

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11am

April 11, 2021



A Resurrection Nickname

AS WE GATHER

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel recalls the issue of the absence of the apostle Thomas at the Lord's first appearance and His special appearance to Thomas "eight days later." Because of that we have given him the nickname "doubting Thomas." "Doubting" is actually a kind word for the apostle's refusal to believe!

The apostles gave a disciple named Joseph the nickname Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement." The testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus gave Barnabas the grace and power to be an encourager by his generosity. That same fact of Easter gives us the grace and power to become encouragers of one other.

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

**Come,
Now is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God,
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are
God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for
those
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give your heart.

Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God,
Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knee will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God,
Come.
Come, Come, Just as you are, Come.
Come

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 John 1:5b-7*

Pastor: God is light,
People: and in Him is no darkness at all.

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie
and do not practice the truth.

People: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

People: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Pastor: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

People: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: If we say we have not sinned,

People: we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Pastor: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. By the gracious gift of the risen Lord, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, by the joy of our Lord's resurrection You filled the heart of Thomas with saving faith. Give to us this same faith and joy that we may reflect Your heart of love to those around us.

People: Grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4:32–35 NLT (The Believers Share Their Possessions)

Reader: ³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

People: ³³ **The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all.**

Reader: ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message**Glorious**

Glorious shout it out
And glorious make it loud
And Jesus we shout Your name
Jesus we make Your praise glorious
You are glorious

Glorious shout it out
And glorious make it loud
And Jesus we shout Your name
Jesus we make Your praise glorious

My God You reign forever and ever
How great Your name
Your love remains forever and ever
You stay the same

Glorious shout it out
And glorious make it loud
And Jesus we shout Your name
Jesus we make Your praise glorious

Shout it out shout it out
If you know He's good

Sing it out sing it out
For the Lord is good
Shout it out loud You are glorious

Glorious shout it out
And glorious make it loud
And Jesus we shout Your name
Jesus we make Your praise glorious
You are glorious

(Instrumental)

Shine Jesus You shine for all the world
to see
You are glorious (3x repeat)

You are glorious

Glorious shout it out
And glorious make it loud
And Jesus we shout Your name
Jesus we make Your praise glorious
You are glorious, You are glorious

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19–31* (*Thomas no longer doubts the resurrection.*)

Reader: That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

People: “Peace be with you,” he said.

Reader: As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said,

People: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

Reader: Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

People: But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

Reader: Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them.

People: “Peace be with you,” he said.

Reader: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

People: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

Reader: The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

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

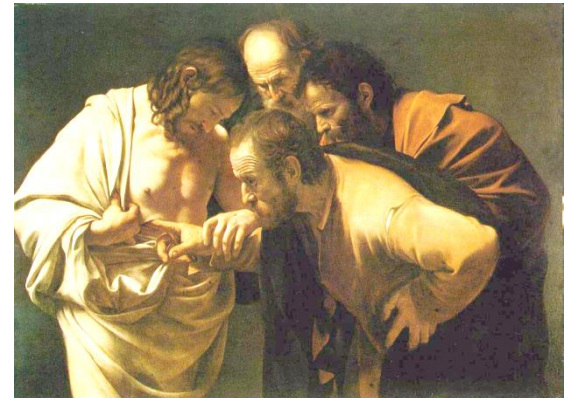
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
 for the pow'r of God has torn the veil

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

*What holds you back from believing without seeing?
No matter where You are in our relationship with
 Jesus today, the good news is that He meets you in
that place.*



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

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
 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
 No, I 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Great God, we thank You for the victory over sin and death won for us by the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus. We, though many, praise You as with one heart and soul with the whole creation. Strengthen our faith and love that we may bring Your light and joy to everyone around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As You gave the apostles to be witnesses to the world of our Lord's resurrection, so grant boldness to all pastors and preachers in Your Church to confidently proclaim the forgiveness of sins and eternal life by faith in the risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May the witness of Your Church throughout the world inspire the leaders of nations to serve all people, protecting us from harm and leading us in the paths of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May the Gospel of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus bind us together in faith to be of one heart and soul. Enable us to be encouragers of others with our words of encouragement and our generosity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As the whole creation gives You praise for Your gift of release from sin and death, so count as praise every word of hope and prayer uttered by those who suffer any adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Bring Your loving, healing touch to all in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We join our voices with the whole company of heaven giving You praise especially for Thomas and the other apostles, and all Your saints who give us the example of faith. For all those who have died with the sign of faith, we give You thanks and bless You for the gift of eternal life. In confidence we know,

People: You hear our prayer. Thank you Lord. 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.

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 and back 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!

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

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.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father, by Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your only Son, that believing in Him, we may have everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit, give to us Your comfort in trouble and guard us against all doubt, that we remain steadfast in the faith and come, at last, to life eternal; 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: 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

What A Day That Will Be

Verse 1

There is coming a day
 When no heartaches shall come
 No more clouds in the sky
 No more tears to dim the eye
 All is peace forevermore
 On that happy golden shore
 What a day glorious day that will be

Chorus

What a day that will be
 When my Jesus I shall see
 When I look upon His face
 The One who saved me by His grace
 When He takes me by the hand
 And leads me thro' the Promised Land
 What a day glorious day that will be

Verse 2

There'll be no sorrow there
 No more burdens to bear
 No more sickness no pain

No more parting over there
 And forever I will be
 With the One who died for me
 What a day glorious day that will be

Chorus

What a day that will be
 When my Jesus I shall see
 When I look upon His face
 The One who saved me by His grace
 When He takes me by the hand
 And leads me thro' the Promised Land
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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.

WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director/Organist</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Mark Baumgarten</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Chuck Hempel</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Willis Family</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Melissa Raikes</i> <i>Ruth Natiw</i>	<i>Lynda Luedeman</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Curtis Kalina</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Marilyn Edick</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Lisa Fairbairn</i> <i>Jan Paver</i>	<i>Ruth Natiw</i>



Attendance Last week :

Sunday 4.4.2021 Easter Sunday

8:30am - 117

11:00am - 78 = 195

Communion - 146

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAYS: Ladies Bible Study – 9:30am , church parish hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall

11	APR, 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
		● 1 – 4pm	Tom Norton - gym -
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
12	APR, MON	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Childcare, New member Class
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Newcomer Class parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Board of Day School Room #5
13	APR, TUE	● 6 – 9pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. (NBA)
14	APR, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice church parish hall
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 7 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club Meeting Room #4 - conference room
15	APR, THU	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball - Coach V
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbell Practice church narthex
16	APR, FRI	● 6 – 7:30pm	Northville Basketball Assoc. (NBA)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
17	APR, SAT	● 9am – 12pm	Coach V - Always Basketball gym
		● 5 – 6pm	Movie Night parish hall

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

Received week of 3.7.2021 - for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$33,880

*total includes online giving

School - \$326

Rental - \$600

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Phyliss Zarrish
520 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

Altar Flowers this week are :

In honor of Sherry Manning's birthday from her sister Marlene Shoebridge.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 10am service.



**FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT
IT'S FREE
SATURDAY APRIL 17 @ 5PM**



PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN
**Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go
enjoy a night out.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.
Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director
248-349-3140 ext 13
familylife@stpaulnorthville.org

Let's get together; our Wayne Oak Hills Zone is planning our Spring Rally, Encourage One Another. Join us in welcoming our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Michigan District President, MaryBeth Heikkinen as she encourages us in the work God has laid out for us to do. We are going to safely gather at Shadow of the Cross, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, with registration beginning at 9:00am, Saturday April 24th. We will be served a mini-continental boxed breakfast by the ladies of our host church. We will have an in-gathering of any size diapers for St. Michael's Swaddling Clothes Store. There will be a short business meeting as well. We welcome ladies of all ages to come, listen, learn and grow with us. Please let Nancy Berg (248)756.4031 or Sue Poole (248)904.9080 know if you are planning to attend, we can car pool if you like.

Crosses It is with great JOY that the students of St. Paul made the crosses you see around the church. We want to remind you of the great love that Jesus showed through His death and resurrection. The faculty and staff have been excited to share the Easter message with our students and families, and we wanted to share that wonderful message with you too! It is all about the cross!

Positions Available at St. Paul

Our first grade teacher, Ms. Laura Kitzman, has accepted a call to be the Early Childhood Director at St. Michael in Wayne, and as our enrollment increases we will need to make 3rd grade an independent class this fall. Also our morning care person will be doing an internship starting sometime in May and we will need someone to supervise a small group of children from 7:00 am-8:30 am every morning till June 9th. If you are interested or you know of someone we should contact concerning any of these positions please contact Mrs. Pifer at (586)596-1444.

Positions available are-

First Grade Teacher - Full Time starting August 15

Third Grade teacher - Full Time starting August 15

Morning Care Supervisor - May till June 9 (\$12/hour)



Stephen Ministry Information Sunday - Sunday April 11th @ 9:45 in Parish Hall -Come hear and see what Stephen Minister is about and how it is designed to train laypeople for a caring ministry. Loving others in Jesus' name is a challenge and an opportunity for all God's children. Likewise, the joy of helping others is the privilege of all Christians, for the Holy Spirit has given gifts to each Christian to use in service to others and to build up the church (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). Stephen Ministry will rely on the gifts the Holy Spirit

has given to our lay members so that, as more people are equipped to care, Christ's love for us will be able to go out from us in ever greater and more effective ways.

What a meal we had at the Family of God for St Patrick's Day! For the first time in eleven years we served Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots with Brownies, green Jello, Shamrock Cookies, Bananas and Beverages (complete with a bright green tablecloth and necklaces for the servers.) It was a real hit and many had compliments and appreciation for our service. There were about 30 in attendance but we served 60 meals, as many came back for take-out boxes. Thank you to our SERVERS: Father and son Ernie and Chris Edick, Joanne Bandoni, Nancy Berg and Barbara Hoffmeier. Our COOKS were: Nancy Berg, Marilyn Edick, Chris Henning, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Sue Mai and Kathy Verseman. Our BROWNIE BAKERS were: Anne Burgess, Mary Lewis and Shirley Mapes. *A special thank you to Missy Kruecher who arranged for gals from the Honor Society at Mercy High School to bring us two huge bags of brownies to take down for the mission.*

The following week the "FoG Kitchen Crew" served their famous Chicken Tamale Casserole and the fixings at the St Paul Lenten Dinner, Wednesday, March 24th. Thank you to the people who came and contributed to our designated fund. That will keep us going to purchase food for our Family of God meals once a month. If anyone wants to apply for a Thrivent Action Card (for \$250) please let Barbara know so she can assign you a month. Thanks.

Another mission trip from our church is being planned through MOST Ministries for November. In the past, we have had a number of women from our congregation who have received scholarships from LWML go on MOST trips. Women in Christ would like to highlight a \$25,000 mission grant entitled “Share Missions with a Friend MOST Scholarships.” This grant will provide scholarships for the next two years for 20 LWML members and one friend each who have never served in the mission field on short-term mission trips. Please keep filling your MITE box and bring it in during the month of April. Women in Christ appreciates your faithfulness in contributing to the LWML grants.

Newcomer Class is beginning soon! A new group will meet on Monday evenings **April 12th, 19th and 26th at 6:30pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequaled story of how God’s remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and forever. Whether you are new to our church or looking to transfer from another church home, 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! Childcare available!** If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church, **THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!**

Laugh 4 Hope: Are you in need of some good family friendly humor? Are you tired of the usual Netflix fare and need something fresh? Another Way Pregnancy Center is hosting a fun filled comedy night on **Friday, April 23**, starring Robert G. Lee. Robert has written several episodes of the popular Veggie Tales video series. His latest clean comedy project is called, *I’m Sorry!* Robert recently wrote and directed a faith-based screwball comedy feature called, *Can I Get A Witness Protection?* Check him out on YouTube. The event takes place at **Ward Church in Northville and starts at 7:00 pm.** Tickets are \$25 per person or two tickets for \$40. Tickets are available at awpcfriends.org/events or by calling 248-939-5900. There is a sign up sheet on a table in the church foyer. By signing your name we will be able to group St. Paul people together at the event. You must however purchase your ticket on the website. All proceeds go toward supporting and empowering families experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Join us for this special evening to advocate for LIFE through laughter and fellowship.



Dear Church Family – Thank you so much for the beautiful reception for my 20th years of employment at St. Paul Lutheran Church on March 21.21. I feel so very blessed to have my job also be “my family”. Everyone is so generous and kind to me and I am grateful to each and every one of you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Love Margo

From our Music Director: Paul Ventimiglia **Grand Piano**

As you know, we are taking contributions for the purchase of a Grand Piano for the Sanctuary.

- 1) For those looking for a way to contribute on-line, please visit our website. <https://stpaulnorthville.org/>, and look for / click on the “Make a Donation” button at the bottom right corner of the Home page. It will take you to a menu where you can select “Music Ministry” to direct your donation towards the Grand Piano purchase.



CHURCH SPECIAL DONATIONS

-MUSIC MINISTRY:

- 2) If you prefer to donate by check, make it out to St. Paul Lutheran and be sure to add “**Grand Piano**” in the memo area of your check and we’ll ensure it goes towards the Piano purchase!

It is my sincere feeling that the purchase of a grand piano would take our music program to a new and higher level. The beautiful sound coming from a majestic instrument like a grand piano will fill our church, with its natural acoustics, with music fit for the glory of God. No doubt too, that it’s intrinsic beauty will only add to the existing beauty of the sanctuary.

Please join us on this journey as we continue to enhance our music ministry here at St. Paul. It will be one we can share together and keeps on giving -back to congregation in the years to come.