

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11 am

November 15, 2020



Not of Darkness

AS WE GATHER

The darkening days of the world are a time for God's people to be looking toward the light—the light of Christ. Through our worship, we call out to our gracious God to brighten our lives as only He can. With the psalmist we call out, "Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14). God promises to satisfy us not only for our earthly lives but eternally as well. Looking toward that time of great surprise with confidence and hope, we say with the psalmist, "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us" (Psalm 90:17a), and we respond to that favor with our heartfelt praise.

WELCOME — Pastor**RINGING OF THE BELL**

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

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 19:1–2, 5–7*

Pastor: Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.

People: For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.

Pastor: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

People: for His judgments are true and just.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of the light and well beloved by our gracious God, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

People: Almighty God, whose compassion never fails, we come before You in penitence. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in the light of Your love, now and forever.

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. By His grace, you are the sons and daughters of God, cleansed by the Lamb, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Lord Jesus, we praise you for your great mercy. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness, and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

*Sit***OLD TESTAMENT READING***Zephaniah 1:7–16**(A prophecy of the great and terrible Day of the Lord)*

Reader: Stand in silence in the presence of the Sovereign Lord, for the awesome day of the Lord's judgment is near. The Lord has prepared his people for a great slaughter and has chosen their executioners.

People: "On that day of judgment," says the Lord, "I will punish the leaders and princes of Judah and all those following pagan customs. Yes, I will punish those who participate in pagan worship ceremonies, and those who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

Reader: "On that day," says the Lord, "a cry of alarm will come from the Fish Gate and echo throughout the New Quarter of the city. And a great crash will sound from the hills. Wail in sorrow, all you who live in the market area for all the merchants and traders will be destroyed.

People: "I will search with lanterns in Jerusalem's darkest corners to punish those who sit complacent in their sins. They think the Lord will do nothing to them, either good or bad. So their property will be plundered, their homes will be ransacked. They will build new homes but never live in them. They will plant vineyards but never drink wine from them.

Reader: "That terrible day of the Lord is near. Swiftly it comes—
a day of bitter tears, a day when even strong men will cry out.

People: It will be a day when the Lord's anger is poured out—a day of terrible distress and anguish, a day of ruin and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness,

Reader: a day of trumpet calls and battle cries. Down go the walled cities and the strongest battlements!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

(Encouragement at the coming of the Lord)

Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. ² For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. ³ When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.

⁴ But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. ⁶ So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. ⁷ Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. ⁸ But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

⁹ For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. ¹⁰ Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. ¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*



¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

- ¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'
- ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
- ²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'
- ²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
- ²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'
- ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'
- ²⁸ "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

Please Sit

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

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice,
let all the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
It trembles at his voice,
It trembles at His voice

How great is our God!
Sing with me
How great is our God!
And all will see
How great,
How great is our God!
And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end,
beginning and the end

The Godhead three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God!
Sing with me
How great is our God!
And all will see
How great,
How great is our God!

How great is our God!
Sing with me
How great is our God!
And all will see
How great,
How great is our God!

How great is our God!
How great is our God!

Sermon – Pastor Fairbairn

Decision or Commitment in these Last Days?

What do you “tell yourself” whenever you decide to **SKIP Church** or Bible Study?

Describe the difference between a decision and commitment: _____
_____.

Do you want to be ready for Christ’s return and what actions in your life show this?

Stand

**Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church.

We bless You, O God, for the gift of the Church, our place of nurture and of refuge. May the Church continue to be faithful in sharing the message of salvation and in distributing the gifts You have for Your people. In mercy, O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for the nations of the world and for our nation and its leaders. We thank You, O God, for the world in which we live and for the human family of which we are a part. May all who are in positions of leadership around the globe find ways that lead to peace and security. May the leaders of our nation, state, and local communities seek to do that which brings blessing to all people and serves the common good. Help us to be bringers of light into places that are darkened, that our lives may be marked by service in the name of Christ, who has served us with love and forgiveness. In mercy, O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for a right view of the world and our places in it. When You created the world, O God, You called it good. We know that sin has darkened and marred much of that original good creation. Direct our ways, O God, toward a respectful use of the earth and all that comprises our world, that we may be faithful stewards in our time, leaving a legacy for those who come after us until the time of the return of Christ, who will establish a new heaven and a new earth. In mercy, O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray regarding the special needs known to us this day. Lord, You know all things. You know our needs and the needs of others even before we speak of them with words or in our hearts. Hear our petitions for those who are hospitalized or ill, for those who are shut in or find their lives limited in some way, for those whose work is unfulfilling or who have no work at all, for those who are grieving on this day, and for those who seek some special blessing, [*including . . .*], that their lives may know Your presence. In mercy, O Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

Sit

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 back and front of the church. **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!

There Was Jesus

Every time I try to make it on my own
 Every time I try to stand, I start to fall
 And all those lonely roads that I have
 traveled on - There was Jesus

When the life I built came crashing to
 the ground

When the friends I had were nowhere
 to be found

I couldn't see it then but I can see it
 now - There was Jesus

*In the waiting, in the searching
 In the healing, in the hurting
 Like a blessing buried in the broken
 pieces
 Every minute, every moment
 Where I've been or where I'm going
 Even when I didn't know it
 Or couldn't see it - There was Jesus*

For this man who needs amazing kind
 of grace

For forgiveness at a price I couldn't
 pay

I'm not perfect so I thank God every
 day

There was Jesus - There was Jesus

In the waiting, in the searching

*In the healing, in the hurting
 Like a blessing buried in the broken
 pieces*

*Every minute, every moment
 Where I've been or where I'm going
 Even when I didn't know it
 Or couldn't see it - There was Jesus*

On the mountains, In the valleys
 There was Jesus
 In the shadows, Of the alleys
 There was Jesus

In the fire, in the flood
 There was Jesus
 Always is and always was, oh
 No, I never walk alone
 Never walk alone - You're always there

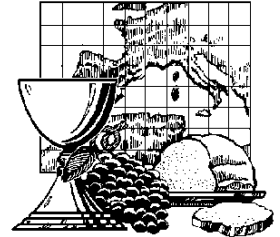
*In the waiting, in the searching
 In the healing, in the hurting
 Like a blessing buried in the broken
 pieces
 Every minute, every moment
 Where I've been or where I'm going
 Even when I didn't know it
 Or couldn't see it
 There was Jesus - There was Jesus
 ... There was Jesus*

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.

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. ++

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand.
 Till He returns or calls me home—
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The River - *Please join us in learning a song this morning!*

Verse 1

I know a place where we can go
 To lay the troubles down eating your soul
 I know a place where mercy flows
 Take the stains make you whiter than
 snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
 A current that moves and makes ya come
 alive
 Living water that brings the dead to life

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
 Down to the river
 Down to the river to pray
 Let's get washed by the water
 Washed by the water
 And rise up in amazing grace

Let's go down down down to the river
 You will leave changed
 Let's go down down down to the river
 Never the same

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
 Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
 All of my dirt all of my shame
 Drowned in the streams that have made
 me born again

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
 A current that moves and makes ya come
 alive
 Living water that brings the dead to life

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
 Down to the river
 Down to the river to pray
 Let's get washed by the water
 Washed by the water
 And rise up in amazing grace

Let's go down down down to the river
 You will leave changed
 Let's go down down down to the river
 Never the same (2x)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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: God the Father bless your lives and your deeds with His peace.
 God the ✠ Son, our Lord Jesus, fill your hearts and your days with hope.
 God the Holy Spirit be with you to make your lives expressions of God's gracious and abiding love, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

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!

Acknowledgments

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
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<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
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<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Doug Towner</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Craig Miller</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i> <i>Mary Lewis</i>	<i>Karen Frusti</i>



Attendance Last week :

Sunday 11.8.2020 – 8:30am - 79

11:00am - 59 = 138

Communion - 59

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.

Today's flowers are:

Two vases in memory of her husband Clifford from Marlene Shoebridge.

One extra arrangement in honor of Celesta Van Hellemont's birthday from Norman Kleiner.

11.8.2020 – Extra Bouquet in loving memory of Beth Young from Janet Wisner.

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



15	NOV, 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 w/ Communion
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
16	NOV, MON	● 6 – 7:30pm	Coach V- Always Basketball gym
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
		● 7:30 – 9pm	OLV GYM RENTAL gym
17	NOV, TUE	● 6 – 7:30pm	Coach V- Always Basketball gym
18	NOV, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Coach V -Basketball-Gym GYM
19	NOV, THU	● 6 – 7:30pm	Coach V- Always Basketball
		● 7:30 – 9pm	OLV RENTAL GYM gym
20	NOV, FRI	● 6 – 7:30pm	Coach V - Always Basketball gym
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
21	NOV, SAT	● 5 – 7pm	YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT parish hall

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

Received week of 11.8.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$8,751.18 *total includes online giving
School Income - \$662.56



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ruth Balko

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Rita and Kevin Simmerman joined Barbara, Pat McGuigan and Margo serving at Family of God, Tuesday, November 3. Rita is very personable with the people that come through the line and Kevin likes to have conversations with them on the other side of the serving line. I think this was there 3rd time going down to serve and it is so wonderful to watch them interact, it seems they have always been there. It sure makes for a joyfilled evening of warm friendly smiles and great food. We want to thank our casserole makers Mary Lou Jaussi, Pat McGuigan, Janet Kovolak (2), Linda Daul, Nancy Berg, and Kathy Verseman. Janet Wisner purchased our shredded lettuce and sour cream, Ruth Fisher picked up the salsa, Pat Melton got 4 bags of Mexican chips, Cheryl Bailey and Gretchen picked up bunches of bananas, Beth Dempster brought in 4 gallons of beverages, Carole Crete provided all the desserts, Chris Henning plates and Anne Burgess wrapped plasticware. We did it church family! Another wonderful meal provided by St. Paul, Northville. Your goodness is appreciated. Thank you.



The "Gifts for All God's Children" tree is set up in the church hallway. All of these gifts will go to "Family of God" families. This year the gifts to be given were chosen by their pastor. Please take only one envelope until everyone has had a chance to take one. Sign your envelope out on the cards provided by signing your name

next to the picture that is on your envelope. Follow the directions that are inside the envelope. Wrap or bag your gift, **attach the envelope to the gift**, (so it is known what the gift is). Bring the gift to the Parish Hall by **December 6th**. Please purchase and wrap **ONLY** the gift mentioned so that each child has the same amount of gifts.

M.O.S.T. Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. St Paul's have had a connection with them for over 20 years with volunteering at their Ann Arbor Campus, going on mission trips and sending donations to help with their ministry. On November 8th they had a virtual event that has been recorded and you can see what is happening, even during this time with Covid-19, to expand their mission.

https://www.mostministries.org/mobilized_for_missions

Barbara Hoffmeier led a team to Belize for Eyeglass Clinics the beginning of March 2020. Check out the interview with the Pastors that hosted the group and how it has had an impact on the community. Former St. Paul member Bill Hahn is currently the President of the Board of Directors and has a great presentation on the video. For more information talk to a St Paul member, Chuck Hempel, who also serves on the Board. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider donating to their mission. www.mostministries.org

All-Timers Bible Quizzing Tournament

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*



This is a special annual Bible Quizzing tournament where there is **no age limit!** This means coaches, parents, and everyone else can test their Bible Quizzing skills. And this season, **St. Paul will be hosting the tournament on Saturday, January 16, 2021 on Matthew 14-19!** No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684> for info or to register.

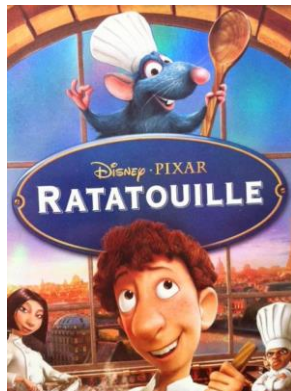
In the book of Acts, Luke shows that God works through His word and through poor and helpless people to bring people to faith in Christ. Please consider how the Lord calls every believer to bear witness to Jesus' death and resurrection and to salvation in His name. This month, Women in Christ is focusing on the mission grant entitled "Bringing Christ and Hope to Michigan's Urban Communities (Acts 2 Enterprise)." Acts 2 Enterprise works to make an impact in urban communities such as Detroit, Flint, Benton Harbor, and Pontiac to strengthen faith and address social needs in these communities. The amount of the grant is \$25,000. Please prayerfully support this effort as well as add to your MITE box this month. Thank you for your past support.

FREE

FREE

FREE

**IT'S BACK!!!!!!
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**



SAT NOVEMBER 21 @ 5:00PM

PARISH HALL

PIZZA, POPCORN AND A LOT OF FUN

There will be plenty of room to space out for safety!!!

any questions let me know Jeanette

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Advent Dinners 2020

We will be having Advent Dinners 12/2 (Board of Christian Ed) , 12/9 (Board of Evangelism) and 12/16/2020 in the church parish hall. Dinners will be served 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Social distancing rules will apply. If your group or board would like to sponsor the 12/16 meal, please call the church office 248-349-3140.



ADVENT NOON SERVICES – At this time, when planning for the future seems like an exercise in futility, it is good to be reminded of God's future for all believers. It is secure and wonderful, and the season of Advent points us both towards Jesus' first coming and his second. Our Livonia Circuit congregations will once again join together at noon for our joint Advent services and find rest in the promises of God's future for us. We have called our gathering "Lutherans at Lunch" in previous years, but this year is different, of course, so it will just be "Lutherans at Noon" this year. Services will

be Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16 at Christ Our Savior in Livonia. Physical distancing will be practiced, and masks are strongly recommended. All are welcome, of course—not just Lutherans!

Details

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154

Dates: Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 2020

Time: 12:00 noon

Lunch: unfortunately, no

Physical Distancing: yes, please

Masks: strongly recommended, though not required

"Await God's Future" Series

<https://www.csl.edu/2020/10/new-advent-christmas-sermon-series-available-for-download-2/>



Looking for a PRAYER CHAIN Coordinator to simply send out a group email whenever prayer request come in! Please call the church office for details! 248-349-3140 ext. 10

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2020

(H/C = Holy Communion)

11/25/2020 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)

11/29/2020 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/02/2020- Advent Dinner - 5:30pm – 6:45pm — Wednesday – Parish Hall

12/02/2020 - Advent Service – 7pm -- Wednesday

12/06/2020 – Worship – 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/09/2020 - Advent Dinner - 5:30pm – 6:45pm — Wednesday – Parish Hall

12/09/2020 - Advent Service with the Sunday School -7pm -Wednesday

12/13/2020 – Worship – 8:30am (H/C) & 11:00am – Sunday

12/16/2020 - Advent Dinner - 5:30pm – 6:45pm – Wednesday – Parish Hall

12/16/2020 - Advent Service – 7pm -- Wednesday

12/20/2020 - 8:30am & 11:00am – Sunday (H/C)

12/24/2020 - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm & 8:00pm – Thursday (masks will be worn |
entire service to accommodate larger attendance)

12/24/2020 - Christmas Eve Family Service - 10pm – Thursday (H/C)

12/25/2020 - Christmas Day Service – 10am — Friday (H/C)

12/27/2020 - Worship – 10am ONLY – Sunday

12/31/2020 – New Years Eve Service – 6pm – Thursday (H/C)

1/1/2021– **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** - Friday

