

*18th Sunday after
Pentecost*



In-Person/Live Service
September 26, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

C God, you made me, you know me better than I know myself, and you love me more than I can imagine. You watch over me everyday. You see me when I'm not at my best, when I struggle to love myself, or others, or You. For Jesus' sake, forgive me. Help me see myself as you see me. With eyes of love, patience, kindness, and mercy. Amen.

P People of God, God knows our struggle and feels our hurts. In love, we have been given the gift of grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear this good news! The Kingdom of God has come near. You are forgiven. You are beloved. You are saved. Christ has undone all the things that would divide us from the Love of God. Let go of your fear, guilt, and shame. Know that God loves you and will always love you.

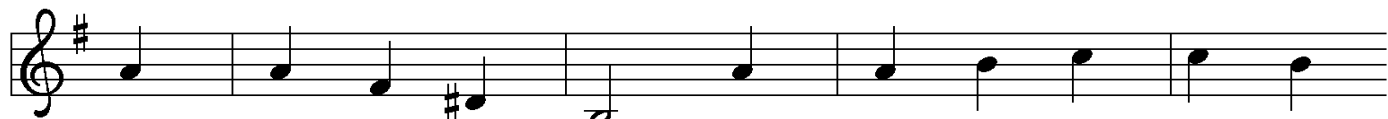
C Amen

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor



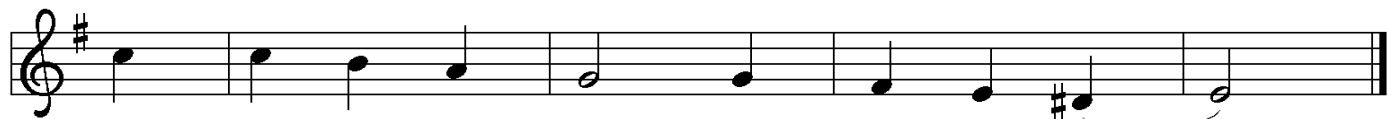
1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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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 Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19:7-14 (read responsively)

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

A The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

A The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

A By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

A Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Ninth Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner

Hymn of the Day: WOV 711

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Gift of Finest Wheat*

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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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 Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List, and those we name either silently or aloud. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the worship and ministry leaders in all churches. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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.

C 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

Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took 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.

Lord's Prayer

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

C 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: 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 Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: ELW 540 (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.

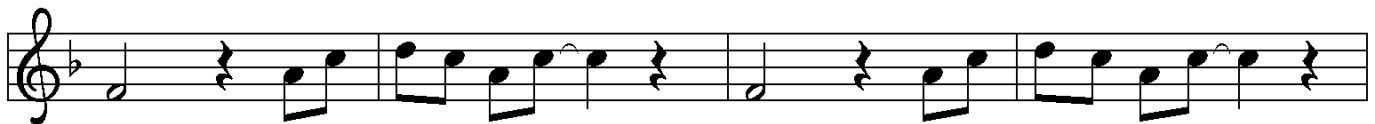
Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: September 26-October 3, 2021

- TODAY:** 9:00-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck: Pastries with Emilie
9:30-9:45 am: Falling Upward outdoor service
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Sunday:** 9:00-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck: Pastries with Emilie
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion/New Missionary Sunday
10:00 am: Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 80 Offering: \$5,585.59

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
Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221
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: Ira Striejewske; Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Reservations are not 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.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining September Pantry hours are: Thursday 9/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Donations for September are: canned corn, white rice, sugar, oil, and any tomato products. The Pantry hours for October are: Thursday 10/7 and 10/21 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday, 10/9 and 10/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck will be parked outside St. Paul's on Main Street EVERY Sunday from 9:00-11:30am serving yummy coffee and pastries. The original "get one, give one" mission is back in action, so remember that for every meal you purchase, one meal is given. There are many opportunities 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



Planning Ahead

- Sunday, 10/3: New Missionary Sunday
- Tuesday, 10/5: Amherst Family Support Center: Parent Workshop "Growing LGBTQ+ Youth Support—5:30 pm-6:30 pm
- Saturday, 10/9: Grace Mols Funeral (time provided at a later date)
- Sunday, 10/10: New Missionary Sunday
- Wednesday, 10/13: Legacy Giving Gathering at Vern Stein's home (time provided at a later date)
- Saturday, 10/23: Celebration of Life/Fall Fest (details to follow)
- Sunday, 10/24: LCLC Fundraiser: Run 4 Camp 5K (see page 14 for details)
- Sunday, 10/24: Commitment Sunday
- Monday, 10/25: God on Tap—7:00 pm



LCLC
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center



Calling All Runners! *And by "runners" we mean anyone who jogs, walks, hikes, pushes a stroller, wheelchairs, or even rollerblades.*

Announcing the LOM Run4Camp 5K

What: A remote fundraiser for LCLC and other participating Lutheran camps across the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) network. LCLC is a member of LOM.

Who Can Participate: Anyone old enough and capable enough to run, walk, hike, etc. a distance of 5K (3.1 miles).

When: October 24, 2021 (*or whatever day and time between 10/17 and 10/24 works best for you*). You can participate synchronously or asynchronously.

Where: In your own neighborhood, on your own treadmill, in a mall, in your favorite park or join in the group run the 24th at St. Paul's (see below)

How It Works: Each 5K participant agrees to three simple things:

1. Donate \$25 or more to LCLC to secure their Run4Camp spot. (*An optional \$15 can be paid to LOM for a Run4Camp T-shirt. T-shirt deadline is 9/30/21.*) [Click here](#) for LCLC's secure donation page. 100% of donations go to LCLC.
2. Find at least 5 sponsors to support their run with a gift to LCLC in any amount from \$5.00 and up. Sponsors also make their donations on LCLC's secure [donation page](#), so runners don't have to handle any money. If needed, checks can be mailed to LCLC. 100% of sponsorships go to LCLC.
3. Optionally, email/text a simple video/pic of themselves during their run to be shared on a national, live webcast the afternoon of October 24th.

How to Register: Runners register via the LOM website. Click the following link that will take you to the registration form: <https://forms.gle/mnqiKmsNf22DEfQD9>. LOM will not share your information with any organization other than LCLC. After registering, make your \$25 or more donation to LCLC and start recruiting your sponsors.

WNY Group Run:

Any local 716 runners are invited to run together October 24th. We'll leave and return to St. Paul's Lutheran (4007 Main St, Eggertsville, 14226) at 11:30am. Bathrooms and drinks will be provided. We'll have a nice, fairly flat, 5k around the neighborhood streets of Amherst that you can run or walk.

For More Information:

Call LCLC at 716-386-4125 or email: lee@lclcenter.org.

GROWING LGBTQ+ YOUTH SUPPORT

Register in advance for this
Zoom meeting:
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwvfu6urz0rH9EEZP8sRTXlfc_yZU3Sx-v5](https://zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tjwvfu6urz0rH9EEZP8sRTXlfc_yZU3Sx-v5)



**AMHERST CENTRAL
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

PARENT WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, OCT. 5, 2021

5:30 - 6:30 P.M.



Given by

Rev. Susan Frawley
(She/Her/Hers)

Community and Parent Outreach
Services Coordinator at GLYS of
Western New York, Inc.

This informative presentation will discuss LGBTQ youth concerns and issues including an overview of gender identity, sexual affection, pronouns, how to be an Ally, concerns and issues in school, mental and emotional health issues and how to support your child.



+ 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.*

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