

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 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**

## 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!



+ + + + **Baptism** + + + +  
**of**  
***Julia Swift Thomas***

## INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

## 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 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.



**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.**

### **This Is the Feast of Victory**

***Chorus:***

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain.  
Whose blood set us free to be people of  
God.

***Chorus***

2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength  
And honor, blessing and glory are His.

***Chorus***

3. Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.

***Chorus***

4. For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun His reign, Alleluia.

***Chorus***

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

**People:** <sup>8</sup> **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.** <sup>9</sup> **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: <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**



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

Elder: Jesus also told them other parables. He said, <sup>2</sup>“The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. <sup>3</sup>When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come! <sup>4</sup>“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:** <sup>5</sup> **But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.**

Elder: <sup>7</sup>“The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. <sup>8</sup>And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honor. <sup>9</sup>Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’ <sup>10</sup>So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

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

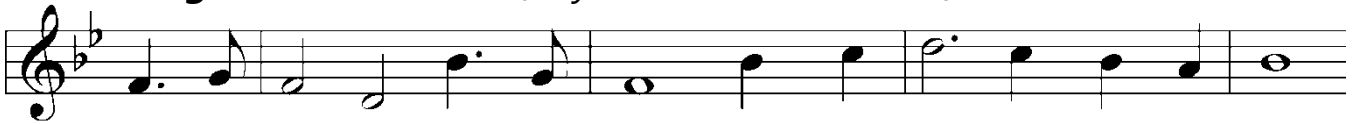
Elder: <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to his aides, ‘Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’  
<sup>14</sup>“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

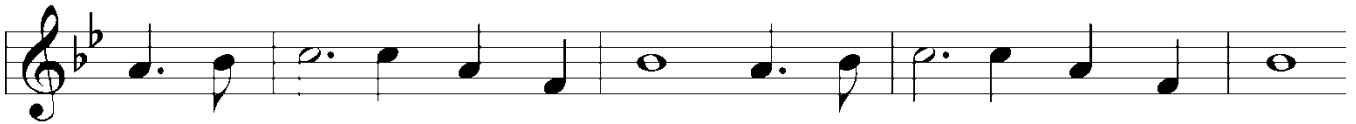
**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please Sit*

**761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me** (*Pay attention to verse 3*)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

**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.**

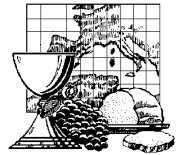
*St. Paul appreciates the continued support of those worshipping with us online and in person as we each help in sharing the amazing love of Jesus!*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.*

**COMMUNION WINE:** For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

## 626 Come, Let Us Eat

*Leader*

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

*All*

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*Leader*

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

*All*

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 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

## 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



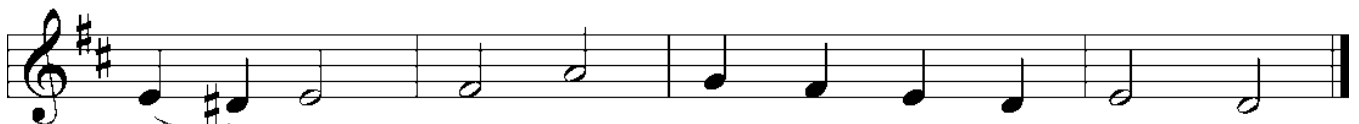
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

## 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

**Pastor:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in Holy Communion, You have given us a foretaste of the wedding feast of heaven. Grant us confidence in the assurance that, clothed in Christ's righteousness, we are ready for the wedding feast that has no end; 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: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.** (*Psalm 23:6*)

## THE INVITATIONS

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.  
 And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.

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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>Jake Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jane Ripper</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Benson Family</i>	
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Kathy Verseman</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jerry Krause</i>	<i>Ron Breuhan</i>
	<i>Paul Breuhan</i>	<i>Jake Fairbairn</i>
	<i>David Howard</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

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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 10.4.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate\*)\$7,153 \*total includes online giving  
School Income - \$3082

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

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Today's flowers are:

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

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### Remember Our Shut-Ins

**Norman Kleiner**  
16100 N. Haggerty Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

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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.

Prayer: Dear Lord, please bless our future church leaders and bless our MITE offerings that they may provide the support that enables them to serve. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.





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 Friday, October 25. SEND INFO TO: Ruth Fisher at [RTFNovi@gmail.com](mailto: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..."

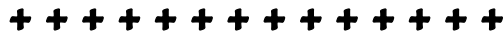
**Newcomer Group** is beginning soon! A new group will meet on Monday evenings **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, 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.

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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](mailto: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".

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*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.*