

# *All Saints Sunday*



*In-Person/Live Service*

*November 7, 2021*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

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

P 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.

Opening Hymn: LBW 174 verses, 1-4

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,  
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old  
saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;  
gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
you, in the dark - ness, drear, their one true light.  
and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;  
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,  
soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;



yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.  
and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### *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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### *First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

### *Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**A** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.



*Psalm 24 (read responsively)*

*They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)*

- A The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- C For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- A Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?
- C Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.
- A They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- C Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- A Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- A Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.
- A The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 11:32-44***

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" The said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

***Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner***

***Hymn of the Day: WOV 690 (on the following page)***

# Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## *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.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List, and those we name either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.



**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Especially, today, we remember....

Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God our protection 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.

**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

*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:

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** 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 (on the following page) 174, verses 5-8***

***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.

# For All the Saints



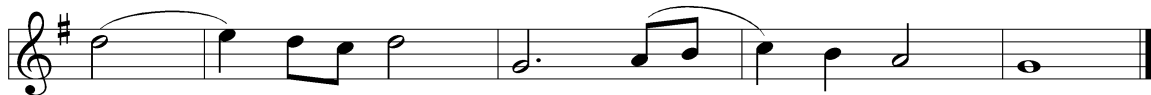
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 7-14, 2021

- TODAY:**   \*\*\* Daylight Savings Time Ends\*\*\*  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: All Saints Day Sunday: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School  
11:15 am: Baptism of Elliana Madeline Whitemore  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:**   10:00 am: Bible Study  
10:30 am-1:00 pm: Way To Go Tours
- Wednesday:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:**   7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting  
7:30 pm: Choir rehearsal
- Saturday:**   9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
- Sunday:**     10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, and Sunday School  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 85 Offering: \$4,302.00

***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

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

***We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Woodward.***

***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:*** 11/7: Barbara Walter; 11/14: John Schunak; 11/21: Sara Gallagher;  
11/28: Barbara Walter

***Usher Schedule:*** 11/7: Todd Vahue and Matt Fricano; 11/14: Bob and Karen Brown

## **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 11/13 and 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 is now transitioning into their "Give One" season. There are many opportunities to get involved, as well. We can always use more hands! AND, We would love to add you to the team! Contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto: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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