



# **NORTH PARK**

## **COVENANT CHURCH**

MAY 19, 2024  
+ PENTECOST SUNDAY +  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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PRELUDE

Nettleton (68)  
Gerre Hancock  
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

INTROIT

Come, O Spirit (274)  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 286

Let Every Christian Pray

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Erik Ward

This is the day the Lord has made.

**A day for praising God together.**

A day for remembering the birth of the church.

**A day for affirming promises.**

We come to the font to be washed, to the family to be affirmed, to the table to be fed.

**We come with you and stand beside you as members of one family.**

Will you seek to relate to us not simply as children in the faith but as persons on the way?

**With God's help, we will!**

This, indeed, is the day the Lord has made!

\* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

Anna Wargaski

**Fiery Spirit of God, today we remember that moment long ago when you came in power and transformed uncertain followers of Jesus into a faithful church. On this Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, we ask that you do that same miracle again. Make us into faithful followers of Jesus, who love one another and bless the world.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Eric Hoffman

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES Sebastian Fernandez, Indigo Berg, and Linnea Healy, Readers

A Reading for Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:22-27

\* Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit  
arr. William L. Dawson  
Roderick Smith, Baritone

*Chorus:* Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray;  
yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Up on the mountain, my Lord spoke.  
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

*Chorus*

Jordan river is chilly an' cold,  
it chills the body, but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven an' right back.

*Chorus*

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood  
2019 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
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Led by Anders Johnson, Sunwoo Lee, Linnea Olfelt,  
Brian Ward, Lauren Wargaski, and Ryan Wendt

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

*The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.*

*Giving online at any time is also an option at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy (113)

John B. Dykes

arr. Jacques M. Kearns

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

\* Sung Response 48

\* Prayer of Presentation

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

### Our Confirmands

Indigo Berg

James Sebastian Fernandez

Jack Foley

Linnea Healy

William Noah Mack

Address to the Congregation

\* The Apostles' Creed 878

Confession of Personal Faith

Prayers of Blessing

## PRAYER OF SENDING FOR SUNWOO LEE

\* CLOSING HYMN 426

God of the Ages

\* BENEDICTION

8th-grade Confirmands

Now to the one who can keep you from falling and set you  
in the presence of his glory, jubilant and above reproach;  
to the only God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, might and authority,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time,  
now, and forever more. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542  
J.S. Bach

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.  
In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,  
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen  
in the box's drawer for your use.*

# Let Every Christian Pray

1 Let ev - 'ry Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - 'ry  
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the Church of Christ on  
 3 Al - ways the Spir - it strove to teach her how to  
 4 On - ly the Spir - it's pow'r can fit us for this

day: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was  
 earth to seek and save the lost: and  
 love: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come; age  
 hour: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come; in -

not the Church we love com - mis - sioned from a -  
 nev - er has with - drawn, since that tre - men - dous  
 af - ter age, a - new she proved the Gos - pel  
 struct, in - spire, u - nite, and make us see the

bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!  
 dawn, those gifts at Pen - te - cost.  
 true: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!  
 light: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Traditional*

# King of Kings

Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram



In the dark - ness we were wait - ing with-out hope,  
To re - veal the King - dom com - ing and to re -



with-out light 'till from heav - en You came run - ning. There was mer -  
con-cile the lost to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion, You did not



- cy in Your eyes. To ful - fill the law and pro - phets to a vir -  
des-pise the cross for e - ven in Your suf - fring You saw to



- gin came the Word from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra -  
the o - ther side Knowing this was our sal - va - tion Je - sus for




- die in the dirt.  
our sake, You died.




Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son, Praise the Spir - it, three in one.

19    
 God of glo - ry, Ma - jes - ty. Praise for - e - ver to the King of

23    
 Kings. and the morn - ing that You rose all of heav -

26    
 - en held its' breath Til that stone was moved for good for the lamb


28    
 had con - quered death. and the dead rose from their tombs, and the an -

30    
 - gels stood in awe for the souls of all who'd come to the Fa -

32    
 - ther are re - stored. and the Church of Christ was born Then the spir -

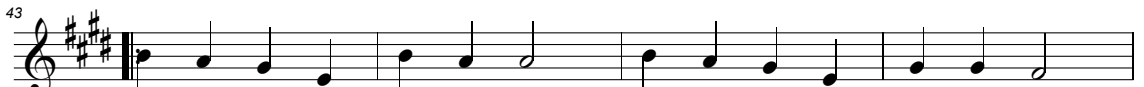
34    
 - it lit the flame Now this Gos - pel truth of old shall not kneel,



36  shall not fade. By His blood and in His name and in His free -

38  - dom I am free for the love of Je - sus Christ who has res -

40  - ur-rec - ted me

43  Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son. Praise the Spir - it, three in one.

47  God of glo - ry, Ma - jes - ty. Praise for - e-ver to the King of Kings.

51  Praise for - e-ver to the King of Kings.

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## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit  
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,  
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,  
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. In its present form, it is dated not later than the fourth century.

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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, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hades\*;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy Christian<sup>†</sup> Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Traditional*

\* some versions read "hell" †literally "catholic," or "universal"

## God of the Ages

426

*In unison* C Am Dm G Am/C G/B

1 God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er,  
 2 God of this morn - ing, glad - ly your chil - dren  
 3 God of to - mor - row, strong o - ver - com - er,  
 4 Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing,

plan - ning our path - way, hold - ing us fast,  
 wor - ship be - fore you, trust - ing - ly bow:  
 princ - es of dark - ness own your com - mand:  
 Lord of the fu - ture, help us, we pray:

shap - ing in mer - cy all that con - cerns us:  
 teach us to know you al - ways a - mong us,  
 what then can harm us? We are your peo - ple,  
 teach us to trust you, love and o - bey you,

Fa - ther, we praise you, Lord of the past.  
 qui - et - ly sov - 'reign — Lord of our now.  
 now and for - ev - er kept by your hand.  
 crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

WORDS: E. Margaret Clarkson, 1915-, © 1982 Hope Publishing Company  
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody

10.9.10.9.  
 BUNESSAN

An alternate harmonization can be found at 547.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

### *For your prayers this week:*

- Ryan Wendt's dad, **Kevin**, recuperating after surgery last week and anticipating a lengthy recovery
- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, still hospitalized and recuperating after having more endobronchial valves inserted in his lung
- **LeRoy Nelson and family**, mourning Eloise's passing on May 1
- **Tim, Gabe, and Chloe Johnson**, mourning Kari's passing on April 20
- **Sally Johnson**, recuperating after two eye lens surgeries over the past week and a half
- Dorothy Schmidt's nephew, **Jeff Kohn**, diagnosed with leukemia
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, in remission
- **Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp**, undergoing numerous repairs after a hail storm ravaged buildings on their property

**Childcare is available** in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

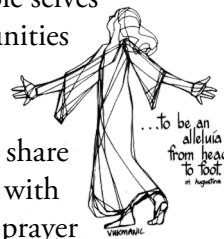
**The vases hanging on the columns this morning** were handcrafted by NPCC member Twyla Horten many years ago and recently gifted to the church for our use.

**The North Park Readers invite you** to join us for our last meeting of the year. We will be reading *Mother Land* by Leah Franqui. We will meet at the home of Lori Johnson (5254 N. Spaulding) at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 28. Please contact Helen Arkema at [helen.arkema@gmail.com](mailto:helen.arkema@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**On Sunday, June 9, we will hold a brief congregational meeting** following worship to approve the use of funds to repair the gym roof. All are welcome to attend, but only church members may vote.

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout this calendar year, we have been focused on using our whole selves as we pray for the communities in which we live. For the month of May, we will focus on using our feet to share the Good News of Christ with the world. Let us put our prayer into action as we strive to be the messengers of hope and peace and grace to all those with whom we come into contact. May we love in word and deed!



*And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*  
- Romans 10:15

**Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis** for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, [please sign up here](#).

**Vacation Bible School registration is underway!** Children in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to Set Sail with us over the week of June 10-14 for a time of fun as they learn about our God who loves them so very much. Children must be potty-trained. Anyone entering 6th grade and older is welcome on staff! To register your child/ren or to sign up to be a volunteer, [please click here](#).

[The list of needed supplies is now available](#). If you are able to purchase some of the items on the list, we would greatly appreciate it!

**Join us for a spring block party!** On Sunday, June 2, immediately following the service (which will be outdoors, weather permitting), we invite you to a block party! Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and we ask that church members bring side dishes and desserts. If your last name begins with A through J, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with K through Z, please bring a dessert. (Please bring enough for your family plus 10.) Please share the enclosed insert with a neighbor!

**Registration for our two Central Conference summer camps**, Covenant Point (Iron River, MI) and Covenant Harbor (Lake Geneva, WI), is well underway, and many of our kids are registered. If you or someone you know has a child who would love to go to summer camp, but finances are tight, please reach out to Pastor Libby. The church has funds to send our kids to camp, and we'd love to use them!

**Covenant Harbor Bible Camp (Lake Geneva, WI) Invites You to Family Weekend:** Family Weekend, which will take place August 30 through September 2, offers favorite camp activities and great worship gatherings. The weekend will be designed for families to relax, have fun, and connect around God's Word while being immersed in God's creation. Family Weekend is also a great way for parents and kids who have never been to Covenant Harbor to experience camp for the first time. More information is available at [www.covenantharbor.org/family-weekend](http://www.covenantharbor.org/family-weekend). We hope you'll join us!

**Covenant Point Bible Camp (Iron River, MI) still has spots available** for summer camp! To see their availability, [click here](#). They also seek staff and intern applicants! For more information, please visit [cpbc.com/staffopenings](http://cpbc.com/staffopenings).

**Come join in ministry and race for a cause!** The Covenant Point Bible Camp Triathlon, taking place on August 4, 2024, is an exciting opportunity to raise funds for their [Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\) Family Camp](#). You can participate in the full triathlon, sprint triathlon, or a walk ([see distances & details here](#)). Competitors can choose to participate as individuals or as a team made up of 2 or 3 people competing in separate legs of the race. Non-competitors love to cheer on the athletes and enjoy great meals and great people. [Click here to register!](#)

## The Church Calendar This Week

*The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

### *Monday, May 20*

- 9:15 am Last Women's Bible Study of the Season (Hybrid/Large Conf Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 4 pm Tutoring (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, May 21*

- 8 am Last Men's Bible Study of the Season (Hybrid/Large Conf Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
- Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

### *Wednesday, May 22*

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 6 pm Last Gather Dinner of the Season (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Last Handbell Choir Rehearsal of the Season (Side Balc, Sanct)
- Last Contemporary Music Rehearsal of the Season (Choir Room)
- 7:15 pm Last Chancel Choir Rehearsal of the Season (Choir Room)
- 8:15 pm Chancel Choir End-of-Season Gathering (Smith Home)

### *Thursday, May 23*

- 10:15 am NPCCP Y3s End-of-Year Party (Gym)

### *Friday, May 24*

- 10:15 am NPCCP 3s End-of-Year Party (Gym)
- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
- 2:15 pm NPCCP 4s End-of-Year Party (Gym)

### *Saturday, May 25*

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, May 26*

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

*Come join us for a*  
**block**  
**PARTY**

On Sunday, June 2, we'll gather on the sidewalk along Christiana Avenue around 11:45 am.



Food and fun will be provided.

Free of charge!



Bring a neighbor and friend from another block!

You're welcome to join us for worship, too!  
The service will begin at 10:30 am in our south garden (weather permitting).

In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors.

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Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Latin America

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### Welcome Statement

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*We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.*

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