# 25th Sunday After Pentecost



In-Person/Live Service

November 14, 2021

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 25th Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 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, you see us and you know us better than we know ourselves. You see those places in our lives we are holding back from you. All the ways our greed stops us from sharing the gifts you have given us; all the ways our selfishness has blocked us from knowing your love; all the ways our fears keep us from living life in all its fullness. God, for Jesus sake, forgive us. Help us to trust you so that we can let go of all that holds us back from you.
- People of God, remember this truth. Jesus will never hold back his love, grace, or mercy from us. He has gone all in for us on the cross. Hear this promise and let it sink in. You are forgiven and you are unconditionally loved by God. So let go of everything holding you back, be changed by grace, and live life in all its fullness.
- C Amen.

### Built on a Rock



- Built rock the church shall stand,
- Not our tem - ples made in with hands
- 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, this house, an earth - ly 4 Yet in frame,
- Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord,
- e ven when stee ples are Al - might - y, God, the built for his own hab - i -Je - sus the chil - dren is grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; dwell - ing; ta - tion; bless - ing; ring - ing,

crum-bled have spires in high in the heav'ns his he fills our hearts, his hith - er we come to hear God's Word may come man - y to

land, ev - 'ry tem - ple stands, hum - ble thrones, grant-ing praise his name.

bells still are all earth-ly us faith in our where he this



tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Say - ior con-fess - ing. prom-ise is bring - ing:

chim-ing and call - ing— call-ing the young and old to rest. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove life and sal-va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, I know my own, my own know me;



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those dis - tressed, souls of with us in love, midst would show his grace, cov - e - nant, world, my face shall see;

long-ing for life ev - er - last mak-ing our bod-ies his tem ple. bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing. grant-ing his chil-dren the king - dom. my peace I leave with you. A -

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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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 Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### First Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

#### Psalm 16 (read responsively)

- A Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- C All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

- A But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- A O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- A I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- A My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
- A You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- A The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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

#### Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner

#### Hymn of the Day: WOV 627

# My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

#### 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 Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

A God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List, and those we name either silently or aloud. God, in your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- A God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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

#### 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 Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.
- 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 341 (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.

# Jesus, Still Lead On



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 14-21, 2021

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

10:00 am: Sunday: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: 4:30-6:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal-Share at St. Paul's

6:30 pm: Amherst Community Meeting

**Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study

6:30 pm Burrito Project

Wednesday: 12:30 pm Staff Meeting at St. Paul's

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

**Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting

7:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 9:00 am: Haitian Church

10:00 am-2:00 pm: LCLC Board Meeting

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

10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, and Sunday School

11:30 am: Confirmation Class

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 75 Offering: \$4,170.00

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

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

Deacon Schedule: 11/14: John Schunak; 11/21: Sara Gallagher; 11/28: Barbara Walter

Usher Schedule: 11/14: Bob and Karen Brown; 11/21: Mimi and Scott Fierle

#### 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 November are: Thursday 11/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 11/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for November: tomato soup, canned yams, canned collard greens, Spam.

**Daily Bread Food Truck:** The Daily Bread Food Truck has finished their "Get One" season, and has now started their "Give One" season. We have started giving free hot meals to the community on Monday evenings from 5-7 pm. We are always in need of meal-share sponsors. If you would like to help us provide meals to the community, 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.

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