

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

August 25, 2024



Love one another as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her.

Relationships restored by Christ's love

AS WE GATHER

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here." The uttering of these six words immediately calls to mind a wedding ceremony and, with that, the image of marriage.

This Sunday is all about relationships. In the Christian home the relationship of husband and wife is to reflect that of Christ and His Church. In the Gospels Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for using human traditions to deny the love and honor God's Law demands.

Today, we confess our failures in our human and divine relationships, asking and receiving God's forgiveness for the sake of Christ, the Bridegroom of His Bride (us), the Church.

WELCOME – Rev. Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
 Pure and Holy, tried and true.
 With thanksgiving I'll be a living
 Sanctuary for You.
(sing 2x)

506 Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of our almighty and merciful God,

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Joshua 24:15; 18–19, 24*

Pastor: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

People: We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.

Pastor: As a family, as individuals, we will love one another as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her.

People: The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.

Pastor: Then let us return to the covenant of our Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us draw near to God with repentance and faith, trusting His promise to draw near to us with forgiveness and life.

Gracious Father, You gather us together in Your family through faith in Jesus Christ.

People: We are Your children, living as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor: Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions turned away from You, our loving God, and turned our backs on our fellow members.

People: Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.

Pastor: Gracious Father, You gather us together in families as mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters.

People: You have placed us in our families to be loved and cared for and to love and care for one another.

Pastor: Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions failed to love our own family members as You have loved us.

People: Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.

Pastor: Children of God, loved by the Lord, Jesus Christ has indeed taken Your sins to the cross and paid for every one. By His resurrection from the dead He raises you from death in your sins to life in His forgiveness. By the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you in His love and forgiveness that you may share those blessings in your family and in the family of God.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You draw us close to Yourself through the gift of Your own Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are Your forgiven children. Draw us, in like manner, close to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiven and forgiving, loved and loving, in all our ways.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:21–33* (Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.)

Reader: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Women: ***Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.***

Men: **Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of His body.**

Reader: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However,

Men: **let each one of you love his wife as himself,**

Women: ***and let the wife see that she respects her husband.***

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

5 In this union I have joined you
 Husband and wife,
 Now, My children, live together
 As heirs of life:

 Each the other’s gladness sharing, Each the other’s burdens bearing,
 Now, My children, live together As heirs of life.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:1–13*

(Jesus rebukes the scribes and Pharisees.)

Reader: One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. ² They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. ³ (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. ⁴ Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."

⁶ Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,

**People: 'These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.**

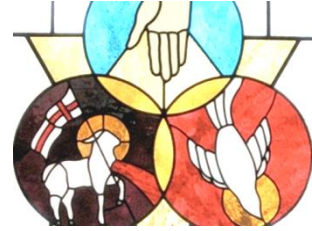
**⁷ Their worship is a farce,
for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.'**

Reader: ⁸ For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition."

⁹ Then he said, "You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition. ¹⁰ For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.' ¹¹ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' ¹² In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. ¹³ And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others."

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.

CREED *The First Article*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

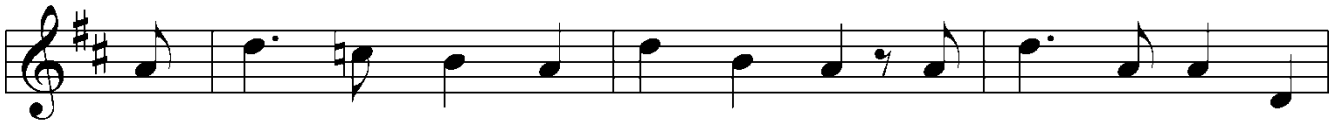
555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.
 Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.
 That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.
 The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Lord, turn us away from the foolish traditions of men that say there is no God.

People: We are Your children, Lord. We believe and trust in You.

Pastor: O Lord, turn us away from following the corrupt and evil ways of the world.

People: We call on You, Lord, to strengthen our faith and resolve to follow You.

Pastor: O Lord, turn our hearts to You. Draw us near in Your love and forgiveness.

People: Draw us near to one another in our families and in Your Church.

Pastor: O Lord, turn our hearts to the needs of the poor and needy who long for relief.

People: Save them, O Lord, from hopelessness and shame, for You are our refuge.

Pastor: O Lord, look with kindness on the people of every land. Bless them with peace.

People: Dispel every terror, Lord, and let Your salvation go out into all the world.

Pastor: O Lord, give healing to the sick, comfort to the distressed, and hope to all who are discouraged.

People: Lift us up, O Lord, with Your eternal promises and Your present help in every trouble.

Pastor: O Lord, we rejoice in Your salvation. Your every blessing makes us glad.

People: We bring our offerings, O Lord, in thankfulness to you. We give our lives in loving service.

Pastor: O Lord, we thank You for hearing our prayers.

People: Grant us all things, O Lord, according to Your steadfast love for us. 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

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.

SUNG RESPONSE 948 All Glory Be to God Alone

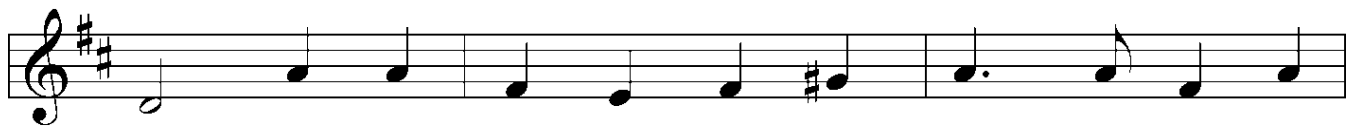
- 1 All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

- 4 You take the whole world's sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away;
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.
From God's right hand Your mercy send,
To all the world Your grace extend.

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.

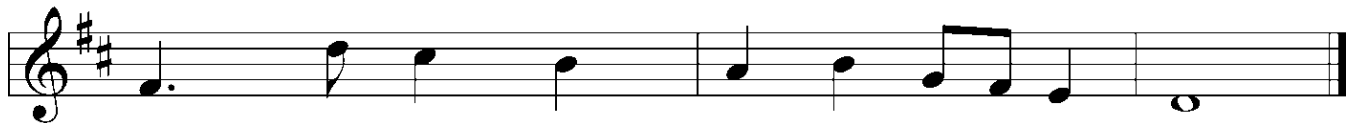
People: **Lord, bless our lives with Your true peace. Amen.**

THE INVITATIONS**862 Oh, Blest the House**

1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!



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

<i>Preacher/Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>John Hasse</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Pat McGuigan</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John Hasse Charleen Hill Bob McGuigan Pat McGuigan</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Lucy Adler</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Carolyn Nieuwkoop</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Elders</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Steve Martens</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

Attendance Last week: 8.18.2024 – Attendance - 8:30am - 76 + 11:00am – 68 = 144

Communion – 107

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

Received week of 8.18.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$12,749 -total includes online giving. School \$9,932

Remember Our Shut-Ins
 Joyce Carr
 1066 Washington Circle
 Northville, MI 48167
 248-349-3664



Altar Flowers

One vase in honor of Kathy Fox's birthday from Jan Pauer.

In honor of and thankfulness to Ruth Natiw for her many, many years of dedication for her work on altar flowers.



She has been involved in many other projects in her 41 years at St. Paul's.

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

25	AUG, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
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		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
26	AUG, MON	● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
27	AUG, TUE	● 6:45 – 8pm	Bible Quizzing Varsity
		● 7 – 8pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting - Parish Hall
29	AUG, THU	● 3:30 – 4:45pm	Bible Quizzing-Little League Parish Hall
		● 6:45 – 8pm	Bible Quizzing- Little League Parish Hall
30	AUG, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL

Here's a brief synopsis of our visit to Family of God Tuesday, August 6, 2024:

We had a great crew (Julia Smith, husband Dave, Mike Williamson, Megan Kutz and Pat Melton) and enjoyed our time together and the opportunity to get to know each other better. Traffic was very light, and the drive went very quickly in spite of the heavy rain earlier and concerns that there may be some flooding under the overpasses. We also had a great turnout for the meal. Pastor Jim assisted us with plates, and he counted 88 people coming through the line for first servings. Including seconds, we served well over 120 with not a morsel of food remaining. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the pasta salad and as always, the cut-up watermelon was a huge hit. A big thank you to all who provided food for this meal as it was much appreciated.

We met 12-year-old Daniela, who helped us serve, and hopes to help us again in the future. We also saw some familiar faces that we haven't seen in a while and enjoyed catching up with them while they came through the line. Pastor Jim shared that he was reminded "why they are there", when a young family with 4 children (including a baby in diapers) who hadn't eaten all day arrived at Family of God's doors. They were able to provide a "lunch bag" containing food items, diapers for the baby, and a place for them to stay until the dinner meal was served. Following the meal, they were provided with milk and a few other food items before they went on their way.

As always, there is much need, but also much hope and gratitude in the community they serve. During the devotion time, Pastor Nick reminded us that our identity is found in Christ, as he shared the following scripture, and we sang in "In Christ Alone".

Ephesians 4:22-24 (ESV) to put off your old self which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Women In Christ is pleased to announce that at the recent Michigan LWML Convention, it was revealed that the \$300,000 MITE goal for the 2022-2024 Biennium was exceeded by \$86,000! Thank you for helping WIC exceed this MITE goal. For the next two years, there are 15 grants to consider. For the month of August, Grant 1, Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Synodical Seminaries in the amount of \$25,000, is being featured. This grant will provide support for seminary students seeking to complete pastoral preparations at either Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN or Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Last Summer Sunday School of Music announcement:

It has been a great summer for the Summer Sunday School of Music. The kids have learned how to count, how to play chords on the piano and guitars, how to play the drum set, and have had a lot of fun doing all of it. A HUGE thank you goes to Mr. and Mrs. Huggins for spearheading this program and giving the children these opportunities. We hope to have additional music opportunities throughout the school year so be on the look-out for announcements!

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 Fairbairn (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?



Part-time custodian needed for the school. Hours would be Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm-7pm but time is some what flexible. Call the school /church for more information. 248-349-3140.



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.

St. Paul Bible Quizzing - Kids & Adult Volunteers Needed!

The 2024-2025 Bible Quizzing season starts soon! This year we'll be learning the Gospel of Luke. Kids in 2nd-12th grade are welcome to join. Membership at St. Paul is not required. All experience levels welcome (no prior Bible knowledge required!). For 7th-12th graders, practices are Tuesdays @ 6:45-8:00PM. For 2nd-6th graders, practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM or 6:45-8:00PM. Practices will be in the church Parish Hall starting August 27. Competitions are 2nd Saturdays from October to March.

Adult volunteers are also needed! No knowledge of the material or Bible Quizzing rules is required. We just need lots of helpers who are good with kids to help at 1 practice each week and monthly competitions!

Interested in quizzing or volunteering? Talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com>, (248) 231-9684.

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SEPT 7th MOVIE NIGHT

IT'S FREE

SATURDAY SEPT 7TH @ 5: 00 PM

MOVIE 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 EXT 13- OFFICE

248-974-3323 CELL familylife@stpaulnorthville.org



Great Night (8.22.24) serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters in South West Detroit. A group headed down to **Family of God in Christ Ministry Mission Church** and brought wonderful food and love to share. We had French fries, chicken strips, two kinds of fresh salad, bread sticks, homemade mac and cheese, homemade baked beans, fresh cut up fruit (literally 4- five gallon buckets full) numerous drinks and wonderful desserts, including the brownies that are so well received made by St. Paul members. This mission shows God's love to our friends who may not get a hot meal at all during the day. A school family came down as well and brought their young daughter who jumped in to serve like a pro! Consider coming downtown for a future Family of God aka FOG meal- what you get in return is a heart full of smiles, happiness and love. Bring your family and eat with our friends in SW Detroit. We are all in this together, lets share what the Lord has blessed us with! Next meals planned for September 3rd and September 18th. Need information to plug in? Call the church office and speak with Margo 248-349-3140 or contact Sue Poole or Barbara Hoffmeier.

