

# Rally Day – Passing on the Faith

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

September 13, 2020

10 AM

Christian Hope & Nourishment-- ***Always Available!***



## **Pre-Service Music / Praise Team Band**

- You Can't Hurry God (Chicago Mass Choir)
- Have a Talk with God (Stevie Wonder)

**Drums:** Tom Star

**Bass:** Dave Hendricks

**Guitar:** Duane Harlick

## **AS WE GATHER**

Everyone has issues in their life – stress, pain, debt, loneliness – wouldn't it be great to have someone to lean on? At St. Paul Lutheran, we're here for you and want to give your family hope for a brighter future, a future filled with the nurture and strength of your Savior! Here you will find real people striving for a better life, which happens when we focus on living life with resurrection confidence! It all centers around the love of God in Jesus Christ.

**WELCOME– Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**



Please Stand

## **We Lift Our Hands in the Sanctuary**

We lift our hands in the sanctuary  
 We lift our hands to give You the glory  
 We lift our hands to give You the praise  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

We lift our hearts in the sanctuary  
 We lift our hearts to give You the glory  
 We lift our hearts to give You the praise  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Jesus, we give You the praise  
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name  
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

We clap our hands in the sanctuary  
 We clap our hands to give You the glory  
 We clap our hands to give You the praise  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Sing Hallelujah in the sanctuary  
 Sing Hallelujah to give You the glory  
 Sing Hallelujah to give You the praise

And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Jesus, we give You the praise  
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name  
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

We sing our song in the sanctuary  
 We sing our song to give You the glory  
 We sing our song to give You the praise  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Jesus, we give You the praise  
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name  
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Jesus, we give You the praise  
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name  
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah  
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days  
 Yes, will love You for the rest of our days

Sing Hallelujah for the rest of our days  
 We shout "Hosanna" the rest of our days!

Pastor: We gather in the name of Jesus, and declare:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

**People: and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

Pastor: Let the wise hear and increase in learning

**People: and the one who understands obtain guidance.**

Pastor: We pray, Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations.

**People: Enlighten us with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit, and encourage those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of Your grace may be known in every generation. Lead us, blessed Jesus.**

### **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**     *Psalm 32:1, 5; Matthew 18:3–4, adapt.*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**People: whose sin is covered.**

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**People: and You forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we gather together as the baptized children of God. Let us come to Him confessing our need of His undeserved mercy and begging His forgiveness.

**People: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your children, confess to You our waywardness. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. We are sinful from birth. We do not deserve Your love. Yet by Your own Gospel promise we dare to come before You imploring Your grace. Forgive us our sins, gather us together as Your own children, and give us Your love. Amen.**

Pastor: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Upon this your confession and prayer, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: His great mercy overflows. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. You, O Lord, tirelessly seek the lost and the strayed.

**People: We praise You for finding us, welcoming us, and redeeming us.**

Pastor: Help us never to take Your mercy for granted,

**People: and guide us to join You in welcoming all those who are straying or struggling, finding their comfort or answers in You;**

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

**People: In that blessed assurance, we say "Amen."**



(Please Be Seated )

## EPISTLE Acts 2:42-47

Elder: <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

**People: <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common.**

Elder: <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ST Paul's Joyful Ringers

- Jesus Show Rain
- They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18:1-14 *The Greatest in the Kingdom***

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

<sup>2</sup> Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. <sup>3</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>5</sup> "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. <sup>6</sup> But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> "What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting. <sup>8</sup> So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

<sup>10</sup> "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.

<sup>12</sup> "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! <sup>14</sup> In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Our Creed: We Believe (Sung with Praise Team)**

We believe in God the Father  
 We believe in Jesus Christ  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit  
 And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion  
 We believe that He conquered death  
 We believe in the resurrection  
 And He's coming back, He's coming back again,

We believe, We believe!



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Director of family Life – Jeanette Koch*

### **Jesus Paid it All**

I hear the Savior say,  
 "Thy strength indeed is small.  
 Child of weakness....watch and pray  
 Find in Me....Thine all in all."

*Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe;  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find  
 Thy power, and Thine alone,  
 Can change the leper's spots,  
 And melt the heart of stone.

*Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe;  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow  
 And when before the throne  
 I stand in Him complete,  
 Jesus died my soul to save  
 My lips shall still repeat.

*Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all,  
 All to Him I owe;  
 Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
 He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One who paid my debt

and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh praise the One who paid my debt  
and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh praise the One who paid my debt  
and raised this life up from the dead.

Oh praise the One who paid my debt  
and raised this life up from the dead.

Jesus!

**Message** – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*



## The Dedication and Blessing of Sunday School Staff

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.  
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.  
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13:7-8

## On the Banks of the Promise Land

### Verse 1

I have built my life on the Solid Rock  
Far away from the sinking sand  
But I cast my eye to the home that  
waits  
On the banks of the Promised Land

### Verse 2

There's a song of praise that is lifted  
there  
By the saints and the angel band  
Oh I long to go and to join that choir  
On the banks of the Promised Land

### Chorus

(Oh) Hallelujah what a morning  
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand  
And I'm led from grace to glory  
On the banks of the Promised Land

### Verse 3

Every grief and pain that has bound me  
here  
Jesus knows and He understands  
They'll be washed away as I cross that

stream

To the banks of the Promised Land

### Chorus

(Oh) Hallelujah what a morning  
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand  
And I'm led from grace to glory  
On the banks of the Promised Land

### Verse 4

Then I'll see the face of my Savior dear  
Beckoned close by His sweet  
command  
All my burdens gone I will rest at last  
On the banks of the Promised Land

### Chorus

(Oh) Hallelujah what a morning  
When I reach for that nail-scarred hand  
And I'm led from grace to glory  
On the banks of the Promised Land  
(2X)

I'm goin' to the Promised Land  
I'm bound for the Promised Land  
I'm goin' to the Promised Land



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For kings, presidents, governors, mayors, legislators, judges, and all appointed by God to bear authority in the civil realm, that they receive wisdom to carry out God's will, that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**



Pastor: For all who preach the Gospel both here and around the world, that they would proclaim Jesus with power, for our teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that together we join in Your tireless work of seeking the lost and welcoming home the strayed, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick, the dying, and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, that they receive strength to bear their afflictions with patient endurance, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the lost souls of our world, that we learn not to hate them or berate them, but to seek them out and show them Your mercy. Give us the joy that resounds in heaven when one lost soul is found. Prepare us to be a people of comfort, support and answers centered on Your promises. We give thanks for Your mercy as we cry,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For patience to run the race of life with endurance, that on the Last Day we may enter into the glorious inheritance of the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all these things and whatever else You know that we need, we ask You, dear Father, for the sake of Christ who gave Himself for us, and who embraces us with a mighty power and love!

**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.

### Solo / Duane Harlick

#### *Bless Me* (D. Harlick)

I am nothing but a bag of flesh and bone  
 Little else holding me together  
 You are something supernatural  
 With grace and power beyond measure  
 I'm a loser it's been said, but I don't let it in  
 my head  
 There's so much more to me  
 Than this ordinary life they see, so...

Bless me! Bless Me!  
 Let me reach beyond my line of sight  
 Lord, if you might, just  
 Bless Me! Bless Me!  
 Let me feel your hand upon my skin  
 So I begin  
 To understand just what I am here for

What I could be is not for me to say  
 For only You can write the story  
 But if you would, please, put me on display  
 And to Your name be all the glory  
 There's so much I want to do, but so much  
 depends on You  
 A fire in my soul  
 Screaming ready, set, come on let's go!!

Bless me! Bless Me!

Let me reach beyond my line of sight  
 Lord, if you might, just  
 Bless Me! Bless Me!  
 Let me feel your hand upon my skin  
 So I begin  
 To understand just what I am here for

I'm counting on You counting on me  
 Whatever you decide to bestow upon me  
 I'm waiting on you impatiently  
 I know I have a purpose  
 We've only scratched the surface!

I'm a loser, so they say, but I know You don't  
 feel that way  
 There's so much more to me  
 Than this ordinary life they see, so...

Bless me! Bless Me!  
 Let me reach beyond my line of sight  
 Lord, if you might, just  
 Bless Me! Bless Me!  
 Let me feel your hand upon my skin  
 So I begin  
 To catch a glimpse of what's behind the door  
 A little peek at what you have in store  
 And understand just what I am here for...

## 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.**

## INVITATIONS

### Closing Medley:

### #816 From All That Dwells Below the Skies / Blessed Be Your Name

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

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

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the gym until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor or Deacon.

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### WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor James Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Bob McGuigan</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jan Paver</i> <i>Joyce Carr</i>	<i>Marlene Shoebridge</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Ripper Family</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Ruth Natiw</i> <i>Lisa Fairbairn</i>	<i>Joyce Carr</i> <i>Kathleen Smith</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>	<i>Curtis Kalina</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jerry Krause</i> <i>Paul Breuhan</i> <i>David Howard</i> <i>Patrick Baker</i>	<i>Ron Breuhan</i> <i>Jake Fairbalirn</i> <i>Chuck Hempel</i>

## News & Notes

*Attendance Last week :*

*Sunday 9.6.2020 - 8:30am- 65*

*11:00am - 38 = 93*

*Communion - 86*

*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.*

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

*Received week of 8.23.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate\*)\$8,010 \*total includes online giving  
Rentals - \$1,100 School Income - \$19,329.45*

A special gift was given to the Endowment Fund in memory of Joshua David from Pat and Bob McGuigan.

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*Today's flowers are:*

*One vase in honor of Dr. John Berg from Doug and Nancy Berg.*

*One vase in memory of Ted Edmond's Birthday and in honor of their ninth wedding anniversary from Rich and Cher Johnson.*

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



**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Jean Eckhardt  
Brentwood Care Facility  
2002 Andrew Ave.  
Laporte, IN 46350

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LWML Mites provide funding for a myriad of grants as varied and diverse as God's people. The 2020 LWML Michigan District Convention approved grants totaling \$251,250 for the coming two years. Women in Christ, St. Paul's LWML chapter, would like to spotlight one of these grants each month. For September the focus is on "Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Seminary." The amount of the grant is \$25,000. This grant will assist men from Michigan with their tuition costs at either of our LCMS seminaries as they study to become pastors. Pastoral vacancies have increased, while at the same time tuition, books, and housing costs have likewise increased, causing financial burdens upon pastoral students.

Why not start filling your MITE box this month. October is one of four months in which MITE boxes are collected. Thank you for your generous support in the past.

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**FAMILY OF GOD** - Sometimes, things need to change and that is the case with our Thursday night ladies night meal and Bible study at Family of God. On Thursday, the Luke Project (maternity and baby care ministry) meets and has taken over the area we use to serve, eat and study God's Word. As they start the process of opening and inviting the community back into the building, they determined it to be best for the ministry to ask us to switch to Tuesday night and allow the Luke Project continue to minister to those young moms and babies who may not go to get care somewhere else.

You all came through, we didn't skip a beat although we had two less days to prepare, our Cheesy Pasta casserole makers were Julia Smith, Janet Kovalak, Pat McGuigan (2), Mary Lou Jaussi, Chris Henning and Claudia Williamson. Pat Melton brought the buttered rolls which are always a favorite, Shannon Stewart brought in the chips and Beth Hempel the fruit cups. Rita (Kharti) and Kevin Simmerman brought in water and pop and Lisa Fairbairn made 200 cookies and bagged them 2 in each bag. Janet Wisner purchased the packaged plastic ware and Cheryl Bailey supplied the styrofoam containers. Our volunteers that went down were Julia Smith with first timer Eric (her son), Pat Melton, Pat McGuigan, Sue Poole and Barbara Hoffmeier. She offered to drive again and we all appreciate her doing that. In September, we will go back to bulk serving sizes versus individual packages. We will buy fresh fruit, big bags of chips, gallons of beverages and plates instead of styrofoam containers. Thank you all for the extra expense each of you may have incurred during this past summer.

We met after dinner downstairs in a newly decorated room, we had twelve ladies stay for Bible study and Susan Hill, Pastor's wife taught on, "Why we read the Bible." She asked each of us to make a list of five reasons we read the Bible, **what are your five?** In 2 Timothy 3:15-16 we learn the Bible makes us wise, scripture is all God breathed good for teaching, rebuking, training and correcting. But...it is only useful if we use it! Use yours today and I will too!