

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 29, 2025

11:00am

Rejecting, Receiving, and **Following Jesus****AS WE GATHER**

When people are confronted by the claims of Jesus, they sometimes reject Him. We see this in today's Gospel as an entire Samaritan village rejects Jesus. The cost of following Jesus is high. Are **you ready** to follow the Lord, or is there something else you have to do first? What EXCUSES are holding you back? In today's Gospel we learn to follow the Lord and don't look back.

Special Note: On this fifth Sunday we will be receiving an additional **Student Aid offering** to help support our students going into full time church work.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Fairbairn**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## Hallelujah Feeling

### Verse 1

Some days I climb the mountains,  
Some days I touch the clouds,  
Some days my best friend  
Has been the cold hard ground.  
There's mercy new each morning,  
Comfort through the night.  
My eyes are fixed on Jesus,  
And I'm gonna be alright.

### Chorus

I got that hallelujah feeling  
down in my soul.  
I got that hallelujah feeling  
and it won't let go.  
God is good, yes and amen  
No matter what comes I know  
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my  
soul.

### Tag

Hallelujah Hallelujah

### Verse 2

Oh just because it's raining,  
Doesn't mean the sun won't shine.  
There's a season for the struggle,  
And a season for the prize.  
But my hope is never fading,  
'Cause it's anchored in the truth.  
My Father goes before me,  
And His joy will see me through.

### Chorus

I got that hallelujah feeling  
down in my soul.  
I got that hallelujah feeling  
and it won't let go.  
God is good, yes and amen  
No matter what comes I know  
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my  
soul.

### Tag

Hallelujah hallelujah (2x)

### Bridge

When everything is shaking,  
Got that solid rock like pavement.  
I might bend, but I'm not breaking.  
I know who's on my side

When everything is shaking,  
Got that solid rock like pavement.  
I might bend, but I'm not breaking.  
The Lord is on my side

### Chorus

I got that hallelujah feeling  
down in my soul.  
I got that hallelujah feeling  
and it won't let go.  
God is good, yes and amen  
No matter what comes I know  
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my  
soul.

### Tag

Hallelujah hallelujah (3x)

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: He is the Lord of our heart, our hope eternal. Come; let us worship in humility and joy!

**All: Amen. We will follow our Lord wherever He leads us.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus: as we come before our God, we humbly confess our sins and seek the forgiveness that comes from His throne of grace.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that in the sin we commit daily, we are distracted by the things of the world around us. Instead of clinging to what You have done for us through our Baptism, we look to what we can do and what the things of this world can offer us for security, comfort, courage, and strength. Yet, we end up empty, filled only with despair and loneliness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us and wrap us in the arms of Your mercy and grace.**

Pastor: In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul says, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom... And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**People: Amen. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we live for Christ!**

**FIRST READING** Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (*Christ has set us free to walk by the Spirit.*)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(We sing our confession of faith today)

## **We Believe**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe / We believe

In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe / We believe

Chorus  
We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again, We believe

So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe / We believe

Chorus  
We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit

And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again,

Let the lost be found and the dead be  
raised,  
in the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save.  
We believe / We believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail,  
for the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail,  
We believe / We believe

Chorus  
We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back,  
He's coming back again,

We believe, We believe

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 9:51-62

*(A Samaritan village rejects Jesus---the cost of following Jesus.)*

Reader: As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

Reader: When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him,

**People: "I will follow you wherever you go."**

Reader: Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." **But** the man replied,

**People: "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family."**

Reader: Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated



At this time we will gather our special **Student Aid offering** supporting future church workers.

### **Faithful Still**

When my heart is racing  
 deep inside my chest  
 When I'm underneath t  
 he weight of anxiousness  
 When my fear is raging  
 and I can't catch my breath  
 I will remember

### **Chorus**

You are faithful still  
 You have carried me  
 through deeper waters  
 Walked beside me  
 through the fire

Faithful still  
 You have closed the  
 mouth of bigger lions  
 Conquered even  
 greater giants  
 Gone before me and  
 You always will  
 You are faithful still

### **Verse 2**

God You saw this long  
 before I ever knew  
 And Your peace is waiting  
 here to see me through  
 My deliverance is  
 only found in You  
 So I will surrender

### **Chorus**

You are faithful still

You have carried me  
 through deeper waters  
 Walked beside me  
 through the fire  
 Faithful still  
 You have closed the  
 mouth of bigger lions  
 Conquered even  
 greater giants  
 Gone before me and  
 You always will  
 You are faithful still

### **Bridge**

I have a hope I have a future  
 I'm a child of the Mountain Mover (4X)

### **Chorus**

You are faithful still  
 You have carried me  
 through deeper waters  
 Walked beside me  
 through the fire

Faithful still  
 You have closed the  
 mouth of bigger lions  
 Conquered even  
 greater giants  
 Gone before me and  
 You always will  
 You are faithful still

I have a hope I have a future  
 I'm a child of the Mountain Mover (2X)

... You are faithful still



## MESSAGE – Pastor Fairbairn

### 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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe. Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and clear witnesses that Your presence is with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

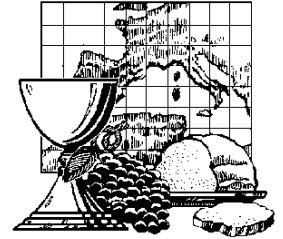
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.



## THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

## Justin Dotson / Guitarist

*Bach Cello Suite No 1 Prelude in G Major*

*Pavanas - Gaspar Sanz*

*Lagrima by Francisco Tárrega*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

## INVITATIONS

## Soon And Very Soon

Soon and very soon  
 We are going to see the King  
 Soon and very soon  
 We are going to see the King  
 Soon and very soon  
 We are going to see the King  
 Hallelujah hallelujah  
 We're going to see the King

### Verse 2

No more crying there  
 We are going to see the King  
 No more crying there  
 We are going to see the King  
 No more crying there  
 We are going to see the King  
 Hallelujah hallelujah  
 We're going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah  
 Hallelu - - jah!

(Key Change)

### Verse 3

**Guest Artist**

Justin Dotson / Guitarist



**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



No more dying there  
 We are going to see the King  
 No more dying there  
 We are going to see the King  
 No more dying there  
 We are going to see the King  
 Hallelujah hallelujah  
 We're going to see the King

### Verse 4

Soon and very soon  
 We are going to see the King  
 Soon and very soon  
 We are going to see the King  
 Soon and very soon  
 We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah  
 We're going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah  
 Hallelu - - jah!

Soon and very soon

**Where We Serve**

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Reader	Kim Hogan
Greeters	Krauter Family
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Ushers	Christian Krauter Lenny Elliott
Counters	Jan Paver Christine Lewis
Acolyte	Matthew George
Tech Team	Patrick Baker
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

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**Attendance** Last week: 6.22.2025– Attendance – 8am –97+ 11am –60 = 157

**Received** week of 6.22.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$6,008** total includes online giving School - **\$0**

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**In memory of Kathleen Fox a gift has been given to Saint Paul Lutheran Church from Jan Paver.**

29	JUN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
1	JUL, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
3	JUL, THU	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
4	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
5	JUL, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall

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### Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ruth Natiw  
 Story Point of Northville  
 44600 Five Mile Road  
 Northville Twp., MI 48168

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### *Altar Flowers*

*Two Vases in loving memory of our son Kevin Gilchrist's birthday from  
 Stan and Marti Gilchrist.*



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

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**MANY THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who helped with the Family of God meal on Wednesday, June 18th.** We served about 80 people and most of them had seconds or took a meal home with them. The excellent BBQ pulled pork was prepared by Mark Potter, who received rave reviews! The yummy coleslaw was prepared by Michelle Benson, now we know that 15 pounds of cabbage can make 150 servings! Kristy Howard contributed some rolls which were great. Marilyn Edick and Sue Mai helped Barbara in the kitchen that only took one hour to prepare the other supplies of buns, corn, brownies, bananas, and beverages. Chris Henning did the shopping for us, as usual, and was able to use Thrivent gift cards to pay for our meal this month. Thank you providers who help with our expenses! The brownie bakers were Emily Edick, Jan Faerber, Karen Frusti, Gretchen Hasse, Beth Hempel, Sue Poole (thanks Tom for the special delivery) and Marcy Treder. Marcy also prepares our bag of supplies we take to serve the meal - paper plates, a plastic fork wrapped so nicely in a napkin, paper cups, take out boxes, and a bag of bags for people to take their take out boxes in. Marilyn Bruehan has been contributing neatly folded grocery bags that are always appreciated. The servers were Rich Mai, Kathy and Dennis Verseman, Barbara and Will Hoffmeier. We were able to stay for the worship service after the meal and meet the new Ft Wayne Seminary Graduate, Alex Ogden. He will be Ordained and Installed as the third Pastor at the Family of God soon, joining Pastor Jim Hill and Pastor Nick Gapski. God is working through this mission in southwest Detroit to feed many people their meals and also their spiritual food through His Word. It's a blessing to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Come and see!



We are looking for an additional member for the Tech team, 8:30am service. No need for any technical ability and we'll train you. Primary duties are advancing the PowerPoint slides and at times, changing the camera angle for the on-line service recording. Please contact the church office at 248-349-3140 or [stpaulnorthville@ameritech.net](mailto:stpaulnorthville@ameritech.net) if you can volunteer. Thank you so much- Paul Ventimiglia

Praise Rock Band (ALL ages) and Craft Time for Children Kristen Goodman will lead arts, crafts and open gym time for children on alternate Sundays starting June 29, 2025 in Room 5 of the school. If there is an adult male who would like to play basketball, dodge ball or another game with the boys on one of these Sundays, please see Mrs. Goodman. Praise Rock Band will take place on alternate Sundays starting June 22, 2025 in Room 12 in the lower level of the school. This is open to ALL ages. We'll be playing beginner-level songs and will have available positions in piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, cowbell and vocals. Led by Jeni Huggins - please see her or text 248-787-0480 if you have any questions, or just show up. We will work toward offering a few songs to a small audience on Rally Day, September 7, 2025.

Sundays - Approximately 9:35 am - 10:55 am

June 22, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
June 29, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 6, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 13, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 20, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 27, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 3, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 10, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 17, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 24, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 31, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
September 7, 2025	Rally Day - Praise Rock Band concert?

Health care in the United States is easily available, but for those in Haiti this is not the case. For the month of June, Women in Christ will be featuring the mission grant entitled Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti, in the amount of \$25,000. Funds raised will be used to begin furnishing a medical clinic on the island of Ile-a-Vache, Haiti. Once the clinic is established, the Caribbean Children's Foundation will provide to the island's residents basic health care, laboratory and pharmacy services, and opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, health care is a long, often unaffordable, weather-permitting boat trip to the mainland. Please help raise the funds for this badly needed clinic by filling your MITE Box.



## NORTHVILLE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

**THEME:**

**Hometown USA**

**OUR INTERPRETATION:**

**“God Loves Northville**

**Our Hometown”**

**How you can help:**



- 1. Candy, Candy, Candy. We can use donated candy to pass out during the parade. It must be wrapped and no chocolate or melty candy. There will be a donation box in the hall.**



- 2. We are walking and handing out candy and pencils so we need as many walkers as available to give a strong presence in the community.**
- 3. Any questions, contact Patrick Baker or any Board of Evangelism member.**

**Thank you for wherever you can help.**



We share in the joy of **HOLY BAPTISM OF Benjamin Christopher Simmons** in the 8:30am worship service today. Benjamin is the infant son of Rachel and Nathaniel Simmons and was born in Livonia, Michigan at St. Mary's Hospital. Benjamin's sponsors are Jessica Bourassa and Erik Dent. As God writes Benjamin's name in the book of life let us all pray that this new relationship that has begun today will be lived, explored and discovered throughout Benjamin's life.

*familylife*  
**Bible  
Quizzing**

### **Wild Card Bible Quizzing Tournament**

This FREE and BRAND NEW Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted at **St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**. Join us **Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 12PM-5PM!** The material will be 8 random chapters from 1&2 Corinthians (randomly selected 1 week before the tournament, so study through the whole book!). No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each.

For info or to register, visit [biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Tournaments](https://biblequizzing.azurewebsites.net/Tournaments) or talk to Jake Fairbairn <[jakecfairbairn@gmail.com](mailto:jakecfairbairn@gmail.com), (248) 231-9684>.