

# *Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*



## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

316 South Mountain Blvd.,

Mountain Top, PA

August 30, 2020

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:00 AM**

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**\*PLEASE TUNE TO: RADIO STATION 98.3**

### **Prelude**

### **Praise & Worship Songs**

*"Let The Fire Fall"*

#### **Verse 1**

**Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), come with your fire.**

**Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), come with your fire.**

**Holy Spirit come with your fire.**

**Holy Spirit come with your fire.**

#### **Chorus**

**Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall.**

**Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall**

**Let the fire fall. Let the fire fall.**

#### **Verse 2**

**Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), purify my heart.**

**Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), purify my heart.**

**Holy Spirit purify my heart. Holy Spirit purify my heart. (Chorus)**

#### **Verse 3**

**Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), set my life on fire.**

**Holy Spirit (Holy Spirit), set my life on fire.**

**Holy Spirit set my life on fire. Holy Spirit set my life on fire.**

**Last Chorus**

**Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall.  
Come Holy Spirit, let the fire fall  
Let the fire fall. Let the fire fall.  
Let the fire fall. Let the fire fall.**

*"Our Father"*

*by BJ Putnam*

**Verse: 4X**

**Our Father who is in heaven hallow be thy name**

**Pre-Chorus**

**Your name is great and worthy to be praised**

**Chorus:**

**Let everything that had breath, let everything that has breath  
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord  
Let everything that had breath, let everything that has breath  
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord**

**Inst:**

**Verse 1: 2X**

**Our Father who is in heaven hallow be thy name**

**Pre-Chorus**

**Your name is great and worthy to be praised (Chorus)**

**Inst:**

**Bridge: 3X**

**Your kingdom come your will be done  
Your kingdom come your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven, On earth as it is in heaven (Chorus 3X)**

*"Walk In Jerusalem"*

*by Diamond Rio*

**N/C**

**Oh John Oh John oh didn't you say, Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John  
I'll meet you there on the judgment day, Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John**

**Inst:**

**Verse 1**

**Oh John oh John oh didn't you say, Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John  
I'll meet you there on the judgment day, Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John**

**Chorus**

**I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, Lord  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John  
I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, Lord  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John**

**Verse 2**

**Some came crippled and some came lame, Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John  
Some came walking in Jesus' name, Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John (Chorus)**

**Verse 3**

**If you get to Heaven before I do, To walk in Jerusalem just like John  
Tell all my friends am a come to, To walk in Jerusalem just like John (Chorus)**

**Verse 4**

**He'll carry your load upon His shoulder, To walk in Jerusalem just like John  
I'll meet you there at the first crossover, To walk in Jerusalem just like John**

**Last Chorus**

**I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, Lord  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John  
I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, Lord  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John  
I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, Lord  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John  
I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, I wanna be ready, Lord  
To walk in Jerusalem just like John**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**The Greeting**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: And also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song**

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

by Matt Redman

**Verse 1**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name

**Pre-Chorus**

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

**Chorus**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your glorious name

**Verse 2**

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's, "all as it should be" blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name

**Pre-Chorus**

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say

**Chorus**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your glorious name

**Bridge**

You give and take away. You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.  
You give and take away. You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

**Pre-Chorus**

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise

**When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say**

**Chorus**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**Blessed be Your name**

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**Blessed be Your glorious name**

**CONFESSIONS & FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P: O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

*"Here I am to Worship the Call"*

*by Hill Song*

#### Verse 1

**Light of the world you stepped down into darkness open my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you hope of a life spent with you**

#### Chorus

**Here I am to worship Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me**

#### Verse 2

**King of all days O so highly exalted Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created all for love's sake became poor (Chorus)**

#### Bridge 1, 2X

**I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross**

#### Bridge 2, 6X

**Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved**

#### Bridge 1, 4X

**I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross**

### The Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8

***The psalm for the day is read responsively***

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,**

**that I may go in procession round your altar,  
    <sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
    and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup>Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
    and the place where your glory abides.**

**The Second Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

*"Hallelujah" (Song from Shrek) by Leonard Cohen*

**Verse 1**

**I heard there was a secret chord, That David played and it  
pleased the Lord. But you don't really care for music, do you?  
It goes like this the fourth, the fifth. The minor fall and  
the major lift. The baffled king composing hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah ....**

**Verse 2**

**Her faith was strong but she needed proof. You saw her bathing  
on the roof. Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew ya  
She tied you to a kitchen chair. She broke your throne and  
she cut your hair and from her lips she drew the hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah ....**

**Verse 3**

**Maybe I've been here before I know this room and I've walked  
this floor I used to live alone before I knew ya. I've seen  
your flag on the marble lodge and love is not a victory march  
It's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah ....**

**Verse 4**

**There was a time you let me know. What's really going on  
below but now you never show that to me do you. I remember  
when I moved in you and the Holy Dove was moving too  
And every breath we drew was hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah ....**

**Verse 5**

**And, maybe there's a God above and all I've ever learned from  
love is how to shoot someone who outdrew you  
and it's not a cry that you hear tonight It's not somebody who's**

seen the light It's a cold and it's a broken hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu-u-u-u-jah ....

**The Holy Gospel Announcement**          Matthew 16:21-28

*C: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*(At the conclusion of the reading, please respond...)*

**The Gospel Response**

*C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

**Song**

*"Does Anybody Hear Her"*

*by Casting Crowns*

**Verse 1**

She is running A hundred miles an hour in the wrong direction  
She is trying but the canyon's ever widening  
In the depths of her cold heart  
So she sets out on another misadventure just to find  
She's another two years older, And she's three more steps behind

**Chorus 1**

Does anybody hear her? Can anybody see?  
Or does anybody even know she's going down today?  
Under the shadow of our steeple with all the lost and lonely people  
Searching for the hope that's tucked away in you and me  
Does anybody hear her? Can anybody see?

**Verse 2**

She is yearning for shelter and affection, that she never found at home  
She is searching for a hero to ride in, to ride in and save the day  
And in walks her prince charming, and he knows just what to say  
Momentary lapse of reason, and she gives herself away (Chorus 1)

**Chorus 2, 2X**

If judgment looms under every steeple,  
If lofty glances from lofty people  
Can't see past her scarlet letter,  
And we've never even met her,  
And we've never even met her

**Chorus 1 (To Ending)**  
**He is running a hundred miles an hour**  
**In the wrong direction**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of Intercession**

P: Trusting in the renewal of all things through Christ's death and resurrection, we pray for the church, those in need and all of God's creation.

***A brief silence.***

***Following each petition, "Lord in your mercy" ...please respond "Hear our prayer."***

***(The Prayers conclude with...)***

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The Sharing of Peace**

***(Please share the peace with those in the car with you, wave to your neighboring car or let everyone know we're here and honk your horn!)***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a repeat sign at the end. The second staff has a repeat sign at the end. The third staff has a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff has a repeat sign at the end.

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Preface**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Distribution**

*(If you are baptized and believe in the presence of Christ, you are invited to join us.  
Please follow Pastor's instructions)*

**The Blessing and Benediction**

**The Closing Song**

*"My Jesus Stand By Me"*

**Intro**

**Verse 1**

**When the night has come and the land is dark and the  
moon is the only light we see. Oh I won't be afraid no  
I won't be afraid just a long as my Savior stands by me.**

**Chorus**

**My Jesus Jesus stand by me stand by me oh stand  
stand by me stand by me.**

**Inst:**

**Verse 2**

**If the sky that we look upon should tumble and fall  
and the mountain should crumble in – to the sea  
I won't cry I won't cry no I won't shed a tear**

just as long as my Savior stands by me. (Chorus)

Inst:

(Repeat from Verse 1 to Ending)

Ending

Jesus stand by me stand by me oh stand  
stand by me stand by me whenever I'm trouble  
Stand by me, Stand by me

Postlude

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**THANK YOU TO STEPHEN PERILLO & THE NEPA PRAISE BAND FOR PLAYING  
THE 9 AM SERVICE!**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP IS THE CALL OF GOD TO BRING SPECIAL HONOR TO HIS NAME. WELCOME TO THE "FAMILY OF BELIEVERS".** In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, welcome to St. Paul's this morning. May your experience of worship and fellowship with us refresh and ready you for the coming week.

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE DEDICATED "TO THE GLORY OF GOD"** in memory of Leon "Bud" Whitaker's birthday on 9/5 from Leeann and Merilee. Happy Birthday Dad!

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**PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:** DJ Bianco, Franck Bielecki, Kari Stewart Bonczewski, Austin Bowman, Lois Burge, Betty Cauchi, Kim Collum, Jay Crandall, Claire Daley, Al Drum, Florence Drum, Carol Duffy, Bob Dunlap, Evelyn Evans, Bob Flynn, Eileen Garinger, Robert Gasper, Marion Hildebrand, Joyce Hocko, Pat Hoovler, Matt Howton, Ian Hunter, Mary Beth Innamorati, Craig Jacobs, Ruth Jakubowski, Alice Kershinski, Janice Krzywicki, Amy Maher, Dale Major, Jon Martineau, Andrea Martz, Dolores Marzocco, Wayne Mast, Shari Meister, Mary Alice McCloskey, Cheryl Myers, Tony & Sandy Nargoski, Midge Oldziejewski, Andrew Richner, Virginia (Ginger) Rinehimer, Jill Roskowski, Steven Reeves, Michele Reed, Diane Rosa, Cathy Ruiten, Bob Rushworth, Andrew Ruth, Dale Scott, Carl Schultz, Joe Seymour, Stephen Shaffer, Robert F. Shultz, Joanne Stevens, Ruth Thomas, Matthew Walker, Audrey Weaver, Charlotte Weiss infant granddaughter of Paul & Karen Ann Kowalczyk, Patti Williams, Karen Wise, Loretta Z

**IN ADDITION TO THOSE HAVING HEALTH PROBLEMS** we ask that you pray for all the men, and women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Matthew Hewson, Wayne Kaufman, Richard

Mester, Patrick Murphy, Bella Napersky, Brandon Passman, Anthony Porrecha Jr., Christian Yurkanin.

**-SERVICES WILL BE HELD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> AT 9AM & 10:30 AM. \* STARTING SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> OUR SERVICES WILL BE AT 9AM AND THE SECOND SERVICE WILL BE AT 11AM. FOR THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US, PASTOR HAS BEEN RECORDING SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE [WWW.STPAULSMTTOP.COM](http://WWW.STPAULSMTTOP.COM)**

**-THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER STARTING SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> FROM 3:00-7:00 PM. FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT GET OUT OR ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE OR CONTACT PR. KAUFMAN AT 570-443-0832. WE HAVE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED.**

**-PLEASE NOTE: THE FOOD BANK CONTINUES TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO CLIENTS EVERY FRIDAY USING SAFE DISTANCE PRACTICES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE CHURCH, PLEASE DO SO ON FRIDAYS 9AM-NOON. DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, AND APPRECIATED.**

**-ON THURSDAYS, BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED IN THE PARISH HALL AT 1:00 P.M. TABLES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO ALLOW FOR PARTICIPANTS TO "SOCIAL DISTANCE."**

**-WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT ST PAUL'S MINI LIBRARY (FREE BOOK EXCHANGE) HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH NEAR THE STEPS TO THE PLAYGROUND. IT IS AVAILABLE TO BOTH MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE A BOOK TO READ OR DROP OFF BOOKS YOU HAVE ALREADY READ.**

**-TODAY!!! 1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS WILL BE HELD TODAY FOLLOWING THE 2ND SERVICE. CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 12:30. IF STUDENTS WISH THEY CAN BRING THEIR LUNCH.**

**-WE WILL ONCE AGAIN OFFER HEALING SERVICES ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (BARRING ANY RESTRICTIONS) OUR NEXT SERVICE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020. AS WE WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY YOU ARE ASKED TO WEAR A MASK. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, YOU ARE INVITED TO REMAIN FOR LUNCH, BUT WE ASK THAT EVERYONE PROVIDE THEIR OWN.**

**-ATTENTION YOUTH!!! WE WILL HAVE A MEETING THIS THURSDAY SEPT. 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6PM PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**-WE WILL BE HAVING A DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BBQ, SEPTEMBER 12TH, PICK UP 11AM-5PM**

**COST \$10.00. MEAL INCLUDES: 1/2 CHICKEN, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, COLESLAW OR APPLESAUCE & DESSERT. PLEASE CONTACT KEVIN & TJ SCOTT TO RESERVE YOUR DINNER AT 570-868-7368, OR STOP BY THE DAY OF TO GRAB A DELICIOUS MEAL!**

**-OUR MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT WILL BE ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6:30 PM. WE WILL WATCH "THE OTHER SIDE OF HEAVEN." EVERYONE IS WELCOME. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED.**

**- EVERY YEAR THE ELCA APPOINTS A DAY ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF CONGREGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN "GOD'S WORK-OUR HANDS DAY," THIS YEAR IT IS SET FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH. I AM ENCOURAGING MEMBERS THIS YEAR TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING WORLD HUNGER BY ASKING FOLKS TO SPONSORS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WILLING TO WALK OR RIDE A FEW MILES FOR WORLD HUNGER. SPONSORS CAN PLEDGE A CERTAIN AMOUNT PER MILE OR A FLAT DONATION, EITHER WAY IS FINE. MONIES WILL BE COLLECTED AND TOTALED AND THOSE MONIES WILL HELP SUPPORT THE WORLD HUNGER APPEAL. SPONSOR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE. PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO SELECT A DATE, CALCULATE THE DISTANCE, COLLECT THE MONIES AND TURN THEM INTO PASTOR BY SEPTEMBER 30TH. WE MAY ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE A DATE TO WALK TOGETHER. WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO HONOR "GOD'S WORK-OUR HANDS".**

**-ON SEPT. 26TH PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC AT A FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT! MUSICAL ACTS INCLUDE PASTOR STEPHEN PERILLO & THE NEPA PRAISE BAND, MIKE LEWIS, AND JAMES HARVEY WITH THINK OF THREE BAND. THIS CONCERT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE. PLEASE BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET.**

**-WE WILL BEGIN COLLECTING PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR THE MCKINNEY MEDICAL CLINIC IN WILKES BARRE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF BODY WASH, SOAP, SHAMPOO, RAZORS, ALCOHOL FREE MOUTH AND SOCKS. A COLLECTION BIN WILL BE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCH SERVICES FOR YOU TO PLACE YOUR ITEMS. WE WILL BE SUBMITTING A THRIVENT GRANT TO MATCH EVERY ITEM YOU DONATE!**