

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

October 11, 2020



Dressed with **His Best** for A Special Invitation

AS WE GATHER

God has worked faith in our hearts to respond in joy to His gracious invitation. But our preoccupation with our personal agendas and the world's allure can turn our hearts away. Jesus couches that problem in a parable. Worse, we might think that we can enter heaven, the eternal banquet, on our terms, supposing we need not be clothed in Christ's righteousness alone. Yet God's preoccupation is to keep sending out His special invitation to one and all. What joy Paul leads us in as he writes the Epistle! Our current circumstances mean nothing compared to the eternal banquet to which we are invited by the overflowing grace of God.

WELCOME — Pastor

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

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!

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 25:6, 8–9*

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

People: He will swallow up death forever.

Pastor: It will be said on that day,

**People: “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might
save us.**

Pastor: This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;

People: let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We have heard the invitation but must confess that we have not always
responded in true faith. But God has promised grace and mercy for Jesus’
sake. Let us therefore go to His throne of grace.

Pastor: Father in heaven,

**People: we confess that too often we have turned deaf ears to Your gracious
invitation. We have thought our plans were most important. We have
spoken as if You could not hear. We have acted according to the
expectations of the world around us. Worse, there is no good within
us by which we can amend our sinful condition. Forgive us for Jesus’
sake. Grant us to reflect in our daily living the righteousness and
rejoicing we shall know at the wedding feast of the Lamb, Your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: In His great mercy, God has opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers. He has promised to eat and drink with prophets and apostles at
His Table. By our Lord’s death and resurrection, your sins have been paid

for; your seats are reserved. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation.

People: Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy;

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.

Sit

FIRST READING Philippians 4:4–13 ***“Rejoice in the Lord always.”***

Elder: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

People: ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Elder: ¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1–14* **Parable of the Great Feast**

Elder: Jesus also told them other parables. He said, ² "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. ³ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come! ⁴ "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!'

People: ⁵ **But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. ⁶ Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.**

Elder: ⁷ "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. ⁸ And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. ⁹ Now go out to the street

corners and invite everyone you see.' ¹⁰ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

People: ¹¹ **"But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. ¹² 'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But the man had no reply.**

Elder: ¹³ Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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.

Please Sit

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
Jesus of Nazarene

Wondering how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be

How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 2

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be

How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 3

When we are ransomed in glory
His face I at last I'll see
Will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me (2x)

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Knowing that you have been given a place at God's banquet table, what "clothes" of your Christian life is evident to others that show your relationship to Christ? Is your Christianity more than just a life-style, beyond what people see?

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are bold to come to our Lord in prayer at His invitation. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (*Philippians 4:6*).

Lord, our Shepherd, we thank You for Your promise to be with us, even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Grant us peace in knowing that You never leave nor forsake us. With thanksgiving,

People: we let our request be made known to You.

Pastor: Lord, our Shepherd, You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies, and so we pray for our enemies. Where our enemy is wrong, work repentance, and grant that we may be of one mind and heart. With thanksgiving,

People: we let our request be made known to You.

Pastor: Lord, our Shepherd, we pray that You would raise up individuals to proclaim Christ—the one who is the Good Shepherd. Provide pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers to faithfully share Your Word with Your people, that faith would be created and faith strengthened by the power of Your Spirit. With thanksgiving,

People: we let our request be made known to You.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, healer of our every ill, turn a gracious ear as we pray for people near and dear to us: [*especially . . .*]. those facing sudden crises, those enduring long-term illnesses, those mourning the loss of loved ones, those in conflict of any sort, and those concerned about making ends meet. Give them relief, health, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans. Grant to them Your all-surpassing peace. With thanksgiving,

People: we let our request be made known to You.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: we let our request be made known to You. 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.**

St. Paul appreciates the continued support of those worshipping with us online and in person as we each help in sharing the amazing love of Jesus!

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 Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen

THE INVITATIONS

It Is Well With My Soul

Oh, my life is filled with white-hot anxiety,
 Though I think I wear it very well,
 I still worry bout' what people might think
 of me
 If they ever saw me past my outer shell.

I know how to worry.
 I've chewed my fingernails to the bone.

Oh, I've got my share of problems
 Still it is well with my soul
 Sometimes I wrestle with my conscience
 Still it is well with my soul

Lord, I think about all that you've
 Done for me.
 Lord, I think about it all the time.
 But sometimes a ghost from the past
 starts
 Really haunting me,
 Stickin' those awful feelings in my mind.

I won't let it get to me, no.
 I ain't walkin' down that old, dark road.

Oh, I've got my share of problems
 Still it is well with my soul
 Don't always know just how to solve them
 Still it is well with my soul

Since I've been given true forgiveness
 And it is well with my soul

I'll be about my father's business
 And it is well with my soul

In my soul / I can see clearly
 In my soul / Through the darkness
 surrounding me
 Once you've tasted and seen
 Then you'll know what I mean
 There ain't nothin' gonna keep me down,

Oh, I've got my share of problems
 Still it is well with my soul
 Don't always know just how to solve them
 Still it is well with my soul

Since I've been given true forgiveness
 And it is well with my soul
 I'll be about my father's business
 And it is well with my soul

with my soul, with my soul, with my soul
 It is well with my soul

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Bob McGuigan</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jan Ripper</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Poole Family</i>	
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Curtis Kalina</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Pat McGuigan</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Chuck Hempel</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>

News & Notes

11	OCT, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 School
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12 – 1pm	Board of Evangelism church parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
12	OCT, MON	● 6:30 – 8pm	Newcomer Group church parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Room #4
14	OCT, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Coach V -Basketball-Gym GYM
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting Room #4 - conference room
15	OCT, THU	● All day	NO SCHOOL
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbells choir loft
16	OCT, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
17	OCT, SAT	● All day	LERT-Barbara Hoffmeier GYM/parish hall

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 10.4..2020 – 8:30am - 60

11:00am - 59 = 119

Communion - 84

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 10.4.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$8,699 *total includes online giving
School Income - \$3082

A memorial has been given in memory of Ralph Schneider from Esther Helland to the church.

Today's flowers are:

One vase in honor of my daughter Brookes Birthday from Jean Peedle.

One vase in memory of my husband Othal (Bim) from Bernice Baggett.

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



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Norman Kleiner

16100 N. Haggerty Rd.

Plymouth, MI 48170

For the month of October, Women in Christ would like to highlight LWML Grant 2, Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Food and Clothing Co-op for Food, for \$10,000. Our future pastors and church leaders are the key to the future of the church. The cost of an education for an individual attending one of our theological seminaries can range from \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. The Food and Clothing Cooperative provides critical support for these future leaders and their families by providing perishable and non-perishable food items at a lower cost than grocery stores.

Please bring your filled MITE boxes to church during October, as this is one of four months in which we collect MITES.



The Board of Evangelism will be hosting Trunk or Treat again this year, October 31 from 6:00-8:00. We will enjoy an abbreviated version, with as many trunks as you supply so come and decorate your trunk in the parking lot of St Paul and prepare for those amazing little trick or treaters. Ideas for decorating can be found on the internet, just Google trunk or treat decorations. We also will be collecting candy for all our volunteer trunkers to hand out. There will be no

dinner or gift basket give away this year. Candy can be deposited in the box in the church. Thank you for your support, we hope to see you in the parking lot if we can tell who you are.....



Wednesday, November 11, the nation honors all veterans and victims of all wars. On Sunday, November 8, we will be honoring all members of St. Paul who have served our country in war and in peace. Please send us your veteran's name, branch of service and years served for a special recognition. This includes the names of veteran's who have gone before us, by NOON on Sunday, October 25. SEND INFO TO: Ruth Fisher at RTFNovi@gmail.com. We will also have a picture board. So, if possible, please send us a current picture or perhaps a picture in uniform or whatever you feel would be appropriate. If you have no means of getting a picture to us via computer, please feel free to drop at the office.



"The MORE You Know..."

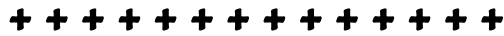
Newcomer Group is beginning soon! A new group will meet on Monday evenings **October 12th, 19th & 26th at 6:30 pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and forever. Whether you are new to our school or church, or looking to learn more about our biblical beliefs, this open discussion group is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the **foundations of the Christian faith**.

Please call the church office to register! 248-349-3140 ext. 10 -- All are welcome!

If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church, **THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!**



Note: We will offer distancing to allow each family to have their own table, and will discuss the use of face masks at the first meeting.



Another Way Pregnancy Center is hosting a Virtual Banquet on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00pm. This is an major fundraiser for the organization whose mission is to provide support to men and women through pregnancy and the first year of the baby's life. They offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy options counseling, parenting support programs, sexual health and relationship education. Here are the Top Five reasons you should participate: 5. You can watch in you PJ's; 4. You don't have to hire a babysitter; 3. You don't have to dress up; 2. You can donate from the comfort of your sofa; And the number one reason is - You will help us save babies! To learn more & to register for our exciting Virtual Fall Banquet, visit <http://awpcevents.org>. Please consider supporting AWPC, one of St. Paul's major community outreach projects.

The board of Social Ministry will be sending out "care packages" again this year to Collage Students and Military that you believe would appreciate receiving same. Consequently, we need the names and addresses of these people. Please get names and addresses to Ruth Fisher: RTFNovi@gmail.com or 248-231-1315, (you may text), **by October 26**. We will also have a basket in the church hall ready to receive items to be donated that we might send in these packages: pens, popcorn, dental items, tissue, hard candy, gum, etc. In connection with this Barbara Hoffmeier, (in charge of our Military Bulletin Board), has requested current pictures and news of our Military. Please place these items in this same donation basket or in the basket on the lower shelf in the hallway marked "Military Board".



Today we rejoice in the baptism of Julia Swift Thomas. Julia is the infant daughter of Elizabeth and Richard Thomas and was born in Livonia, Michigan on August 26, 2020. Julia's sponsors are Rebecca Swift and Christopher Bondick. As God writes Julia's name in the book of life let us all pray that this new relationship that has begun today will be lived, explored and discovered throughout Julia's life.

