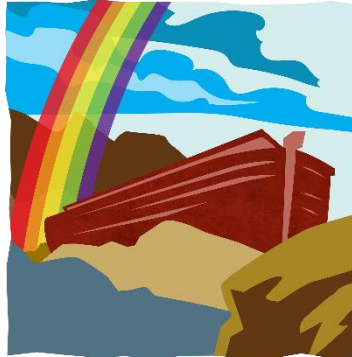


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

July 28, 2024



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

You Are Good

Lord, You are good,
And Your mercy endureth forever;
Lord, You are good,
And Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue,
From generation to generation.

We worship You,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah;
 We worship You for who You are;
 We worship You,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah;
 We worship You for who You are;
 For You are good.

Lord, You are good,
 And Your mercy endureth forever;
 Lord, You are good,
 And Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue,
 From generation to generation.

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 Hallelujah, hallelujah;
 We worship You for who You are;
 We worship You,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah;
 We worship You for who You are;
 For You are good.

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.

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

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: ⁸ Then God told Noah and his sons, ⁹ “I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ **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: ¹² 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: ¹³ **I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. ¹⁴ When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, ¹⁵ and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life.**

Reader: ¹⁶ When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” ¹⁷ 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: ⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

⁴⁷ Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. ⁴⁸ 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, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. ⁵⁰ 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!" ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, ⁵² for they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.

Reader: ⁵³ After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore ⁵⁴ and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, ⁵⁵ and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ 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.

Nobody

Verse 1

Why You ever chose me
Has always been a mystery.
All my life I've been told I belong
At the end of the line,

With all the other Not-Quites,
With all the Never-Get-It-Rights.
But it turns out they're the ones
You were looking for
All this time.

Chorus

'Cause I'm just a nobody
Tryin' to tell everybody,
Well, all about Somebody
Who saved my soul.

Ever since You res-cued me,
You gave my heart a song to sing.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus.

Verse 2

Well, Moses had stage fright,
And David brought a rock to a sword fight.
You picked twelve outsiders nobody
would've chosen
And You changed the world.

Well, the moral of the story is
Everybody's got a purpose.
So, when I hear that devil start talking to
me saying,
"Who do you think you are?"

Chorus

'Cause I'm just a nobody
Tryin' to tell everybody,
Well, all about Somebody
Who saved my soul.

Ever since You res-cued me,
You gave my heart a song to sing.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus.

Bridge

So, let me go down, down, down in history
As another blood-bought
Faithful member of the family.
And if they all forget my name,
Well, that's fine with me.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus. (2x)

Chorus

'Cause I'm just a nobody
Tryin' to tell everybody,
Well, all about Somebody
Who saved my soul.

Ever since You res-cued me,
You gave my heart a song to sing.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus.

I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus.
I'm living for the world to see nobody but
Jesus

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?

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.

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.

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

You're rich in love,

and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind.
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.
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.

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

O my soul ;
 Worship Your holy name.

Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

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.



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 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.

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

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

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

Bridge

So, remember Your people,
 Remember Your children,
 Remember Your promise
 Oh God.

Chorus

Your grace is enough,
 Your grace is enough,
 Your grace is enough, for me.

Verse

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

Bridge

So, remember Your people,
 Remember Your children,
 Remember Your promise
 Oh God.

Chorus

Your grace is enough,
 Your grace is enough,
 Your grace is enough, for me. (2x)



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/Officiant

Music Director

Guest Music Director

Family Life Director

Elder

Praise Team

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Paul Ventimiglia

Phil Kelly

Jeanette Koch

Bob McGuigan

Hannah Hughes

Sarah Hughes

Linda Johnson
Jeff Shapiro
Kurt Menhart
Chris Englert

Welcome Center

Beth Hempel

Counters

Jan Paver
Janet Wisner

Ushers

Lenny Elliott
Christian Krauter

Acolyte

Jenna Raikes

Greeters

Baumgarten Family

Tech Team

James Nordbeck

News & Notes

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

MONDAYS: Adult Bible Study- 6 Heros of the Bible- 6:30pm- School Gym

Attendance Last week: 7.21.2024 – Attendance - 8:30am - 73 + 11:00am – 66 = 139

Communion - 67

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

Received week of 7.21.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$7,883-total includes online giving

School - \$30

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Christina Rohn
Waltonwood #240
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377

Altar Flowers

Two vases in honor of our 33rd wedding anniversary from Pastor Chris and Lisa Fairbairn.



Extra arrangement in honor of Claudia and Mike Williamson's granddaughter Isabela LaFayettes 9th birthday July 28th from Claudia and Mike Williamson.

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

28	JUL, 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
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
29	JUL, MON	● 6:30 – 8pm	Summer Bible Study
2	AUG, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
3	AUG, SAT	● 9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall

Join me in giving our appreciation to Ruth Natiw and Valerie Krause. These ladies have been our Altar Flower Planners for more than 20 years. For many years people have signed up to purchase the flowers on the altar each Sunday, Val and Ruth work with the florist, organize the calendar of sponsors, share with Margo for the bulletin and make plans to collect the money. They are ready to toss the flower stems to a new person. Would you like to be our next Altar Flower Planner? Or would you like to partner with someone to do this job? Please contact Lisa Fairbarin (248)231-4423 or Margo Schmidt (248)349-3140 ext10, they will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The targeted date for the toss will be October. Is this the job for you?

Another wonderful meal served at Family of God on Wednesday, July 17th. Thank you Pat McGuigan for making her yummy sloppy joes, buns, green beans and chips. Our brownie ladies made a bag full of brownies, always a favorite and never a left over. Dave, David (Dave's son) and Tracy (Dave's mother-in-law) from Salem National brought tubs of potato salad which I hear was very good and purchased at Sam's, they also brought Hershey kisses (several kisses for everyone). Julie cut up four watermelon and not a piece was left, it was so flavorful. Sue brought the beverages and Marcy prepared our paper products bag including plates, cups, to-go boxes, forks and napkins, thank you Marcy. We served about 130 meals total. On Wednesday, you see people that we don't always see. One person is Teri, training to be Deaconess, she is so engaging. A wonderful person to be a part of Family of God ministry. Also, a very BIG treat, Sue Hatcher was there, she started this ministry maybe 15-20 years ago. Gloria shared she had been sick and had vision troubles, she was there that night in time for Bible study doing very well it appeared. Everyone was in good spirits and joyful. It was a wonderful evening of serving enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Pat for making the sloppy joe and all our brownie makers. Our next meal is Tuesday, August 6 and then Wednesday, August 21. Looking for something to do as a family? Come and See the mission and help however you can. God bless you all. PS: A couple of regulars Stacy and Tina came in toward the end of the evening, tears in their eyes, their sister-in-law passed away early that morning. They were there for companionship and comfort, and they found it. God's presence is there, keep them in your prayers.



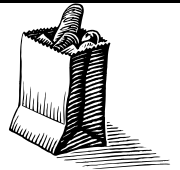
Please mark your calendar for Rally Day on September 8, 2024. There will be one service at 10 am. We are excited to share the service will be at Maybury State Park in Northville and followed by a potluck picnic. There will be games and a guided nature hike following the service. More details will follow but please hold the date for a special Sunday service with friends and family.

Announcement: The Summer Sunday School of Music continues. Students continue to learn chords on the piano and Mrs. Huggins is also teaching how to do a little improvisation. Drumming continues to be popular and Mr. Huggins is teaching everyone how to count when playing drums and how we use the drums to keep the beat of the song. Come join us in Room 5 at 9:45am!

A part time preschool aide is needed for our school beginning August 20, 2024. We have a part time position for someone who likes working with preschool aged children. The job is 16 hours a week. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact Melissa Towner for more information at mtowner@stpaulnorthville.org



The Great Grocery Bag Event
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville



When: **Month of July**
Why: **To assist those in need through food donations for Northville Civic Concern**
How: **Check the list below. Shop and purchase any amount of food. (Even one item is greatly appreciated!) Return the groceries to the church hallway in the labelled boxes.**

Non- Perishable Food Item(s)

Paper Products

- Canned Fruit**
- Fruit Juices
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soups (not broth)*
- Tuna and Canned Meats*
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta/Rice
- Kraft Macaroni and Cheese*
- Canned Macaroni (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, etc.)
- Cereal, hot or cold
- Peanut Butter*
- Jelly/Jam*

- Paper Towels*
- Facial Tissues
- Toilet Paper*

Cleaning Products:

Hygiene Products:

- Laundry Soap (100oz. or less)*
- Dish Detergent (hand washing)*

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste

- Misc.:
- Crackers*
- Cookies*

***items always needed **always in shortest supply**

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DATES ON FOODS ARE CURRENT *Thank you for your generous support*

WALK FOR LIFE 2024

ESTEEM LIFE!

LOCATION
DETROIT ZOO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

RAIN OR SHINE!

Benefiting 3 Pregnancy Centers



Register to walk at WalkforLifeDetroit.com OR SCAN HERE



POP UP GIVING EVENT!! What is a “pop up giving event” you ask? It is an opportunity to give to those in Detroit who desperately need help and it is a one time short commitment at a Detroit Park!

We (those who want to join) will meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School parking lot at **12noon August 17th** (Saturday), load our cars with blessing bags (full of hygiene items, non perishable food), blankets, hoodies, shoes and more, then head to 4th and Temple, set up tables and pass out the goods!

The park is called “Elevate Detroit” – there is street parking.

These type of pass outs go quickly- after the items are gone you simply drive home!

ALL ITEMS WILL BE SUPPLIED- those who wish to carpool can arrange among themselves. Children are welcome and there will probably be children receiving some of the items but it is mostly the houseless community in that area that will be there. If you would like to see what it looks like, cut and paste the link in your web browser- any questions, call the church office. 248-349-3140 Join us in blessing our brothers and sisters in Detroit!

<https://elevatedetroit.com/> *NOTE, there is a community BBQ there every weekend, the link shows that – we are simply “adding to” that event and the link is to give you a flavor of the location etc.

