

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00am

May 15, 2022



In a Little While

AS WE GATHER

Sometimes Jesus' words sound like a riddle. "A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me" (*John 16:16*). What do You mean, Lord? Like the disciples, we do not know what You are talking about. Taken away momentarily by death and now ascended into heaven, Jesus allows us to experience His presence among us through Word and Sacrament as we await the fullness of joy that will come in His presence in the new heavens and new earth. On that day, the dwelling of God is with people; and we will be His people and He will be our God.

PRELUDE

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.

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.
 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 *Psalm 148:1–3, 13*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People: praise Him in the heights!

Pastor: Praise Him, all His angels;

People: praise Him, all His hosts!

Pastor: Praise Him, sun and moon,

People: praise Him, all you shining stars!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
People: for His name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God,
People: We confess before You our sinful nature and sinful deeds. We do not like to wait for anything! As sinners we want and labor for things that perish, forgetting to set our affections on You and Your kingdom where true joys are found. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and fill us with the Spirit of truth that our sorrow may turn to joy.

Pastor: The dwelling of God is with people. You are His Beloved, and Jesus is in our midst. He is and ever shall be. All your sins are washed in the blood of the Lamb and truly forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You are the unseen presence in all human affairs, the unseen actor in the drama of our lives. Though our days are now marked by sorrow, in a little while we will see Jesus. Grant us Your Spirit that we may behold You through eyes of faith as You come among us by Your Word and Sacraments; 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 Acts 11:1–18

(The Gentiles have received God's Word.)

Reader: Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. ² But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers¹ criticized him.

People: ³ **"You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said.**

Reader: ⁴ Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. ⁵ "I was in the town of Joppa," he said, "and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. ⁶ When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. ⁷ And I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.'

People: ⁸ **"'No, Lord,' I replied. 'I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.'**

Reader: ⁹ "But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.

¹¹ "Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. ¹² The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. ¹³ He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. ¹⁴ He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!'

People: ¹⁵ **"As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"**

Reader: ¹⁸ When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING *Revelation 21:1–7* (God dwells with people.)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 16:12–22* (The Spirit of truth brings joy!)

¹² "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

¹⁶ "In a little while you won't see me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see me again."

¹⁷ Some of the disciples asked each other, "What does he mean when he says, 'In a little while you won't see me, but then you will see me,' and 'I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ And what does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand."

¹⁹ Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, "Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won't see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. ²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to

wonderful joy. ²¹ It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. ²² So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.

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



The Heart of Worship

When the music fades,
All is stripped away,
And I simply come.
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will touch Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart.

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You,
all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You,
all about You Jesus.

King of endless worth,
No one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours,
Every single breath.

I'll bring You more than a song
 For a song in itself
 Is not what You have required.
 You search much deeper within
 Through the way things appear
 You're looking into my heart.

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
 And it's all about You,
 all about You, Jesus.
 I'm sorry, Lord for the thing I've made it
 When it's all about You,
 all about You Jesus

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

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. Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. In hard times or good, help us to trust that You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives. Grant us patience and faith—patience to wait a little while to see Jesus and live forever in Your new creation, and faith to trust that in the meantime, You are truly present and active among us by Your Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God who makes all things new, we ask You to renew what is broken in this world. In both the public and private sectors, please rejuvenate systems of government, commerce, healthcare, industry, and service that people may become valued more than profit or power. Also by Your grace and Spirit, please continue healing the brokenness of individual people at every level of our society in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, who is trustworthy and true, You give us pastors and deacons to speak Your Word on Your behalf. Grant faithfulness to these men that they may serve as under the cross, ever pointing others toward the Savior.

With Your love and tender mercies, visit the sick and all who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

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 front and back of the church. **Thank you.**

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

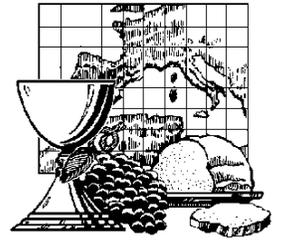
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE 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. ++

Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus
 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path (2X)

And a light unto my path

10,000 Reasons

Chorus
 Bless the Lord, O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 Worship Your holy name

For all Your goodness
 I will keep on singing
 Ten thousand reasons
 for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name

The sun comes up,
 it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass,
 and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing
 when the evening comes

Sing like never before
 O my soul
 Worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 Worship Your holy name

And on that day when my
 strength is failing
 The end draws near
 and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing
 Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years
 and then forevermore

You're rich in love,,
 and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great
 and Your heart is kind

Bless the Lord, O my soul
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 Worship Your holy name

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your own dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. He has accomplished salvation for us and brought us from being no people to being Your people. Bring to completion all that He began, that our sorrows be turned to joy and we be strengthened in faith and live in confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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**Shout to the Lord**

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us
sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will
roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I
have in You

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days, I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love.
 My comfort, my shelter,
 Tower of refuge and strength.
 Let every breath, all that I am
 Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us
 sing
 Power and majesty, praise to the King!

Mountains bow down and the seas will
 roar
 At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
 Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
 Nothing compares to the promise I
 have in You

Nothing compares to the promise I
 have in You

POSTLUDE

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

Hymns Reprinted with permission license #663075

WHERE WE SERVE*Preacher/Officiant**Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**Music Director**Paul Ventimiglia**Family Life Director**Jeanette Koch**Elder**John Hasse**Ushers**Craig Miller**Welcome Center**Kathy Verseman**Greeters**Kovalak Family**Counters**Jane Ripper
Allen Ripper**Tech Team**James Nordbeck**Altar Society**Janet Wisner
Karen Frusti
Mary Lewis*

15	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
16	MAY, MON	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
17	MAY, TUE	● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball
18	MAY, WED	● 9:15 – 11:15am	Women's Bible Study parish hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Always Basketball
19	MAY, THU	● 8:30am – 3:30pm	School Music Classes church parish hall
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Handbells
		● 6 – 9pm	Always Basketball
		● 7 – 8pm	Choir parish hall
20	MAY, FRI	● All day	School Spring Musical gym
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Always Basketball
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
21	MAY, SAT	● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

News & Notes

Attendance Last week : Sunday 5.8.2022

8:30am - 85

11:00am - 84 = 169

Communion - 72

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

Received week of 5.1.2022- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*) \$4,325.50

*total includes online giving School – \$ 12,190

A gift has been given to the Endowment Fund in memory of Fred Winternheimer from the Kandah Family.

A gift has been given to the Endowment Fund in memory of Harry Johnson from the Kandah Family.

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 @ 9:15am – church parish hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Altar Flowers this week are :



One vase in honor of the birthdays of our children Duncan and Beth from Chris and Anne Burgess.

One vase in memory of my son Ron from Bernice Baggett.

One extra arrangement in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jerry and Val Krause from their children Cheryl and Stan McGown.

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

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Donna Thomas

Magnolia By the Lakes #101

1699 Cass Lake Road

Keego Harbor, MI 48320



Today we rejoice in the baptism of Grayson Robert Adler. Grayson is the son of Samantha and Christopher Adler and was born June 26, 2021 at Saint Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor. Grayson's sponsors are Jordan Robinson, Taylor Genzman and Colin Przybylowicz. As God writes Grayson's name in the book of life let us all pray that this new relationship that has begun today will be lived, explored and discovered throughout Grayson's life.

Church we did it again! Pat McGuigan, Julia Smith, Janet Kovalak, Chris Henning, Mary Lou Jaussi, Kathy Hoener, Linda Daul and Rita Khatri made our summer Cheesy Pasta Salad for the homeless and needy in Southwest Detroit. This is one of three meals our church prepares and serves at Family of God. Carole Crete although very busy taking care of her family took the time to purchase a very nice variety of rolls and supplied the butter as well. Anne Burgess bought chips, Susan Haubenstricker & Beth Hempel the bananas and cuties, Claudia Williamson our beverages, desserts were from our Allen Terrace evening, Val Krause our plates and napkins and Barbara wrapped our forks in a napkin so nicely presented. Julia drove, Pat McGuigan, Claudia Williamson and Sue Poole went down and served. Rita Khatri was going to go but decided to spend some time with her son Raj who was home from school. We served around 70 meals including seconds and take outs. There are a variety of people that come through the line if you have ever went down you know what I mean. You can make someone's day and they can make yours. On Tuesday, one of the guys coming through the line was Tony. He had a nice dress shirt and slacks on, he was dressed for dinner which made me smile and share a comment about him getting all dressed up. He had a great big smile in response. He was hungry and came through the line at least two times with his plate piled high. Thank you church family for all you do to help us serve people like Tony. We go down the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday if you would like to join us. Blessings on your days.

ADULT GATHERING 2022

IN HIS PRESENCE
Throughout All Generations
 Psalm 90:1

SPEAKERS
 Rev. Matt Popovits
 Dcs. Heidi Goehmann

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
 100 White Flags
 Jan Struck

Lodging, meals,
 and gratuities at
 the Grand Hotel
\$370
 per person based on
 quad occupancy.

Michigan District, LCMS presents
Lutheran Adult Gathering
 October 14-16, 2022 | Mackinac Island, Michigan

michigandistrict.org/lag22
 Cost: \$30/person plus lodging

**IF YOU INTERESTED IN GOING LET ME KNOW
 IT WILL BE A FUN FILLED RELAXED WEEKEND!!!
 JEANETTE 248-349-3146 OFFICE
 248-974-3323 CELL**

St. Paul Spring Musical - "We Like Sheep" - Come join us Friday, May 20 at 6:30pm for a children's musical teaching the love of the Good Shepherd. Weather permitting, we are going to perform this outside behind the gym. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

June 11th through the 18th Barbara Hoffmeier and Chris Burgess will be going on a MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunity Short Term) mission trip to Honduras. Barbara will be leading a team made up of church members from across the country, including Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Virginia, Texas, and Michigan. The team members will be sharing the gospel as they test vision and provide eyeglasses to our Honduran brothers and sisters at a mission church in Comayaguela. Comayaguela is an impoverished area on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital. We ask that the St. Paul family pray for the mission team as they serve in Honduras, and that God will use them to help spread the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ.

MAY MOVIE NIGHT IT'S FREE

SATURDAY MAY 21 @ 5pm

TBD

PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN

Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go enjoy a night out.

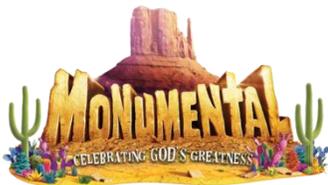
Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director

248-349-3146 SCHOOL

248-974-3323 CELL

familylife@stpaulnorthville.org



St. Paul Vacation Bible School is June 20-24, 2022, 9 am. - 12:00 pm. Registration is now open for children preschool-5th grade. You may register online at: www.stpaulnorthville.org. There is no cost. The theme this year is **Monumental—Celebrating God's Greatness** and includes an Imagination Station (hands on science),

KidVid Cinema, Red Rocks Rec (games and activities), and Sing and Play Celebration (Bible adventures). Teen and adult volunteers are needed to assist. Please contact Jeanette Koch at 248-974-3323 or FAMILYLIFE@STPAULNORTHVILLE.ORG for more information and to volunteer.



We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers on Sunday, June 5 during coffee hour. Sue Poole, Chris Henning and Kristen Goodman have been incredible in their service to our God and children. They have given of their time throughout the years of pandemic to keep the program alive and open to any child who wishes to participate. Please join the Board of Christian Education in thanking them for their dedication and commitment to our children.

Sunday School important dates:

May 29: No Sunday school, Memorial Day weekend.

June 5: Sunday school Teacher Appreciation in parish hall. Sunday school to follow.

June 12: Last day of Sunday school.

Sept. 11: Rally Day

Sept. 18: Sunday school officially begins.

Campus Improvement Day!

June 11, 2022

9am-3pm



Painting, landscaping and more!!!! Watch the bulletin for details.

The Board of Social Ministry will be having a 2022 Graduate Recognition Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 5. **If you have a graduate**, (high school or college), please send a picture with name, school, and a brief explanation of what the graduate's plans are after graduation to: Ruth Fisher: RTFNovi@gmail.com or leave same with Margo in the church office **before May 23**. Hopefully you and your graduate can attend the coffee hour between services where they will be introduced and asked to share their future plans with those present.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The following dates are available for altar flowers: June 5 - one vase, June 19 - one vase. If you want to place an order call Ruth Natiw, 248-348-7875.