

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

11:00 am

May 28, 2023



What Does This Mean?

AS WE GATHER

“What does this mean?” This question might sound familiar to anyone who has spent time studying Luther’s Small Catechism. As the catechism covers each of the Six Chief Parts, the question is asked again and again: “What does this mean?” And then explanation follows. This same question was asked by many in the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2. As the people hear and see these miraculous events, they are amazed and perplexed, asking one another, “What does this mean?” In the verses that follow, Peter gives explanation from the Old Testament. He proclaims that God has fulfilled His promise to “pour out His Spirit on all flesh.” The gift of the Holy Spirit has been given for all nations. As you celebrate the Day of Pentecost today, reflect on these events by asking yourself, **“What does this mean—for me?”**

PRELUDE

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Alive

I was dead in my transgressions
 Wandering in sin
 I went searching for redemption
 Down a road that had no end
 I was walking through the fire
 I was living on the run
 With my flesh lost in desire
 I was drowning in the flood

Chorus

But God rich in mercy
 You came to save me
 Now I'm alive
 But God strong and mighty
 You reached down for me
 So I could rise
 Now I'm alive

Verse 2

I am far from being perfect
 There are days that I regret
 On this battlefield I struggle
 With the lies that I have lived
 I have fallen short of glory
 I can't make it on my own

If You kept record of my past
 I'd be sinking like a stone

Chorus

But God rich in mercy
 You came to save me
 Now I'm alive
 But God strong and mighty
 You reached down for me
 So I could rise

Bridge

Now I'm breathing in breathing out
 I was in the grave but God you called
 me out
 Now I'm breathing in breathing out
 I was in the grave but God you called
 me out

But God rich in mercy
 You came to save me
 Now I'm alive
 But God strong and mighty
 You reached down for me
 So I could rise
 Now I'm alive

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

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

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

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

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

People: on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;

People: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING*Acts 2:1–21*

(The Day of Pentecost)

Reader: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

Pastor: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Reader: And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

People: “What does this mean?”

Reader: But others mocking said,

People: “They are filled with new wine.”

Reader: But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

Pastor: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

Reader: “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams;
 even on my male servants and female servants
 in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
 the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall
 be saved.' "

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
 Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,
 From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
 I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
 My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
 Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

HOLY GOSPEL *John 7:37–39 (Out of believers in Christ will flow rivers of living water.)*

³⁷ On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!

³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'"

³⁹ (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

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.

The Commission

Verse 1

See my hands look at my feet
It's okay if it's hard to believe
I have faith you will do greater things
It's my time to go but before I leave

Chorus

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

Verse 2

Don't forget the things that I taught you
I conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too someday
There's much to do here before you leave

Chorus

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

God Bless America

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, And guide her,
Thru the night with a light
From above.

From the mountains, To the prairies,

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

Bridge

End of the journey the end of the road
My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose and I have a plan
I'll make you this promise
I'll come back again but until then

Chorus

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

But goodbye is not the end

To the oceans, White with foam-
God bless America!
My home sweet home.

God bless America!
My home sweet home.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [*names*]. Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: Remembering our veterans...

Elmer Balko - Army 1942-1946

Bob Kegler - Army

Norman Kleiner - Army 1943-1945

Dwight Lewis - Marine Corps 1940-1945

Ralph Schneider - Army 1944-1945

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the 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.

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Verse

Father let your kingdom come
 Father let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven
 Right here in my heart

Father let your kingdom come
 Father let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven
 Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread
 Forgive us forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned
 Against us forgive them
 And lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from the evil one
 Let your kingdom come

Verse

Father let your kingdom come
 Father let your will be done
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Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread
 Forgive us forgive us
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 And lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from the evil one
 Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's yours it's yours
 All yours all yours
 The kingdom the power
 The glory are yours

It's yours it's yours
 All yours all yours
 Forever and ever
 The kingdom is yours

It's yours it's yours
 All yours all yours

Forever and ever
 The kingdom is yours

Father let your kingdom come
 Father let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven
 Right here in my heart

Father let your kingdom come
 Father let your will be done
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BENEDICTION

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: fill the hearts of the faithful,

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 abide with you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Even Then

On the nights when the dark
lasts a little bit longer
When the wind and the storm
is a little bit stronger
When the fear in my heart
digs a little bit deeper
When my faith to stand
gets a little bit weaker
Where could I run to,
Where could I go

Chorus

Even when it feels
like my world is shaken
Even when I've had
all that I can take, I know
You never let me go - No

And even when the
waters won't stop rising
Even when I'm caught
in the dead of night, I know
No matter how it ends,
You're with me even then

Verse 2

When the days up ahead
look a little bit brighter
But the grip of the past
holds a little bit tighter
I'm reminded Your grace
never asks for perfection
Oh I'm restored 'cause
I'm Yours and I stand forgiven
Where could I run to,
Where could I go

Chorus

Even when it feels
like my world is shaken
Even when I've had all
that I can take, I know
You never let me go - No

And even when the
waters won't stop rising
Even when I'm caught
in the dead of night, I know
No matter how it ends
You're with me even then

Bridge

And even in the middle of a struggle
And even when it's hard to remember
You alone are my defense when
I'm standing on Your promises and I know

That even in the thick of the battle
And even through the valley of the
shadows
You alone are my defense when
I'm standing on Your promises so
Where could I run to
Where could I go

Even when it feels
like my world is shaken
Even when I've had all
that I can take, I know
You never let me go - No

And even when the
waters won't stop rising
Even when I'm caught
in the dead of night, I know
No matter how it ends

You're with me even then
You're with me ya
No matter how it ends
You're with me even then



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Officiant

Pastor Jim Frusti

Music Director

Paul Ventimiglia

Family Life

Jeanette Koch

Elder

George Foor

Ushers

*Christian Krauter
Jeanette Koch*

Tech Team

James Nordbeck

Counters

*Melissa Raikes
Kathy Verseman
Dennis Verseman*

Welcome Center

Patrick Baker

Greeters

Shannon Stewart

News & Notes

Attendance Last week : May 21, 2023 – Attendance - 8:30am – 113 + 11:00am – 102 = 215
Communion - 81

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808
Received week of 5.21.23- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)- \$7,639 total includes online giving
School - \$2,397.45

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 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Donna Thomas
Magnolia by the Lakes North #101
1699 Cass Lake Rd
Keego Harbor, MI 48320



Altar Flowers this week are:

In memory of all US Service Members that served and those that paid the ultimate price for our freedom from Chuck and Beth Hempel.

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



28	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 1 – 7pm	Thomas Norton Gym/Kitchen Rental
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
29	MAY, MON	● All day	OFFICE CLOSED
		● All day	NO SCHOOL
30	MAY, TUE	● All day	ELECTROCYCLE SHREDDING
		● All day	K-2 Field trip
31	MAY, WED	● 5:30 – 8pm	Board of Evangelism- Parish Hall church parish hall
1	JUN, THU	● 9 – 11am	School Orchestra Class
		● 10 – 11am	Handbell Choir church narthex
2	JUN, FRI	● All day	Field Day - All Day
		● 11am – 12pm	Greening Funeral
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
3	JUN, SAT	● 9 – 11am	Cars and Coffee - Parking Lot parking lot
		● 9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

Did you know that the President of the Family of God considers St Paul Northville to be the HIGH-BAR for serving meals at their mission? David Crittenden is from Northville and is a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia but considers the FoG as his church. He travels downtown several times a month to the mission and has come many third Wednesday's when we serve our meals. His wife is a nutritionist and oversees the menus there. They are open six nights a week and there are about twenty groups that bring meals during the month. They have given many compliments to our quality of service and homemade meals over the years on the first Tuesday and the third Wednesday's. He told us on May 17th that once again we have "hit the bar" with our taco lasagna casseroles, chips & salsa, salad, brownies, and fruit. He especially likes that we bring fresh fruit and milk to serve every time. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO**

HELP US ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION OUTREACH! In May we had thirteen volunteers - - - Shopper: Marilyn Edick; Brownie Bakers: Anne Burgess, Ruth Fisher, Debbie Pichan, and Chris Henning (coordinator); Cooks: Marilyn Edick, Chris Henning, Kim Johnson, Sue Mai, Will & Barbara Hoffmeier; Servers: Dawn & Kelly Englert, Rich Mai, and the Hoffmeier's. John Hasse provided a Thrivent Action Card of \$250 to pay for the food. ***If you would like to contribute to the designated fund to help purchase groceries, please write a check to St Paul Lutheran Church and on the memo line put "Family of God Mission Meal." Cooks and servers are also needed, especially this summer. Contact Barbara at #248.756.3035.***



The Lutheran Choralaires, a Lutheran men's choir, are pleased to announce their 2023 Spring Concert to be held at 4:00PM on Saturday June 3rd at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, [46250 Ann Arbor Rd.](#) in Plymouth, Michigan. The Choralaires will be performing a variety of sacred and secular music. The concert is free. A free will offering will be available for contributions to support the Choralaire's music ministry.

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The 2023 Endowment Fund grant application window is now open until May 31st. The year end balance of the fund was **\$76,703.83** which means there will be **\$3,835** of grant money available in 2023. Grant applications are available in the Narthex on the bulletin board, in the school office, or from a St. Paul's Ministry board chair.

For the month of May, Women in Christ would like to draw your attention to the LWML grant entitled "A Rising Need, a Spiritual Opportunity (Lutheran Special Education Ministries in Michigan)." This is a \$20,000 grant to enable LSEM to provide educational and spiritual support to children who are experiencing learning loss and have learning needs in Lutheran schools, including our own school. Please keep LSEM in your prayers and add to your MITE box this month.



The Board of Social Ministry will be having a **Graduate Recognition** Coffee Hour the first part of June. We are making a "Picture Board" to display in the church. **If you have a 2023 High School or College Graduate** we would like the name, the school, a picture, and a brief mention of what the graduate's future plans are. Please send same to Cheryl Koch: CKoch2RN@gmail.com or Ruth Fisher: RTFNovi@gmail.com before May 31, (or drop off at church office).



Blessing Bags – the Blessing Bag Ministry is growing, so far this month over 125 bags have been handed out to our brothers and sisters in need in Detroit! Bags contain non-perishable food items, hygiene items and more! Things "we" could use currently are: trail mix packs, fruit and applesauce cups, beef jerky, peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit roll ups, water bottles, juice bottles, tuna or chicken cracker kits and cookies (all individual packages) If you would like to contribute, please bring items to church and put on table to back of parish hall (please label bags

*for "Blessing Bag Ministry") or drop off at the church office. Thank you in advance 😊
ps. Always feel free to take a "blessing bag" to someone in need!*



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Several years ago, St. Paul decided to support Another Way Pregnancy Center as one of our local missions. This is an organization that offers support to mothers and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Mother's Day, May 14, kicks off St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Drive. Consider taking a bottle and filling it with your change, bills or checks and return them by Father's Day, June 18. You can return yours anytime and are welcome to take another if you want. Please however, return all bottles as there is a cost in supplying the bottles to us and they are used again when returned.

Note: In case you were wondering, bills and checks are definitely accepted and a lot lighter to carry when returning to AWPC.

Vacation Bible School - Come take a Journey with Us to Babylon this YEAR!!

When: June 19th - June 23rd

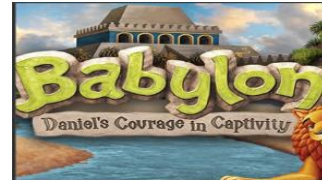
Time: 9am - NOON

Where: Church & School Campus

Who: Preschool - 5th grade

I need Volunteers - 6th graders and older

Register on Church Home Page myvbs.com/stpaulnorthville



The last day of Sunday school is May 28. Sunday school resumes in September 17, 2023. As we conclude the year, many thanks to Kristen Goodman and Debbie Jenter who have led the youth and teens in studying God's word. They have been steadfast servants sharing their time and talents with our children. We thank Jake Fairbairn, Kara Patterson, Jennifer Huggins and Mark Ernst for helping out from time to time. All of these volunteers will be recognized by the Board of Youth and Family Education on June 4, 2023 during coffee hour. We hope that you can attend to help celebrate another successful year of Sunday school.

Speaking of Sunday school, we are in need of volunteers for next year. To operate a meaningful Sunday school program we must divide the 4-11 year old children into two groups. Now that more children are attending it is apparent that each group (younger/older) requires their own set of lessons and activities. Kristen Goodman has graciously agreed to teach the older group. We need someone to teach the younger group. We are seeking one volunteer who can commit to most Sunday mornings, starting Sept. 17, 10:00-10:45, to teach a Bible lesson to the younger group. Lessons and supplies will be provided to the volunteer. Two people might consider sharing the role. However, we need consistency so that our children can receive meaningful weekly instruction. Prayerfully consider volunteering as we are most in need. You may contact Jeanette Koch if you can volunteer or have questions.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. The dates are June 19-23, 9 am- 12 pm. We typically enroll about 80 children. This is a wonderful experience for children to learn about and grow closer to Jesus. Children from both inside and outside our church community attend. We need volunteers for this program because there are many jobs to be done. We need group leaders, snack handlers, arts and crafts leader, decorating helpers, registration people and more. Please consider volunteering for one or two days or all week. Please go to the church website to sign up. Talk with Jeanette Koch if you have questions or need more information.