

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

11:00 am

January 12, 2025



God Drowns Us with Life

AS WE GATHER

Each year the First Sunday after Epiphany takes us to the Jordan River, where Jesus is baptized. The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder of the importance of Baptism in the life of every Christian: through drowning in Baptism we are born anew to eternal life. This is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before us.

The experience we share in Jesus’ Baptism unites us with Christ and gives us a whole new way of living for now and for eternity.

All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord’s salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation. *LSB 601*

WELCOME – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

We Lift our Hands in the Sanctuary

We lift our hands in the sanctuary.
 We lift our hands to give You the glory.
 We lift our hands to give You the praise.
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

We lift our hearts in the sanctuary.
 We lift our hearts to give You the glory.
 We lift our hearts to give You the praise.
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our day.

We clap our hands in the sanctuary.
 We clap our hands to give You the glory.
 We clap our hands to give You the praise,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Sing Hallelujah in the sanctuary.
 Sing Hallelujah to give You the glory.
 Sing Hallelujah to give You the praise,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

We sing our song in the sanctuary.
 We sing our song to give You the glory.
 We sing our song to give You the praise,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.
 We sing Hosanna for the rest of our days.

Jesus, we give You the praise.
 Emmanuel, we lift up Your name.
 Heavenly Father, coming Messiah,
 And we will praise You for the rest of our days.

Yes, will love You for the rest of our days.

Sing Hallelujah for the rest of our days.
 We shout "Hosanna" the rest of our days

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We admit that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not always shaped our lives around the Gospel and have not always shared our faith as opportunity was given to us. We have not always been generous in sharing the bounty You have given us. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: God has gathered His people from north and south, east and west, and to them says, "Fear not!" In His mercy He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, in the Baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan River You affirmed Him as Your beloved Son. Set free from fear all who are baptized in His name that they may fearlessly make known Your words of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: We too, are baptized into His death and resurrection. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43: 1–7* (The Lord has called Israel by name.)

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you.

O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you go through deep waters, **I will be with you.**

When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

⁴ Others were given in exchange for you.

I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me.

You are honored, and I love you.

⁵ "Do not be afraid, for **I am with you.**

I will gather you and your children from east and west.

⁶ I will say to the north and south,

'Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. ⁷ Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Yes He Can

Sometimes I wonder, is He faithful?
 Does He see me in my trouble, does He
 understand?
 Sometimes I question if He's able,
 Can He rescue, can He save me again and
 again?
 But when I look back.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
 Did He part every sea?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Did He defeat the darkness?
 Did He deliver me?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Sometimes those voices try to tell me
 I'm forgotten and I've fallen too far from
 His hands.
 But I know what kind of God He is
 And I'm trusting in His promises.
 I'm believing and I'm singing,
 Yes, He can.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
 Did He part every sea?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Did He defeat the darkness?
 Did He deliver me?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Bridge

'Cause I've seen too much, now I can't
 deny
 He's come through every single time.
 From the beginning, until the end,
 He did - He will - He can.

Chorus

Did He move every mountain?
 Did He part every sea?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Did He defeat the darkness?
 Did He deliver me?
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
 Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Yes, He did, yes He can.

FIRST READING *Romans 6:1–11* (We are made to walk in newness of life in Christ.)

Reader: Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?

People: ² **Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?**

Reader: ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

People: ⁵ **Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.**

Reader: ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15–22* (Jesus teaches we must be born of water and Spirit.)

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.” ¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

¹⁹ John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. ²⁰ So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others.

²¹ One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.



The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Less Like Me (... Little More Like Jesus)

Verse 1

Oh I have days I lose the fight
 Try my best but just don't get it right
 Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
 And miss the moments right before my eyes
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness goodness love
 and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Verse 2

Yeah there's no denying I have changed
 I've been saved from who I used to be
 But even at my best I must confess
 I still need help to see the way You see
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness goodness love
 and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Bridge

Oh to feed the beggar on the street
 Love to be Your hands and feet
 Freely give what I receive
 Lord help me be

I want to put You first above all else
 Love my neighbor as myself
 In the moments no one sees
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness
 goodness love and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace

 A little more like Jesus A little less like me

 A little more I'm living Everything I preach
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**God is Good (All the Time)****Verse 1**

Lately I've been wrestling with everything
 'Cause everything seems hard.
 Been caught up in the worry and anxiety
 Keeps tearing me apart.

But I've been down and out before
 And every time I cry out to the Lord,
 He meets me in my need.
 I've seen and I believe.

Chorus

God is good all the time.
 Faithful as the sun to rise.
 Walked with me every day of my life.
 I'll sing it again.
 I'll sing it again.

God is good, yes He is.
 Through it all I'm sure of this.
 I'm safe inside my Father's hands.
 I'll sing it again.

God is good. (all the time.)
 All the time. (God is good.)

Verse 2

Got a peace that passes understanding in
 my heart
 And you can see it on my face.
 Got a joy that sticks around when the days
 are hard.

Tells me I'll be okay.

Through the ups and downs
 And highs and lows,
 He's working it for good, I know,
 Always what I need.
 I've seen and I believe yeah.

God is good all the time.
 Faithful as the sun to rise.
 Walked with me every day of my life.
 I'll sing it again.
 I'll sing it again.

God is good, yes He is.
 Through it all I'm sure of this.
 I'm safe inside my Father's hands.
 I'll sing it again.

God is good. (all the time.)
 All the time. (God is good.)
 All the time. (all the time.)
 God is good. (God is good.)

Bridge

I trust the plans He has for me
 No matter what my eyes can see
 On peaceful waters or raging seas
 I know God is good (God is good)

Chorus

God is good all the time.

Faithful as the sun to rise.

Walked with me every day of my life.

I'll sing it again.

I'll sing it again.

God is good, yes He is.

Through it all I'm sure of this.

I'm safe inside my Father's hands.

I'll sing it again.

God is good. (all the time.)

All the time. (God is good.)

All the time. (all the time.)

God is good. (God is good.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and praise You for the love that sustains us from day to day. Bless all who are gathered in Your name with a full measure of Your grace. Grant us an appreciation of the diverse and worldwide nature of the fellowship that we share in Christ, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: While the Church grows according to Your plan, strengthen new and established congregations, supporting them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Watch over our nation and help us live peaceful lives with security and justice. Grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land. Help them to serve all those in their care with Your justice according to Your holy and perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Be with those whose work supports and secures our lives, including medical personnel, law enforcement workers, and all civil servants. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless our homes with Your presence, that the gift of family may be experienced everywhere. Help all children grow in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents and their congregations to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let Your Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

BENEDICTION

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

People: **Amen.**

THE INVITATIONS

What A Friend

Verse 1

Everybody has trials and temptations.
Everybody knows heart break, - isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
Lay our burdens down.

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus.
East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon.
And forever and ever His heart is my home.

Verse 2

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries.
Everybody knows sorrow, -devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
Lay our burdens down.

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus.
East to west, my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon.
And forever and ever His heart is my home.

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful.
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.

No more betrayal for He is faithful.
How He has proven it over and over. (2x)
Over and over ...

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus.
East to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on every horizon.
And forever and ever His heart is my home.
(2x)
And forever and ever His heart is my home



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	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	Mark Baumgarten
Ushers	Chuck Hempel Patrick Baker
Counting Team	Jan Paver Christine Lewis
Welcome Center	Marilyn Edick
Greeters	Greulich Family
Tech Team	Curtis Kalina
Altar Society	Jan Paver Lisa Fairbairn
Acolyte	Gabe Ruth
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart

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
THURSDAYS – Bible Quizzing - practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM JV/Varsity or 6:45-8:00PM Little League Practice

Attendance Last week: 1.5.2025– Attendance - 8:30am -87 + 11:00am -71 = 158

Communion – 115

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

Received week of 1.5.2024- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$15,392** total includes online giving
School - **\$381.56**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Joyce Carr
1066 Washington Circle
Northville, MI 48167

Altar Flowers



Dedicated by the Treder family to express gratitude to God for family, friends and health and to look to God for hope, joy and peace in the new year.

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

One vase of flowers is needed for February 9. Please contact Anne Burgess if you would like to purchase a vase. 734-765-4792 or

anne.burgess.313@gmail.com



A GOOD WINTER PROJECT? Someone is needed to list items for sale, probably on the internet, regarding church/ school kitchen supplies. The old dishes that were used years ago for our church meals need to be passed along to someone who has use of them. An inventory has been started but we need someone to follow up and help us dispose of these items after the kitchen renovation. If this is something you could help with or have a contact person who could need these items, please contact Barbara Hoffmeier #248.756.3035 or Nancy Berg #248.756.4031 for more information.



Youth Bowling Grades 5th - 12th grade

Event Timing: Saturday February 1, 2025

Sponsored by St Paul Lutheran Church Northville

Event Address: Plaza Lanes 42001 Ann Arbor Road

2 hour Bowling Pizza and Drink included \$15.00 per person

Contact Jeanette @ familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or text @248-974-3323

RSVP by Jan 31 so we can confirm we have enough lanes.

JANURAY MOVIE NIGHT

IT'S FREE

SATURDAY JANURARY 18TH @ 5: 00 PM



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

Be a missionary with your MITE Box by giving and praying for LWML's approved mission grants for the next two years. For the month of January, Women In Christ is highlighting a \$25,000 grant for "Welcoming All God's Children (Lutheran Education Ministries)." The funds from this grant will be used to supply Lutheran Schools and teachers with necessary resources to support educational and spiritual growth of children who, though in Christian environments, do need special learning difficulties addressed. Please bring in your filled MITE box this month as January is one of four times this year that they will be collected.

Padawan Bible Quizzing Tournament

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*



This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted **at St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**, which means coaches, parents, and everyone else can test their Bible Quizzing skills. This season, **the tournament will be Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 12PM-3PM on Luke 2-3:23!** No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each. Lunch will be provided.

For info or to register, visit stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684>.

Happy New Year 2025!!! We are going to start something new with Sign Up Genius and the 3rd Wednesday of the month meal planning for Family of God. Marcy is working on the Sign up Genius, Barbara asked her to make a one year plan for baking brownies and serving. If you currently are making brownies or would like to start, please sign up and note how many you will be making and how often throughout the year. If you are currently serving or would like to serve, please sign up. We are working to streamline the Wednesday night volunteers. We need 100 wrapped brownies each month and at least 4 servers each month. We understand if you sign up and have a change of plans throughout the year and need to reschedule. Lets work to fill up our plan. Thank you all very much. Questions, please talk to Barbara, Marcy, Pat, or Sue.

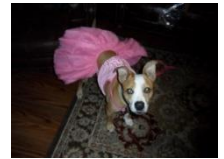
Christmas Dinner for Family of God



On December 18 a delicious hot Christmas dinner of ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, jellied cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, brownies and drinks was delivered to FOG. Our brownie bakers were Jan Faerber, Kim Ruth, Gretchen Hasse and Karen Frusti. Thank you for being part of the 3rd Wednesday team that gave St. Paul the name of the Brownie Church.

The meal left Northville with Julia Smith as our driver and experienced packer. Eric, Julia's son who got up at 4 am to catch a 6 am flight from DC to join us, Barbara Hoffmeier and Pat McGuigan also went to serve. This was Eric's 3rd year taking a Christmas meal to FOG with us and we always look forward to spending the evening with him. Yeah, Eric! Tradition is a wonderful thing.

We had a new guest when we got there, a 5-month-old puppy in a tutu. She never made a peep until someone knocked on the table. I guess she thought someone was at the door.



Another surprise that were there. birthday Jesus Covid and the



was the number of children As it turns out, they were just finishing a happy party. We haven't seen a lot of children since person who had been planning activities for them retired and moved away. Now Sue Hatcher, one of the founders of

Family of God, has recently started up a children's program. What a blessing.

We arrived a bit earlier than usual and there weren't many people there. Someone informed us that the night before was a small group. The evening started as usual with take outs being made, the announcements, gentlemen take off your hats and grace. We started serving with children and women first and then the men forming the service line. We were all busy serving and talking to room filling up and bit we ran out of



We asked Pastor Hill sandwiches." So, we the rolls and then we the kitchen. Back

people as they came through, so we didn't notice the the line growing. We started serving seconds but bit by everything until we only had some ham and rolls left. what he wanted us to do. He said, "let's make cut the ham smaller and started putting the pieces into ran out of rolls and pastor said maybe I have some in with a package of rolls and more sandwiches. This

happened twice until all the ham was gone. It felt like the feeding of the 5000. Everyone was fed and no one went away hungry. The Lord always provides and as 2025 arrives, St. Paul has committed once again to serving 2 meals a month to our friends at Family of God. Watch for ways you can help.



Dr Robert Carter is speaking in your area!

FREE Admission

Saturday January 18, 2025

Mile City Church
13100 Haggerty Rd.
Plymouth , MI



Find out:

- How the latest scientific discoveries support Creation.
- Why adding evolution to Genesis destroys the Gospel.

Get answers to:

- Why traditional forms of evangelism are not as successful as they once were.
- Why so many think that science has somehow disproved the Bible.
- If there is a loving God, then why do we die?
- More of the questions people are asking today.

Talks

- **9:00 am Breakfast**
- **09:30 am The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge**
- **10:45 am Biblical Worldview as it Relates to Science**



Hosted by Christ Our Savior. IT WAS A BLAST LAST YEAR!!!

All ages welcome! Invite your friends! Feb 15 from 4-6pm. Hawk Island is a little over an hour's drive. If you need a ride, we can meet at COS at 2:30pm and return around 7:30pm.

Hawk Island is a public park located at 1601 E Cavanaugh Rd, Lansing, MI 48910 with a snow making machine. As long as it is cold enough tubing will happen. Also, there is a "magic carpet" that carries you up the hill making it easy to go down the hill as many times as you want to go.

Please fill out this form to reserve your spot as space is limited. <https://forms.office.com/r/SghmTLQP8m>

Tickets are \$10 which is due by Feb 9th. Also, the waiver form on the second page of the above form will need to be printed and filled out. Please have those ready on Feb 15th.