

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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316 South Mountain Blvd.,

Mountain Top, PA

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 AM

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

Prelude

Praise & Worship Songs

"Days of Elijah"

**These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"
Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord!**

**Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.
Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
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Bridge

There's no God like Jehovah. (repeat 12 x)

**Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

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“Closer to the Edge”

Verse-1

**Should have known it was all elementary
Lift my head and bow to the beat
Close your eyes and love is all around you
The distant wave of a sea**

Chorus

**Closer to the edge I found I was standing in the second round
I was laughing but I didn't make a sound
Now I'm flying with my feet on the ground**

Verse-2

**Hold me close you know that you have to Tie me up pin my down
'Cause I won't fly in a broken wing dimension
You change the chord and the sound (Chorus)**

Interlude:

Ohhhh Ohhh Woaha oh oh oh, (3X) Oh Oh ohohoh oh

Chorus

Bridge

**And me, I never had me a home
Never sleeping in a place of my own
I was crying but I didn't make a sound
Now I'm flying with my feet on the ground**

“Our God”

**Water You turned into wine. Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you. None like you**

**Into the darkness You shine. Out of the ashes we rise
There's No one like you. None like you**

Our God is greater, our God is stronger

God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Into the darkness you shine. Out of the ashes we Rise
There's No one like you. None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us.

Then what can stand against? What can stand against?
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Dialogue

P: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

C: to the house of the God of Jacob.

P: That he may teach us his ways;

C: that we may walk in his paths.

P: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

C: and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

P: The Lord will be our everlasting light,

C: and our God will be our glory.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: Amen.

The Lenten Wreath

The Prayer of the Day

Opening Song

"The Heart of Worship"

Verse 1

**When the mus-ic fades, and all is stripped a - way,
and I sim-ply come, Long-ing just to bring,
some-thing that's of worth, That will bless Your heart.**

Refrain:

**I'll bring you more than a song, For a song in itself,
is not what you have required. You search much deeper
within through the way things appear you're looking into my heart.**

Chorus:

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship, And it's all about You
all about You Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord for the thing I've made it
when it's all about You it's all all You Jesus**

Verse-2

King of endless worth no one could express,

How much You deserve. Through I'm weak and poor,
All I have is yours every single breath. (Refrain)

Chorus 2x:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, And it's all about You
all about You Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord for the thing I've made it
when it's all about You it's all all You Jesus

Ending: (Solo)

It's all about you Jesus It's all about you Jesus

THE WORD

The First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

"Our Father"

Verse-1

Hear our prayer, we are Your children
And We've gathered here today. We've gathered here to pray
Hear our cry, we need Your mercy
And we need Your grace today, Hear us as we pray

Chorus:

Our Fa - ther who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name
Our Fa - ther hear us from heaven, Forgive our sins we pray

Verse-2:

Hear our song, as it rises to heaven, May Your gl - ory fill the earth
As the waters cover the sea, See our heart, and remove anything
That is standing in the way, Of coming to You today (Chorus)

Bridge:

And though we are few, We're surrounded by many
Who have crossed that river before
And this the song we'll be singing for ever
Holy is The Lord, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord (Chorus)

Ending:

Hear our prayer, we are Your children
And We've gathered here today. We've gathered here to pray

The Psalm

22:23-31

The Psalm is read responsively

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

**[: Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you; I want to see you:] (1st time only)**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you; I want to see you.**

Refrain:

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your Glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.:]**

2nd Refrain:

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your Glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your Glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

I want to see you. (Repeat 2x)

The Holy Gospel Announcement

Mark 8:31-38

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

"Come Into My Heart"

The Band

The Prayers

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 musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a 'P' in a square box before 'The Lord be with you.' and an 'A' in a square box before 'And al - so with you.' The second staff has a 'P' in a square box before 'Lift up your hearts.' and an 'A' in a square box before 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has a 'P' in a square box before 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has an 'A' in a square box before 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

P The Lord be with you. **A** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **A** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

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.

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 & Benediction

The Closing Song

“Jesus Messiah”

**He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing**

**Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, Lord of all**

**His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, Love's so amazing,**

**Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, Lord of all**

**All I hope is in you, All I hope is in you
All the glory to you, God, the light of the world**

**Jesus messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus messiah, Lord of all**

Jesus messiah, Lord of all, Lord of all, Lord of all,

Postlude

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THANK YOU TO STEPHEN PERILLO & THE NEPA PRAISE BAND FOR PLAYING THE 11 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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: DJ Bianco, Franck Bielecki, Kari Stewart Bonczewski, Austin Bowman, Lois Burge, Claire Daley, Jim Doxsey, Al Drum, Florence Drum, John Durham, Monica Hayward, Marion Hildebrand, Joyce Hocko, Mary Beth Innamorati, Craig Jacobs, Alice Kershinski, Matthew Kostelec, Todd & Daphne Kretz, Janice Krzywicki, Andy Macko, Barbara Macko, Amy Maher, Dale Major, Jon Martineau, Andrea Martz, Dolores Marzocco, Wayne Mast, Mary Alice McCloskey, Shari Meister, Paulette Mirilovich, Cheryl Myers, Andrew Richner, Virginia (Ginger) Rinehimer, Steven Reeves, Michele Reed, Cathy Ruitter, Bob Rushworth, Andrew Ruth, Dale Scott, Lois Scott, Carl Schultz, Joe Seymour, Robert F. Shultz, Ralph Smolenak, Leona Stemrich, Bonnie Tomcho, Matthew Walker, Charlotte Weiss, granddaughter of Paul & Karen Ann Kowalczyk, Karen Wise, Audrey Wysowski, Marian Zawilski

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, Brandon Passman, Anthony Porrecha, Jr., Christian Yurkanin.

-FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CONGREGATION, OUR SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE DRIVE IN SERVICES AT 9AM & 11AM. CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE 3-7PM ON WEDNESDAYS.

-FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH SECRETARY, OR CONTACT PASTOR KAUFMAN AT 570-443-0832. *WE HAVE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE OFFERED TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED.

-GIVING STATEMENTS 2020 ARE PRINTED AND IN YOUR MAILBOXES.

-SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: FOR STUDENTS IN 7TH & 8TH GRADE, ZOOM MEETINGS TAKE PLACE SUNDAYS AT 1PM. PLEASE EMAIL MARK KASTER: MARK.KASTER@WILKES.EDU

-LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M. EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED. VIDEOTAPED SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO PREFER VIA FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBPAGE.

-DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR MICHAELNE'S MISSION. MICHAELNE'S MISSION IS WORKING WITH THE GROWING HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE WILKES-BARRE AREA. THEY ARE REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: BACK PACKS/ DRAWSTRING BAGS, SWEATSHIRTS, BOOTS/SHOES, SOCKS, COATS, GLOVES, MASKS, BLANKETS,

HAND SANITIZER, \$5 GIFT CARDS FOR MCDONALDS, \$5 GIFT CARDS FOR TURKEY HILL, CANDY & SNACKS... *WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

- LENTEN DEVOTIONS ARE BEING POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE DAILY. HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE OR IF YOU PREFER, THEY CAN BE EMAILED TO YOU DIRECTLY. CONTACT PASTOR IF INTERESTED.

-WHEN WARM WEATHER RETURNS, WE PLAN TO SOLICIT BIDS TO REPLACE THE PARISH HALL ROOF. WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A ROOF FUND. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE CAUSE!

-HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR COVID VACCINE YET? ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE? WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP. SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO ASSIST YOU. CONTACT PASTOR KAUFMAN OR CALL LISA NAPERSKY (570) 709-1165, HELEN DAVIS (570) 991-7064 OR SUSAN ACKERMAN (570) 751-3169 WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU.

-FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES- CLASSES WILL BE FORMING FOR THOSE IN 2ND GRADE OR OLDER WHO HAVE YET TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION. BECAUSE OF COVID, WE WILL HOLD OFF AND COMPLETE CLASSES IN MAY WHEN THE SERVICE CAN BE HELD OUTDOORS AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS CAN GATHER WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CELEBRATE. *PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KAUFMAN IF YOU HAVE A CHILD ELIGIBLE.

-IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN....WE WILL BE SELLING LEDA'S DELICIOUS EASTER EGGS. PRICE HAS NOT CHANGED, THEY WILL STILL BE \$1.25 EACH. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP AS WE CONTINUE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH TRIP TO MINNESOTA IN 2022. ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN TO ME BY MARCH 14TH AND WILL BE DELIVERED BY MARCH 28TH (PALM SUNDAY) PAYMENT DUE WHEN DELIVERED. PLEASE NOTE I WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH ANYONE FOR PORCH DROP OFFS AND YOU CAN PICK UP AT MY HOUSE AS WELL AS I WILL BE GETTING PERIODIC DELIVERIES STARTING THIS WEEK. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF ME SELLING OUT OF THE BACK OF MY CAR AFTER 1ST AND BEFORE 2ND SERVICE DEPENDING ON WEATHER AND AVAILABILITY SO LOOK FOR THAT. ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BULLETINS & USHER BOOTH, YOU CAN DROP YOUR ORDER FORMS INTO THE OFFERING BUCKET. CALL OR MESSAGE TERRY SCOTT WITH ANY QUESTIONS 570-855-5813 OR 570-868-7368

-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.