

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

August 4, 2024



Sustaining Bread

As We Gather

When it comes to biblical foods, bread is prominent throughout the pages of Scripture. The first mention of bread is found in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, where it is an indicator of fellowship. When Abram (later called Abraham) returns from a successful military campaign, local tribal rulers in his home region who were known as kings came out to meet him in the Kings Valley. Among these rulers was Melchizedek, the king of Salem, who brought out bread and wine as part of the welcome for Abram (Genesis 14:18). Although a common dietary component in biblical times, bread that was given and shared had great symbolic value. Since the earliest form of the Lord's Supper included a ceremonial breaking of the bread, Christian worship in New Testament times came to be known by that name. Luke records in Acts that the first Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (2:42). As we gather for worship with the breaking of the bread, we also remember those ties of fellowship shared by Melchizedek and Abram, by the first Christians, and by the faithful of every generation!

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RING OF THE BELL

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule, and reign
 In our hearts again.
 Increase in us, we pray.
 Unveil why we're made.
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
 Like wildfire in our very souls;
 Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
 We are Your church;
 We need Your pow'r in us.

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first.
 We hunger and we thirst;
 Refuse to waste our lives,
 For You're our joy and prize.
 To see the captives' hearts released;
 The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
 We lay down our lives for heaven's
 cause.
 We are Your church;
 We pray, revive this earth.

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here.
 Let the darkness fear.
 Show Your mighty hand.
 Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire.
 Win this nation back.
 Change the atmosphere.
 Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
 Reaching the near and far.
 No force of hell can stop
 Your beauty, changing hearts.
 You made us for much more than this;
 Awake the kingdom seed in us.
 Fill us with the strength and love of
 Christ.
 We are Your church;
 We are the hope on earth.

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here.
 Let the darkness fear.
 Show Your mighty hand.
 Heal our streets and land.
 Set Your church on fire.
 Win this nation back.
 Change the atmosphere.
 Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 6:33, 35; 1 John 1:9*

Pastor: Jesus is the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world.

People: Lord, we hunger for Your presence.

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

People: Lord, we hunger for Your forgiveness.

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.

Pastor: In the wilderness of this world we forget Your presence.

People: We grumble and complain about Your provision.

Pastor: We focus too often on our wants and needs of this world.

People: We fail to rejoice in the daily giving of Your grace and mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, we hunger for You. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. . . . Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.'" As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the bread of life, 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: Lord, You fill us with forgiveness. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life.

People: Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacrament, that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 16:2–15* (Although the Israelites, freed from Egypt, grumble, God provides quail and manna in the wilderness.)

Reader: And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them,

People: "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Reader: Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel,

Pastor: "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?"

Reader: And Moses said,

Pastor: "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

Reader: Then Moses said to Aaron,

Pastor: "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.'"

Reader: And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another,

People: "What is it?"

Reader: For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them,
 Pastor: *"It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:22–35* (Referring to the manna in the wilderness, Jesus calls Himself the bread of life.)

Reader: On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him,

People: "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

Reader: Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal." Then they said to Him,

People: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

Reader: Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

People: So they said to Him, "Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Reader: Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

People: They said to Him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Reader: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."

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.

Brighter Days

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I swear that love will find you in your pain.

I feel it in me like the love of Christ in my
veins.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

I know there's gonna be
some brighter days.

Verse 1

Oh ashes fall from burning dreams.
 Oh never lived through times like these.
 Oh if you're trying hard to breathe in the
 dark,
 In the dark.

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.
 I swear that love will find you in your pain.
 I feel it in me like the love of Christ in my
 veins.
 I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.
 I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.

Verse 2

Oh if your screams don't make a sound.
 Oh if your walls are crashing down.
 Oh if your heart just cries too loud all the
 time,
 All the time.

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.
 I swear that love will find you in your pain.
 I feel it in me like the love of Christ in my
 veins.
 I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.
 I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.

Bridge

O-o-oh-o, O-o-oh-o, O-o-oh-o, Brighter
 days!

Chorus

I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.
 I swear that love will find you in your pain.
 I feel it in me like the beating of life in my
 veins.
 I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.
 I know there's gonna be
 some brighter days.

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.

Ever-present Lord, in this world, a place of sin and wilderness, You give us what we need to sustain our bodies and lives. Greater than anything, You sent Your Son from heaven to be the bread of life that we never hunger for grace and forgiveness. We humbly ask You to be with us, sustain us, lead us, and guide us through this land all our days.

People: Guide us to live our earthly travels in complete trust of You.

Pastor: Lord of all comfort and peace, hear the cries of all who bear burdens emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Give hope to those who are suffering through illness and those who mourn. Let Your presence be known, and heal according to Your will. Point us to the greater healing of eternal life in the resurrection.

People: You have the words of eternal life, keep us faithful all our days.

Pastor: Lord of all provision, we thank You for the daily bread You give to us. As You provide for all Your creatures, give us grateful hearts to live in continual thanks to You. Work Your justice and mercy through our leaders and those throughout the world. Enliven our faith that fruits be had in loving service to our neighbors. Feed us with Your Word and Spirit, and as we receive Your body and blood in this Sacrament, satisfy our hunger and thirst for forgiveness and grant nourishment of faith.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through 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 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.

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
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.* ++

AWESOME GOD

Our God is an awesome God,
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, pow'r and love.
 Our God is an awesome God!

Our God is an awesome God,
 He reigns from heaven above
 With wisdom, pow'r and love.
 Our God is an awesome God!

He Reigns, He Reigns,
He Reigns, He Reigns,

He Reigns, He Reigns,
He Reigns.

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Chorus
My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,

He Reigns, He Reigns,
He Reigns, He Reigns,

He Reigns, He Reigns,
He Reigns.

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

Our God, is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God

His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Chorus
My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace. (2X)

Verse 4
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,

Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Heaven Changes Everything

Verse 1

These tears would just be tears falling
down my face, and this hurt would
just be hurt with no healing on the way.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

A goodbye would be goodbye
With no "I'll see you again,"
And when a `life is over, that would simply
be the end.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

Chorus

In the light of eternity,
I have this hope.
You hold my heart

And I'm never alone.
One day you're coming back.
One day I'm coming home.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

My questions would stay questions,
No answers to be found.
And all the times I've fallen,
I'd still be there on the ground.
Thank you, Jesus.

I can live for the day when my eyes will
finally see.
Every piece that was broken, restored and
redeemed.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

Chorus

In the light of eternity,
I have this hope.
You hold my heart
And I'm never alone.
One day, you're coming back.
One day, I'm coming home.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

Bridge

The way that I love, the way that I live,
The way I let go and choose to forgive.
The peace in this pain, the hope in this
grief,
The beauty beyond this I have to believe.
I can't see what you see, but I know that I
know

This world's where I am,
But this world's not my home.

In the light of eternity,
I have this hope.
You hold my heart
And I'm never alone.
One day, you're coming back.
One day, I'm coming home.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.
Everything.

Heaven changes everything.
Everything.
Heaven changes everything



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

Family Life Director

Elder

Praise Team

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Pastor Jim Frusti

Paul Ventimiglia

Jeanette Koch

George Foor

Hannah Hughes

Sarah Hughes

Linda Johnson

Jeff Shapiro

Kurt Menhart

Chris Englert

<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Paris Phou</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Katie Helmick Carole Crete Ruth Fisher</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Mark Baumgarten Ernie Edick</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Gabe Ruth</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Englert Family</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Nancy Berg Kara Patterson Kellen Patterson</i>

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: 7.28.2024 – Attendance - 8:30am - 82 + 11:00am – 62 = 144

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

Received week of 7.21.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$12,665-total includes online giving .

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Marlene Shoebridge

303 Pennell

Northville, MI 48167

Altar Flowers



In memory of Janet's mother. Olga Paschke's birthday and Bill's mother Josephine Kovalak's birthday from Bill and Janet Kovalak.

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

4	AUG, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
5	AUG, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Bd. of Youth and Family Education church office
6	AUG, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
9	AUG, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church 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.

The Summer Sunday School of Music continues. We practiced "God Only Knows" and "The Lord's Prayer" a lot this week. We did not use the videos, just our own voices and instruments. We continue to get better every week. 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



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. 248-349-3140Join 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.*