# 22nd Sunday after Pentecost



## In-Person/Live Service October 24, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 22nd Sunday After Pentecost October 24, 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.
- C God, your love, your grace, and your presence in our lives, changes 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.
- P 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.



#### 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 Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

## First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- 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 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to Him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions-and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Sermon: Pastor Chick Biegner



Hymn of the Day: LBW 474 (on the following page)



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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.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

- A Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List, and those we name either silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- A Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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: LBW 439 (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.



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: October 24-31, 2021

10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV TODAY: 10:00 am: Commitment Sunday: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School 11:30 am: LCLC Run4Camp 5K Run 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope 3:00-6:00 pm: Boy Scout Troop 261–Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner at St. Benedict's Monday: 7:00 pm: Canceled: God on Tap will be rescheduled for a later date **Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study Wednesday: 8:00 pm: AA Meeting 7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting Thursday: 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV Sunday: 10:00 am: Reformation Sunday: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School \*\*\* Remember to wear a costume \*\*\* 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 85 Offering: \$4,162.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)
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
David Lampe: 73 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214
Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221
Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105
Betty Venator: PO Box 386, Williamsville, NY 14231
David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032
Larry Woodward: GreenFields, 5949 Broadway, Room C119, Lancaster, NY 14086

#### We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Marion Alexander.

*Prayer List: In our and extended family:* Lanny Repman and Norm Kreuzer (friends of Sharon Ries); Aurora Miano (Robin and Joseph Miano's granddaughter); Ira Striejewske; Thomas Maier

*Deacon Schedule:* 10/24: Barb Walter; 10/31: Sara Gallagher *Usher Schedule:* 10/24:

#### <u>ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

*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 November are: Thursday 11/4 and 11/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 11/13 and 11/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for November: (will be provided next week).

*Daily Bread Food Truck:* The Daily Bread Food Truck has finished their "Get One" season, and is now transitioning into their "Give One" season. 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



#### BENEFIT In honor of CHAD ISRAEL

The friends of Chad Israel cordially invite you to a **BENEFIT** to be held in his honor on:

#### Friday October 29th 7p.m.-12 Midnight

Chad, a resident of North Tonawanda, a long time employee of ECMC, a father of 4, went into the hospital in April for what he thought was acid reflux and severe sleep apnea and was diagnosed with Stage IV Kidney failure.

Chad, an RN for over 20 years in the Trauma and Operating Room at ECMC, has a long road ahead. He receives 8 hours of dialysis everyday. Dialysis and a very weak immune system prevent him from being able to work. Along with his kidney failure, Chad has been a Type I diabetic since childhood thus complicating his recovery. He is on the Kidney/Pancreas transplant list, unfortunately no one knows how long the wait will be.

While the future remains uncertain, Chad and his children are facing enormous physical and financial challenges. We hope you can join us in our efforts to help Chad and his children through this difficult ordeal. The ticket cost is \$20 per person.

The Benefit is being held at:

#### The Pub 2115 South Park Avenue Buffalo, N.Y. 14220

We are also looking for any donations for our Chinese Auction and Large Ticket Raffle to be held the day of the event. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to "Friends of Chad Israel."

Donations can be mailed to the address below:

#### Friends of Chad Israel P.O. Box Buffalo, N.Y. 14219

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

#### For tickets, donations or more information:

Lagayette Washington381-3527	Maureen Lannen691-5270
Ken Burzynski913-9350	Hayley Israel548-4153
Lisa McAndrews479-8748	



Do you know Whodunnit?! Join a collection of mysterious and eccentric characters as they try to figure it out in "Murder at Harry's Hideaway." This murder-mystery dinner theatre is sure to be a thrilling event, and all proceeds go to benefit Lutheran Charities funded nonprofits. November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6:00pm and the dinner theatre starts at 7: 00pm. RIPA's restaurant 4218 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY, 14086. For details and registration information visit wnylutherancharities.org, email <u>info@wnylutherancharities.org</u> or call 716-632-2623. If you can't attend, you can still support the event by donating a basket to be auctioned off at the event contact us to make arrangements for delivery or pickup. Thanks to all!



## + 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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