

LAST SUNDAY OF the CHURCH YEAR

11:00am

November 22, 2020



People of His Pasture

AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

WELCOME – Pastor

Please Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

People: **by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, sheep of the Good Shepherd, we know of His abiding goodness and mercy. With confidence, let us come before our Lord to confess our sins and to find the forgiveness we seek.

People: **Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess to You that we have strayed like lost sheep and deserve nothing of Your kindness toward us. We have sought our own way and it has led us only to guilt and death. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray You to forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts and minds, and restore as Your own children. Grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ alone, trust in His redeeming work, and live lives worthy of our baptismal calling as Your children. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Glorious Day

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

Chorus

You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that

grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

Chorus

You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that
grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
(2x)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our
mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for
the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the
Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of
us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 *(For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.)*

²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. ²³ But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

²⁴ After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. ²⁵ For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. ²⁶ And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority." (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority," that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) ²⁸ Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The River

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31–46 *(Come and inherit the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world.)*

Reader: ³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

People: ³⁷ **“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’**

Reader: ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

People: ⁴⁴ **"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'**

Reader: ⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Reader: 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.

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe / We believe

In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe / We believe

Chorus

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 again, We
 believe

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
 Greater than the songs we sing
 In our weakness and temptations
 We believe / We believe

Chorus

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 again,

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be
 raised,
 in the here and now let love invade
 Let the church live loud our God will
 save.
 We believe / We believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail,
 for the pow'r of God has torn the veil
 Now we know Your love will never fail,
 We believe / We believe

Chorus

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

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, for all people in Christ, and for all according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. Guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, that they may please You in all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O God, the strength of the weak and the consolation of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of Your servants, [*including . . .*], that by Your power their sickness may be turned to health according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 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!

The River

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

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

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters
And to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Bridge
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God

Chorus
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse
Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song
Of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Bridge
 So remember Your people
 Remember Your children
 Remember Your promise
 Oh God

Chorus
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me (2X)

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

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Will Hoffmeier</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jane Ripper</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Doug Towner</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Barbara Hoffmeier</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Christian Krauter</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Barkoot Family</i>	

News & Notes

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 11.15.2020 – 8:30am - 65

11:00am - 44 = 109

Communion - 93

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 our daughter Andrea Lynn Scott from her parents Ronald and Marilyn Breuhan.

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



22	NOV, SUN	●	8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		●	9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 School
		●	9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		●	11am – 12pm	Worship
		●	6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
23	NOV, MON	●	6 – 7:30pm	Coach V- Always Basketball gym
24	NOV, TUE	●	6 – 9pm	Coach V- Always Basketball gym
25	NOV, WED	●	9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		●	7 – 8pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
26	NOV, THU	●	All day	Thanksgiving Day
27	NOV, FRI	●	All day	Native American Heritage Day
		●	6 – 7:30pm	Coach V - Always Basketball gym
		●	7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
28	NOV, SAT	●	9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

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

Received week of 11.15.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$7,300 *total includes online giving

School Income - \$960 Rental Income - \$770

A gift has been given to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Memorial Fund in memory of Beth Young from Ruth Fisher.



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ed Fleming

(Heartfelt)

22430 Hawthorne St.

Farmington, MI 48336

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.

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/>



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2020

(H/C = Holy Communion)

11/25/2020 - Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7pm — Wednesday (H/C)
 11/27/2020 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Friday**

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

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

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

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 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**



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