

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30am

July 5, 2020



I Struggle with Sin, Yet Rest in The Lord

**AS WE GATHER**

Paul is talking to himself in today's Epistle, for although he knows what's right, he finds it virtually impossible to do. That's because he (and all of us) have this sickness called sin, for which we ourselves have no antidote. Worse, it keeps producing evil symptoms in our thoughts, words, and deeds. As a result, we are both sick in spirit and tired from struggling. Zechariah foresaw the solution; we can see his prophecy fulfilled as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, there to die for us and rise victorious. In the Gospel, our Lord thanks our heavenly Father for revealing to us that He is indeed the One we need to overcome our sickness of sin. Indeed, thanks to our Savior, as David penned in the psalm, that when people call out to Him, God hears their cry and saves them.

**PRELUDE****WELCOME****RINGING OF THE BELL**

## 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen!**

### OPENING SENTENCES *Zechariah 9:9*

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

People: **righteous and having salvation is He.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24*

Pastor: By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.*

Pastor: Merciful God,

**People: I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! 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.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light, who has promised that we will find rest for our souls,

**People: when we are weary, strengthen our resolve; when disheartened, lift our spirits; and when opposed on all sides, surround us with Your strong love,**

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Zechariah 9:9–12* (Through the prophet, **the Lord promises an end to spiritual warfare.**)

**The Coming King of Zion**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 7:14–25a*

(Unable to stop sinning, Paul finds deliverance only in Jesus Christ.)

Elder: <sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual,  
 Pastor: *but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.*

Elder: <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do.  
 Pastor: *For what I want to do I do not do, but I hate to do.*

Elder: <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.  
 Pastor: <sup>17</sup> *As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.*

Elder: <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.  
 Pastor: ***For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.***

Elder: <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do,  
 Pastor: ***but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing.***

Elder: <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it,  
 Pastor: *but it is sin living in me that does it.*

Elder: <sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.  
 Pastor: <sup>22</sup> *For in my inner being I delight in God's law;*

Elder: <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

***Elder & Pastor: What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?***

***Elder & Pastor: Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!***

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Matthew 11:28*

Elder: Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

**People: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 11:25–30*

(Jesus invites His hearers  
to come to Him for true rest.)

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding **and revealed them to little children;** <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Elder: 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.



### 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

### MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and everyone in their circumstances.

Zechariah promised that the coming One would “speak peace to the nations.” Lord over all, move the leaders of the world’s nations to seek and find common ground so that peace breaks out across borders and displaced persons are able to return to their homes. Protect and guide armed forces deployed abroad and all who keep the peace within their nations and communities. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

**People: and there find rest for our souls.**

Pastor: Psalm 145 proclaims that “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,” O God, but we also give You thanks for this temporal nation and the blessings You have so graciously bestowed on us through it. Here we have found prosperity and peace; here we may respond to Your love and offer You our thanks and praise. In Your mercy, continue to use the powers that be in this world to give us the freedom we enjoy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

**People: and there find rest for our souls.**

Pastor: David looked for the day when “one generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.” Guide, protect, and direct the Church’s leaders, heavenly Father, so that many people hear of Your ancient promises, the deliverance of Your people from Egypt, Your Son’s entry into history as one of us, and His sacrifice for our sins and victorious resurrection, opening heaven to all who call on You in faith. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

**People: and there find rest for our souls.**

Pastor: Paul confessed, “I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” O Holy Spirit, hear the cries of those trapped in their various addictions, burdened with criminal records, and mired in societies of fear and terror. Surround them with faith-based organizations and compassionate counselors so that they find strength and opportunity to turn their lives around, praising You for gracious deliverance. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

**People: and there find rest for our souls.**



Pastor: Jesus invited, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Listen to the prayers of those near and dear to us with problems of health or finances or mourning loved ones or failed relationships, [*including . . .*]. Use medical professionals, trained advisers, and loving neighbors, so that they look forward to the blessings You have in mind for them in Your wisdom and mercy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

**People: and there find rest for our souls.**

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

**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.

## **AT THE OFFERING**

### **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.

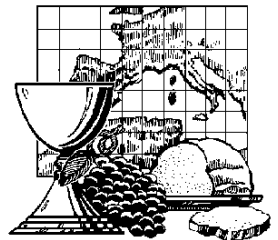
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## THE 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.**

## 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. ++

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

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**Music will be played as we receive the Lord's Supper**

**Please wait for an usher to excuse you and your family for Communion.**

**Walk to the yellow "X" and wait there until the family before you finishes and begins to return to their pew.**

*We appreciate your help in this way.*

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

**People: and we implore You that, rested and refreshed, we leave to serve You with all that we are and have, and bring Your invitation of rest to all whom we meet;**

Pastor: 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 bless you with rest and keep you in His care.

The Lord make His face shine on you and invigorate you for service in His name.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace today and always.

**People: Amen.**

**THE INVITATIONS** – If you have an announcement, please stand up in your pew and speak loudly for all to hear.

## **“God of Our Fathers”**

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
 Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
 Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
 Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;  
 In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
 Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
 Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence  
 Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
 Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
 Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;  
 Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
 Fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace  
 Until at last we meet before Your face.

## **POSTLUDE**

**Be sure to visit us @:** [stpaulnorthville.org](http://stpaulnorthville.org)

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 Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Tom Norton</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Gary Cash</i> <i>Neale Hoener</i>	<i>Jeff Henning</i> <i>Mike Williamson</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Berg Family</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Michelle Doerfer</i> <i>Chris Henning</i>	<i>Beth Foor</i>
<i>Tech Crew</i>	<i>Nancy Berg</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jan Paver</i> <i>Joyce Carr</i>	<i>Marlene Shoebridge</i>

5	JUL, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
6	JUL, MON	● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees room #5
		● 7 – 8pm	Bd. of Christian Ed. church office
		● 7 – 8pm	Board of Social Ministry parish hall
7	JUL, TUE	● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders room #4
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Tuesday Night Bible Study parish hall
8	JUL, WED	● 10 – 11am	VIRTUAL VBS
10	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
11	JUL, SAT	● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

*Attendance – 6.28.2020 – 8:30am - 63 + 11:00am – 40 = 103*



*Today's altar flowers are in honor of the wedding of Emily and Jarod Fenske.*

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

## News & Notes



*Thank you for the outpouring of support from St. Paul's family for Angie Baetz. Your prayers thoughts and words of encouragement are heartwarming.  
The Baetz Family.*

**Blessing Bags** – Have you ever wondered what “Blessing Bags” are and who “gets” Blessing Bags?



Blessing Bags are bags filled with non-perishable food items (i.e. nuts, beef jerky, cracker kits, fruit rolls) hygiene items (i.e. toothpaste, soap, shampoo, wipes, toilet paper, combs, deodorant) sometimes t-shirts, flip flops, rain ponchos, gloves, emergency blankets, socks and more! The homeless and less fortunate on the streets of Detroit are the recipients of these bags. St. Paul Lutheran Church has it's own “Blessing Bag Closet” – a large amount of the items for the bags are funded and purchased by the St. Paul Board of Evangelism, members, friends outside of St. Paul and other non-

profits (i.e The Good Karma Club, Knitting Groups). If you would like to know more, if you need a bag or two for someone you see, or would like to donate, please call the church office at 248-349-3140 ext.10 and speak with Margo. Thrivent T-Shirts have been added to the bags lately (see pictures). So far this year around 300 bags have been made and handed out!

Lutheran Heritage Foundation - Can you imagine teaching your young child about Jesus Christ—without having any kind of Sunday School materials, or even a basic Bible storybook? This situation is a reality for many Lutheran Churches around the world, but the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is helping to change that. Next Sunday, Rev. Robert Marshall, an LHF Representative, will be here to take us around the world to see and hear how God's Word is at work through the exciting mission work that LHF is doing.

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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.*

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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](http://lwmlmichigan.org) web site. For information on this and all grants and officers, go to [www.lwmlmichigan.org/](http://www.lwmlmichigan.org/). Under Missions, select Grants.

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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 Kinnaid. This is an inspirational collection of thoughts, experiences, and wise counsel for all Christians. Building on his own experiences, Bill Kinnaid 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.

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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.

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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 Christ

The Great Grocery Bag Event  
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville



When: **Month of July**  
Why: **To assist those in need through food donations for Northville Civic Concern**  
How: **Check the list below. Shop and purchase any amount of food. (Even one item is greatly appreciated!) Return the groceries to the Parish Hall or Church Office.**

Non- Perishable Food Item(s)

- Canned Fruit\*\*
- Fruit Juices
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups (not broth)\*
- Tuna and Canned Meats\*
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta/Rice
- Kraft Macaroni and Cheese\*
- Canned Macaroni (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, etc.)
- Cereal, hot or cold
- Peanut Butter\*
- Jelly/Jam\*

Paper Products

- Paper Towels\*
- Facial Tissues
- Toilet Paper\*

Cleaning Products:

- Laundry Soap (100oz. or less)\*
- Dish Detergent (hand washing)\*

Hygiene Products:

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste

Misc.:

- Crackers\*
- Cookies\*

**\*items always needed \*\*always in shortest supply**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DATES ON FOODS ARE CURRENT**

*Thank you for your generous support*