# 11th Sunday after Pentecost



In-Person/Live Service

August 8, 2021

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 11th Sunday After Pentecost August 8, 2021



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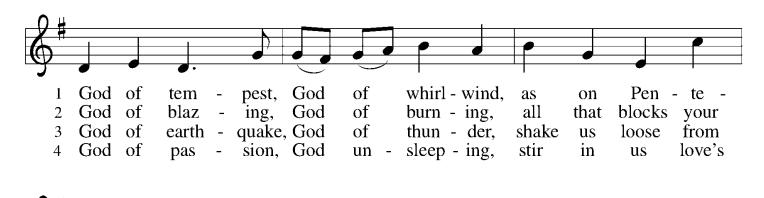
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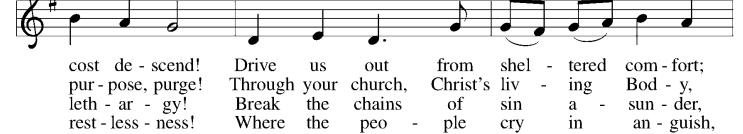
# Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P In this season, we worship the Holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sins, whose fire burns in our hearts and lives still today.
- C Amen
- P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin together. God of mercy,
- C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another; we forgot to love as we have been loved. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. Many times, we store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, for all that we've messed up, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. So rejoice in this good news: you are brought back to the Father who created you, forgiven by the Savior who died for you, and poured out over again by the Holy Spirit who walks with you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all God's people said:

# C Amen

# God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind







past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser-vice, let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice, for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us; may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, kin - dle us to speak your truth, make us one in Christ our Lord, claim us for your king-dom's work, there with Christ to bear the cross! kin - dle us to speak your truth! make us one in Christ our Lord! claim us for your king-dom's work!

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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# Apostolic 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.

# Prayer of the Day

- P Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

# First Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- A The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 34:1-8 (read responsively)

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

- A I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- A Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
- C I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
- A Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- A The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
- C Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- P The Holy Gospel according to John the Sixth Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from

heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner

Hymn of the Day: LBW 197 (on the following page)

# O Living Bread from Heaven



- 1 O liv ing Bread from heav en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me with in your ho liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want ed; this food can death de stroy.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have and here your-self have fed me with And you have free - ly grant - ed the my course on earth is length - ened, to

filled my heart with rest. trea - sures of your grace; cup of end - less joy. serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh. won-drous food of bless - ing, oh, for you have free - ly giv en what mer - it My Lord, I do the not And when you spir call my it to

cup that heals our woes! earth could nev - er buy, fa - vor you have shown, leave this world be - low,



pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows! My heart, this gift bread of life the from heav - en, that now I shall not die. and spir - it bow down be - fore your and all soul throne. my Ι en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min-gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



# Apostles' Creed

- A Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

# Prayers of the Church

A Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- A For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick, especially the people on our Prayer List and those we name either silently or aloud. God, in your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- A For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

# Offering, Music, and Offertory Prayer

#### Ways to Give to St. Paul's

With our return to in-person worship, we thought we would let you know about a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not be able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's to the church office 4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/
- P Let us pray.
- God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence and your love. Amen

# Communion Liturgy based on "I Am the Bread of Life"

- P I AM the bread of Life. You who come to me shall not hunger, And who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
- C And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.
- P The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, And if you eat of this bread, You shall live forever, you shall live forever.
- C And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.
- P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- C And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world. And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.

### Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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

# Holy Communion at St. Paul's is celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.

Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread, take the wine and return to your seat via the side aisle. \*Or remain in your seat and use the elements you picked up on the way into church. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

# Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

### Prayer After Communion

- P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

# Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen.

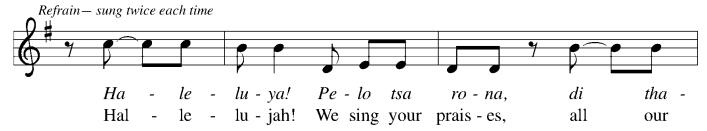
Closing Hymn: WOV 722 (on the following page)

# Sharing the Peace and Sending

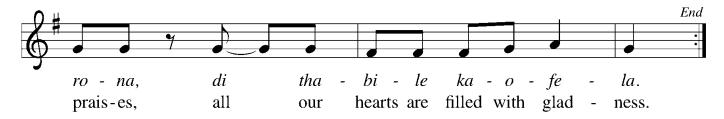
- P May you be unleashed, unleashed into the world, as we go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

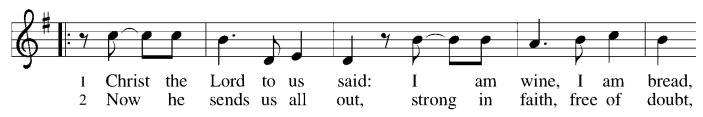
# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona









Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



Text: South African; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984 Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African Tr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 8-15, 2021

**TODAY:** 9:30-11:00 am: Daily Bread Food Truck (DBFT): Pastries with Emilie

10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV

10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: 10:00 am: 23 Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic at Glen Oak Golf Club

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

6:00 pm: Wedding of Susan Mintzer and David Szewczyk

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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 59 Offering: \$6,634.80

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Chad Israel and Hayley Israel

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Dave Metz: Buffalo General Hospital

Grace Mols: Elderwood, 200 Bassett Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Diane Siegel: 636 Evergreen Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105 David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Larry Woodward: GreenFields, 5949 Broadway, Room C119, Lancaster, NY 14086

**Prayer List:** In our and extended family: Bill Siegel and his family in the passing of Bill's brother, Tom Siegel (a former member, who was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's); Ira Striejewske; Thomas Maier

#### ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In-Person Worship:* 10:00 am. Reservations are no longer required. With the increase of the Covid variant in our area, we are asking everyone to wear a face mask until they are seated and distanced in church. If you are singing, please make sure you have a face mask on. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also being livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.



WNY Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

We Congratulate: The recipients of the Edward J. Kinkel Scholarship Award for 2021: Jordan Dywan, Lauren Biegner, and Nina Shanley.

*Tigers Den Food Pantry:* The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The August Pantry hours are Thursday 8/19 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 8/14 and 8/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August are: juice, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, and hand soap.

Lutheran Charities Golf Classic: The 23 Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic will be held at Glen Oak Golf Club, 115 Smith Road, East Amherst, NY 14051, on Monday, August 9, 2021.

*Memorial Service for Dolores Shearer:* There will be a memorial service for Dolores Shearer on Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 9535 Clarence Center Road, Clarence Center, NY.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck will be parked outside St. Paul's on Main Street EVERY Sunday from 9:30-11:30am serving yummy coffee and pastries. The original "get one, give one" mission is back in action, so remember that for every meal purchased, one meal is given. There are many opportunities this summer to get involved, as well. We need help in the kitchen! We would love to add you to the team! Contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email dailybread4007@gmail.com





#### + St. Paul's Mission +

# To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives, and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.

# St. Paul's Congregation Council

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