19th Sunday after Pentecost



In-Person/Live Service

October 3, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 19th Sunday After Pentecost October 3, 2021



Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.

MeTV will broadcast Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m. on the following channels:

For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1

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.
- God, (your love and your grace, your presence in our lives) change everything. You see into our hearts and our minds and know better than we do all the things about us that need healing and forgiveness. All the ways we've missed the mark, all the times we've fallen short, all the places where our selfishness has damaged your creation and your creatures, all those people who have been hurt by our words, or actions, or neglect. Lord you know we are broken, but for Jesus' sake, heal us, forgive us, and change us into a people who live out your compassion and hope. Amen.
- People of God, hear this promise loud and clear: God's Grace changes everything... and that grace is for you. There is no brokenness that God does not restore to wholeness. There is no sin that God has not erased with forgiveness. There is no power that could keep God's love from you. So let go of your shame, your guilt, and your fear... and hold onto the promise of Christ that this grace is for you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW 796

How Firm a Foundation



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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 Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

- A The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Tenth Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

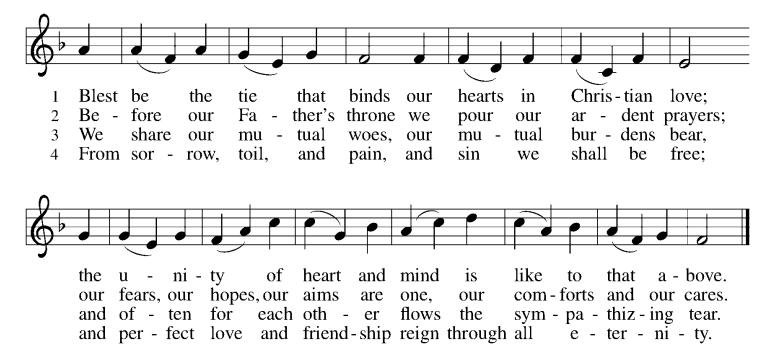
Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner



Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.



Reception of New Missionaries

P These people have come to us from other communities and congregations and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism. Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

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.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List, and those we name either silently or aloud. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. 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.
- P Brothers and sisters in Christ: in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have made public affirmation of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
 - to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper,
 - to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
 - to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
 - and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.



P Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C Amen.
- P Let's welcome our newest missionaries.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and missionaries with us here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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

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 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:
- 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

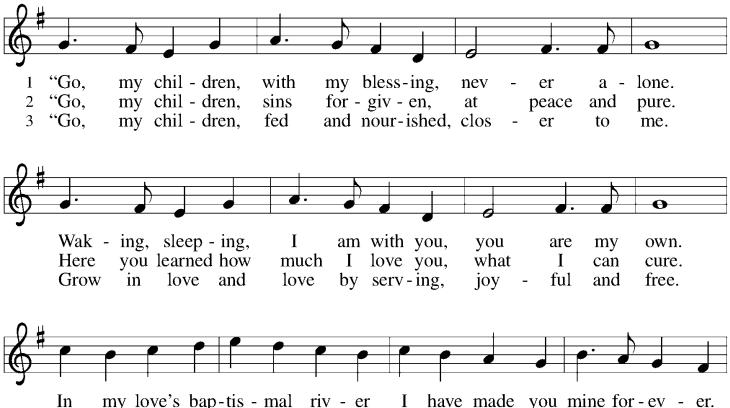
- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,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

Closing Hymn: ELW 543 (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, My Children, with My Blessing



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: October 3-10, 2021

TODAY: 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

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

5:30 pm: Amherst Family Support Center: Parent Workshop

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforter's Meeting (bring lunch)
Thursday: 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting

Friday: 4:00 pm: Wedding of Emily Kraft and Matt Hockwater Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

11:00 am: Grace Mols Memorial Service

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

10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion/New Missionary Sunday

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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: Offering: \$3,192.97

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: Lavon and Lucille Amos in the passing of Lavon's brother; Aurora Miano (Robin and Joseph Miano's granddaughter); 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 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. Donations for October: brown or white rice, crackers, healthy snacks, and spaghetti sauce.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck has finished their "Get One" season this past Sunday, and is now transitioning into their "Give One" season. Thank you for your generous support of "Pastries with Emilie." 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

New Missionary Sunday: On Sunday, October 3 and Sunday, October 10 we will be welcoming our new Missionaries during Sunday Service. Please join in greeting: Myra Conley, Ryan Gangaram, David Heppner, Joan and Jim Keptner, Kelley Omel, Hattie Slater, Lois Snyder, Terri and Allen Thomalla, and Susan and Ron Wolfe.



Thursday October 14th, 5:30 to 8:30pm
Resurgence Brewing Company
55 Chicago Street Buffalo, NY
\$35/ person
Includes two drink tickets and
hors d'oeuvres.





**If you are interested in donating a basket for the Celebration of Life Fall Fest, please contact Heidi Ginal (716-480-9227) or Cheryl Gillen (716-341-5073). We are especially looking for Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres paraphernalia (tickets, team shirts, etc.). We ask the baskets be dropped off at Church/Church Office no later than October 21. Thank you for supporting the mission of the Daily Bread Food Truck through your donations. **

We are also in need of baked goods to share at the Fall Fest. If you can volunteer to help us with this, please sign up on the "What's Happening" board in the Gathering Area.





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 $24^{\rm th}$ at St. Paul's (see below)

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

- 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.
- 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 <u>donation page</u>, 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.



+ 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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