How about a summer servant event for your family? Contact Barbara to sign up #248.756.3035.*

July! The year has been very different than in the past, and the Michigan District LWML is hosting its first virtual convention, July 11, 9:00am - 1:00pm. While some are likely disappointed in the need to be separate at this time, we can praise God for the opportunity for so many of us to share in the blessings of a convention at a reduced cost for those who need such to participate as well as those who cannot travel. This year affords us the opportunity to share the LWML mission with others in new ways! Nancy Berg and Sue Poole will serve as our delegates for this convention and Barbara Hoffmeier will also participate as a Past President of the LWML. If you would like to be a part of the convention this year at no charge, you can watch it, there will be a prompt on our lwmlmichigan.org web site. For information on this and all grants and officers, go to www.lwmlmichigan.org/. Under Missions, select Grants.

Have you missed Bible study during the last three months? Many of us have, so a summer Bible study for men and women is being planned for about six weeks, beginning Tuesday, July 7. We will be using a classic book entitled Joy Comes with the Morning by Bill Kinnaird. This is an inspirational collection of thoughts, experiences, and wise counsel for all Christians. Building on his own experiences, Bill Kinnaird shares valuable knowledge and practical ideas for care givers and care receivers. Joy Comes with the Morning makes real God's love for and through God's people.

We will meet in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 and observe social distancing guidelines. If you would rather participate at home, we can do a Zoom meeting for those not joining in person. Due to all the safety guidelines, we will not be serving a dinner before Bible study this year. If you would like to join us, please let Jeanette Koch, 248-349-3140, or Linda Johnson, 248-349-0610, know so that we can order a book for you.



I would like to give my deepest 'Thank You' to my wonderful church family who embraced my dad, Paul Crenshaw, and always made him feel welcome. Also for all the prayers, love and support that you gave to Doug and myself. The Bergs



Usher's Needed: Please help our 11:00 Worship Service by volunteering to be an usher. Ushers pass out the service bulletin, help seat the congregation, ring the bell, and help with communion. Ushering is once a month plus Easter & Christmas services. Call Craig Miller at 248-380-5153 for questions and scheduling.



AWPC (Another Way Pregnancy Center) Baby Bottles - We were delayed this year with the baby bottle AWPC fundraiser, but they are available now. Please take one, fill it and return.

Dear Church Family at St. Paul, On behalf of the entire *Detroit Christian Schools of Excellence* Family – students, staff, and parents – I want to express heartfelt thanks to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, the pastors and staff, and all of the members, for the blessing you have been to our unique Christian School ministry. First of all, thank you for prayers that you have offered. Thank you to those who have worked on the DCSE marketing team here at St. Paul's, and to Mike and Claudia Williamson for their leadership in this endeavor for the past few years. Thanks to individuals who purchased Chromebooks for student use at our school. Thanks to those who have helped in so many ways – to Chris and Jeff Henning who provided and planted flowers, to Jeanette Koch and Margo Schmidt who organized and delivered backpack and student supply donations, to Claudia for textbooks and teacher resources, to Barry Helmick for a projector, to Marty Jenter for a copy machine and chairs, and Tom Norton for delivery. I am grateful to St. Paul Women In Christ for inviting our students to witness in song at two Christmas dinners, and to those from the St. Paul Family who have attended Christmas celebrations or Black History celebrations at DCSE.

To St. Paul and all who have helped DCSE in any way, we thank God for you and your commitment to a very unique and very needed K-12 Christian school ministry in Detroit!

God's blessings, Roy (Dave) Siefker, Principal Detroit Christian Schools of Excellence