



JESUS IN THE CITY FELLOWSHIP

Information and News Update

30 years of lives being changed!



Isaiah 58:6-7: *"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"*

Isaiah verse 12: "You will be called Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

When Jesus said, **"it is finished"** He meant his work on the cross was complete, and that nothing more can be added to this work of salvation. Only our response to His work, which ought to be surrender, gratitude and love, and a wanting to serve the Lord for the rest of our lives. This is my motive to it as we navigate Jesus In the City through these crazy times bringing Christ to the hurting, the least and the lost.

As Paul writes in Colossians, "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross". Colossians 2:15.

When Jesus rose from the grave on the third day and he appeared to his disciples, John 20:19 **"Peace be with you!"** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, **"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."** And with that he breathed on them and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**

I am reminded of the lives that have been touched and changed by the Gospel through the ministry of JICF. About twenty years ago at an outreach that one of our ministry's Hands Across the City was hosting on Lake St. in South Minneapolis in the Kmart parking lot as I was preaching, I gave the altar call, then I went to the tent where were the sound system was, A guy approached me and says "Rev I need to talk to you", he says "I was shoplifting in the Kmart and I heard your message and I to go back and return the items I had stolen." He then prayed with me as he received Christ into his heart. A radical change had taken place in his heart.

Throughout history, Christianity has been shaped by the teachings found in The Bible. Today, we witness these verses coming to life in the world around us, as believers respond to the challenges and needs unfolding before our eyes.

The modern call to serve the city and regions beyond remains as urgent as ever. Our mission is to bring the message of Christ to those in need, following the example set by the early church.

I pray that you have a blessed Resurrection Sunday 2026!

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh



Pastor Jerry Ministering at Freedom Works in North Minneapolis.

THE EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS OF JICF IN 2026

- Sunday morning, the Facebook live feed starts at 9:00 am.
- Sunday Worship at Morning Star Church on N Broadway in Minneapolis 11:00 am.
- Pastor's Patio on Wednesday afternoon live feed on Facebook and You Tube.
- Friday Night Focus on Facebook live at 7:00 pm.
- 1st Monday of the month, Union Gospel Mission Chapel, St. Paul.
- Bible studies for mentoring and discipleship.
- Annual Pastors' Fishing Tournament on Lake Minnetonka.

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Dan Pilla preaching at the Fall Retreat from John 6:35 "I am the Bread of Life".

PASTORS PATIO



***Pastors Patio with Tom Goodrich,
Pastor Michael Pilla and Dan Pilla,
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PASTOR NORTONS DAILY DEVOTIONS

For Friday, April 3, 2026:

Mark 15:39 NLT: *“When the Roman centurion who stood facing Jesus heard his cry and saw how he had died, he exclaimed, ‘This man truly was the Son of God!’”*

We celebrate Good Friday, honoring the day our Savior was mocked, beaten and murdered. He gave it all for mankind, so our sins could be forgiven – blotted out, wiped away, as if sin had never occurred. And now sinless, we could join the heavenly multitude. Remember, God’s desire is that all would repent and return, and join him in the hereafter.

On the cross, Jesus shouted, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* Enough had gone wrong and Jesus was about to die! It’s easy to understand Jesus’ perception that God had removed his hand of protection from his Son. But God had not abandoned him.

All the sins of the world had been piled on Jesus, and he was to take sin to Sheol, the place of the dead, thereby leaving believers pure and innocent, suitable to take up residence with God Almighty! From Sheol, Jesus would be resurrected, given a life after this life, and eventually ascend into heaven. God had not abandoned his Son! Sin and death were conquered at the same time! Our job is to accept the grace of God, to accept the forgiveness, the new life, and have faith that Jesus’ promises to us are true!

I’m always amazed at the speed with which these events took place. It all started after supper on Thursday night, and ended at 3pm on Friday, not even 24 hours! It must have been a whirlwind of activity. Six trials, the beatings and mocking, then up the hill, on the cross and Jesus soon gave up his spirit.

Jesus’ body would need to be taken down quickly, as Shabbat started at sundown, and then no more work could be done. He died for you and I.

Pastor Norton Lawellin - Jesus In the City Fellowship



A panoramic picture from the Pastors Tournament last summer.



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