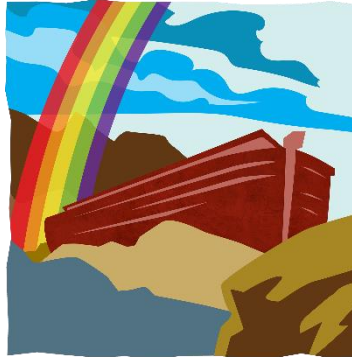


## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

July 25, 2021



Upon the Chaos Dark and Rude

### AS WE GATHER

God's promise of life in the rainbow summons us to hope in God. The apostle Paul urges us to discover and to know how real and firm is God's love. Like the fearful disciples in today's Gospel, we may have doubts of faith. But God's Word assures us: **"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid"** (Mark 6:50). This causes us to stop our worrying and believe. Hope in God can calm you. The love of God can convince you. Here, now, at His mighty Word, your sins are forgiven, and you have hope, love, and life. We now gather before Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our loving God.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## 829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Isaiah 43:1–3a*

Pastor: But now thus says the Lord,  
He who created you, O Jacob,  
He who formed you, O Israel:

**People: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are Mine.**

Pastor: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**People: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.**

Pastor: For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done and by what we have left undone.

**People: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

**People: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**People: so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory  
of Your holy name.**

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord God has set His rainbow as a sign of promise amid the storm clouds of our lives. He has set the cross of our Lord Jesus as a sign of His forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### **849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness

With a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,

Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,

Healing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands

With the very Bread of peace.

3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate,

Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious

That we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness,

Seeing what our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer,

Praise the One who makes us one.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O Lord, You bring order where there is chaos, and You bring calm where there are storms.

**People: Help us to experience the breadth and length and height and depth of Your love for us in Christ, so that we glorify You and show forth Your love in the world;**

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.**

**FIRST READING** *Genesis 9:8–17* (The rainbow—a sign of His covenant forever)

Reader: <sup>8</sup> Then God told Noah and his sons, <sup>9</sup> “I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, <sup>10</sup> and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth.

**People:** <sup>11</sup> **Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.”**

Reader: <sup>12</sup> Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come.

**People:** <sup>13</sup> **I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life.**

Reader: <sup>16</sup> When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” <sup>17</sup> Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 6:45–56* (Jesus walks on the sea and calms the storm.)

Reader: <sup>45</sup> Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home. <sup>46</sup> After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

<sup>47</sup> Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. <sup>48</sup> He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, <sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. <sup>50</sup> They were all terrified when they saw him.

But Jesus spoke to them at once.

**People: “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage! I am here!” <sup>51</sup> Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, <sup>52</sup> for they still didn’t understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.**

Reader: <sup>53</sup> After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore <sup>54</sup> and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, <sup>55</sup> and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And  
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

### MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*With God's Rainbow assurances, what is left in your life to fear? What storms are you facing but not allowing Jesus to calm with His presence?*

*How has God used water in the past to bring deliverance?*

*Are you asking for baptismal waters to lift you to higher ground?*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In prayer for the Church, the world, and all people in need, let us come before the Father, that according to the riches of His glory he may strengthen us by the Spirit.

That the Church throughout the world, buffeted and battered by many headwinds, may persevere amid the chaos of this world and may embody the solid ground that comes from trusting in the power of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That nations throughout the world may be places of stability, peace, and care for the general welfare of their citizens. That our government leaders—national, state, and local—govern humbly and provide good leadership, upholding and enforcing laws that hold chaos dark and rude at bay. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That those who serve in our military and their families may be kept safe from harm amid their sometimes chaotic lives. That victims of terrorism, persecution, violence, and warfare may be delivered from these horrors. That our enemies would no longer wish us harm, but instead seek peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That those who are sick in body or mind—those who are hospitalized, those facing surgery, those receiving ongoing treatments, and those who are convalescing—may experience the peace of Christ amid the storms of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That those who travel for business or pleasure may arrive safely at their destinations. That summer vacationers may experience refreshment, rest, and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That the people of St. Paul Lutheran, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, may show to all His love in our community, and may, like the rainbow, be a sign of God's covenant faithfulness amid the chaos of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

**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.**

## **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.

## Revelation Song

Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Is the Lord God Almighty  
 Who was, and is, and is to come  
 With all creation I sing  
 Praise to the King of Kings  
 You are my everything  
 And I will adore You

Filled with wonder,  
 awestruck wonder  
 At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power  
 Breath, and living water  
 Such a marvelous mystery

Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Is the Lord God Almighty  
 Who was, and is, and is to come  
 With all creation I sing  
 Praise to the King of Kings  
 You are my everything  
 And I will adore You

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: You are the Lord's. Do not be afraid. Take heart, for Jesus reigns over the darkness and chaos of this world.  
 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. We are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ!  
 Again, we say, amen.**

## THE INVITATIONS

### 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



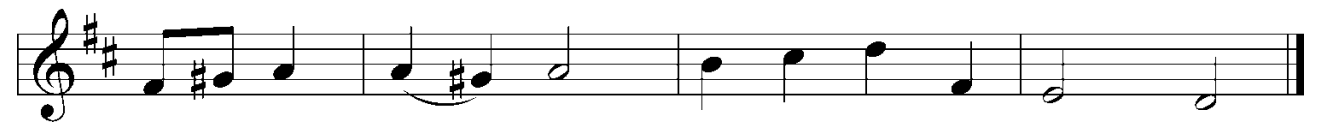
1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.

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**

*Preacher*

*Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

*Officiant*

*Pastor Jim Frusti*

*Music Director*

*Paul Ventimiglia*

*Family Life Director*

*Jeanette Koch*

*Elder*

*Will Hoffmeier*

*Reader*

*Karen Frusti*

*Ushers*

*John Hasse  
Gary Sixt  
Pat McGuigan*

*Charleen Hill  
Bob McGuigan*

*Greeters*

*Barry Helmick*

*Counters*

*Jane Ripper*

*Janet Wisner*

*Tech Team*

*Steve Martens*

*Welcome Center*

*Patrick Baker*

*Coffee Hour*

*Fairbairn Family*

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**News & Notes**

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 7.18.2021

8:30am - 66

11:00am - 55 = 121

Communion - 92

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

Received week of 7.18.2021- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate\*)\$9,518 \*total includes online giving

School - \$2,016

25	JUL, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
28	JUL, WED	● All day	VBS - SET UP GYM
29	JUL, THU	● All day	VBS - SET UP GYM
30	JUL, FRI	● All day	VBS - SET UP GYM
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
31	JUL, SAT	● All day	VBS - SET UP GYM
		● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

*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

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

**Norman Kleiner**

16100 N. Haggerty Rd.

Plymouth, MI 48170

*Altar Flowers this week are :*

*In honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Pastor Chris and Lisa Fairbairn.*

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



Happy Anniversary St Paul Lutheran Church, 125 years of ministry in our community here in Northville. We are planning a special worship service and picnic. Please save the date, August 29, 2021, plan to attend our one worship service at 10:00am and join us for a luncheon with fellowship and games afterwards. If you would like to help set up or take down or you have stories, pictures or articles of our past, please let the church office know. We also want to beautify the church grounds for picture perfect moments, we can use your help to do that, pick an area and claim it as yours to maintain for the year ahead if that sounds good to you or come and join others to get it all done together.

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**Looking for a Teacher** We recently were notified that our current 6th-8th teacher has found employment closer to her home so we are in need of a teacher in grades 6-8. If you or someone you know has a valid Michigan teaching certificate and would be interested in employment here at St. Paul please call the office or Chris Pifer @ 586-596-1444. This position can be long term or just for one year.

We also have an opening for a part-time teacher aide position in preschool. Approximately 15 hours per week @ \$12.00/hour.

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God is good and His provision is always enough. A great big thank you to Nancy Berg and Kathy Verseman for stepping in to go down and serve at Family of God on Tuesday, July 7, with our beloved Julia Smith (from Guardian Dearborn). Nancy shared about the visual devastation of stuff out on the curbs destroyed from flooding that they seen on their way to and from the mission. This makes our tiny efforts to serve even more valuable. The ladies served about 46 people and were able to supply seconds and take home dishes. They all enjoyed a nice cold salad on the hot clammy day with thunderstorms looming. Our Cheesy Pasta casserole makers were Julia Smith, Mary Lou Jaussi, Janet Kovalak, Al Ripper, Carole Crete and Sue. Kathy Hoener brought rolls and butter, Janet Wisner potato chips, Beth Dempster bananas, Marti Gilchrist water & plates, Shannon Stewart plasticware & napkins. Julia drove Nancy and Kathy down to the mission and they all served. We can use some volunteers each month to go down and serve with us. We leave at 5:00 and are back around 7:30-8:00. Come & See!

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As we enjoy this great summer, let us think of those international students preparing to serve in the Lutheran Church. For the month of July, Women in Christ is highlighting the following grant entitled, "Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students" for \$10,000. This grant will provide assistance in equipping international students with strong Lutheran theology. Students from developing countries are often without resources to support this education, and upon completion of their program return to their homelands and teach other leaders in Christian ministry. As we thank God for all the international students who are willing to come to the United States to be trained and then serve in their own countries, let us fill our MITE boxes and bring them in during July.

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### JULY IS MITE BOX COLLECTION MONTH

Nancy, Barbara and Sue are back from our LWML Convention held in Lexington, KY this past week end, thank you for your prayers. The main projects were to select our new mission grants, vote for new officers and update our by-laws. Our delegates approved a \$2,221,176. 15 mission grant goal, selecting 28 different missions to receive this money over the next two years. Let's STOP and praise Him! Thank you Jesus. Our theme was, Running the Race....Looking to Jesus with our scripture verse, Hebrew 12:1-2 Our opening service Proclaimer was Rev. Dr. David Maier, President LCMS, Michigan District, he shared, God didn't create us in the womb to start the race but to finish it. And our closing service was Proclaimer Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson, from Concordia Ann Arbor and he shared, It's time to go! Time to look! Time to tell! So fellow Saints, hear this, "The moment we are in doesn't pause the mission we are on." Let's Go Tell!

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**MEXICO MISSION TRIP** We are excited to report that preparation has begun for our upcoming mission trip to Mexico from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be St. Paul's fifth mission with MOST ministries. Previous St. Paul mission teams have traveled to Nicaragua and Guatemala. This time St. Paul will be sending a team to Mexico to provide water filters, health and hygiene education and home construction assistance for families in two Mexican communities. Our team will be lodged at a Lutheran mission church in El Paso, Texas, and each day the team will be driven over the border to our mission site.

This will be an excellent opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our brothers and sisters in Mexico. We are looking not only for "Goers" to join our mission team, but equally important we are looking for "senders" to help out with fundraising, etc. Anyone interested should contact either Team Leader Barbara Hoffmeier [bhoffmeier3@gmail.com](mailto:bhoffmeier3@gmail.com) (248) 756-3035 or Team Liason Chris Burgess [chris.burgess917@gmail.com](mailto:chris.burgess917@gmail.com) (734) 765-4782.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! V B S ROCKY RAILWAY  
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - FACE TO FACE  
AUGUST 2 - 6 9AM – NOON  
VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS REGISTER @

Go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/db5e8b>

Questions, please email or call me.

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