

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*



In-Person/Live Service
December 19, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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*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, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
- C God for whom we wait, as church together, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.
- P God's love is unleashed into this world for all of us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven and through the grace of Jesus, you are set free from the burdens of fear and shame. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *LBW 34*

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on
3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's
4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

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 Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Annual Children's Christmas Pageant
(Previously recorded)

Scene 1

Angel Gabriel appears to Mary & Joseph

Caesar Augustus sends out a decree

Joseph & Mary set out to Bethlehem

Song - Oh little town of Bethlehem - verse 1 sung by children

C For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love
Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

Oh, little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Scene 2

The Innkeeper tells Mary & Joseph there is no room in the Inn, a stable is offered.

The Savior is born

Angels visit the Shepherds to tell them the news

Song - While Shepherds watched their flocks by night

*C While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.*

*'Fear not,' he said, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled minds.
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.*

*To you in David's town, this day Is born of David's line The Savior who is
Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign.*

*"The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, And in a manger laid.'*

Scene 3

Shepherds go to see the baby Jesus the Angel spoke of

Narration of the Wise Men who followed the star

3 Kings walk in during the song

Song - We 3 Kings - verse 1 sung by children

*C Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice*

Alleluia, Alleluia

Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder, star of night

Star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding

Guide us to Thy perfect light

Kings lay the gifts before the babe

Concluding words

Song - Away in the manger - sung by children

Thank you for participating in our pageant! Merry Christmas!

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 In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that brings forth abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all who call our attention to imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and those who are pregnant. Comfort any struggling with infertility and those who await test results, are in treatment and hospice care, and others in need (especially). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness (especially). Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

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 Street, 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/>

Offering, Music, and Offertory Prayer

- P Let us pray.
- C God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. 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 Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

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: (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.

Closing Hymn: WOV 629

All Earth Is Hopeful
Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:* 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
"De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel," *nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.*
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, *Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,*
con él la esperanza al mundo volverá. *y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.*

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: December 19th–26th

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Annual Children's Christmas Pageant
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-6:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal-Share at St. Paul's
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
5-7:00 pm: Burrito Project
- Wednesday:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3-7:00 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry is open
3-5:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal-Share
7:00 pm: Alanon
7:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal
- Friday:** 12:00 pm: WNY Church Unleashed Christmas Eve at the Clarence Town Park
4:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship at St. Paul's
5:00 pm: WNY Church Unleashed Christmas Eve Service on MeTV
7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship at St. Paul's
- Saturday:** Merry Christmas—No Worship Services at St. Paul's
9:00-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Lessons and Carols, Communion
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 98

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 14221

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Kevin Dennis (friend of Scott Vahue), Judy Brown (daughter of Kathryn Brown and sister of Bob Brown), Lanny Repman and Norm Kreuzer (friends of Sharon Ries); Aurora Miano (Robin and Joseph Miano's granddaughter); Ira Striejew-ske; Thomas Maier

Deacon Schedule: 12/19 Barbara Walter

Usher Schedule: 12/19 Todd Vahue and Matt Fricano

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Reservations are not required. In accordance with NY State mandates and because of the increase of the Covid variant in our area, we are asking everyone to wear a face mask while in the building at all times regardless of vaccination status. 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 the rest of December are: Thursdays 23rd and 30th from 3:00-6:30 pm. The Pantry will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th. Donations for December are juice, snacks such as pretzels, spaghetti-O's, and canned ravioli.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck is continuing their "give one" season and is parked in the St. Paul's driveway next to the flag pole each Monday night giving hot meals out from 4:30-6:30 pm and then Saturday mornings while the Tiger's Den Food Pantry is open from 9:00-11:00 am. We will not be serving on the 25th due to Christmas. We will also be helping families during the Christmas break and serving meals on December 28th (4:30-6:30pm) and 30th (during Pantry hours from 3-5 pm) at St. Paul's as well.

Haitian Church: Welcome to the Peniel Haitian Church. They are now worshipping at St. Paul's every Saturday from 9am-3pm.

Christmas Eve Worship: St. Paul's will be offering 40 min abbreviated in-person worship services on Christmas Eve, Friday December 24th, at 4pm and 7pm. Both services will be live-streamed, as well. WNY Church Unleashed will also be offering an in-person service at the Clarence Town Park on Goodrich Rd at 12 pm and then their TV service at 5 pm on MeTV.

Annual Family Blessing: Come join us on Sunday January 2nd for our Annual Family Blessing Worship Service at 10 am. Happy New Year!

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
**Christmas Eve Worship
Schedule**



*Come join us for an abbreviated
40 min in-person service at*

**12 pm at Clarence Town Park
Pavillion on Goodrich Rd -
WNY Church Unleashed Staff**

4 pm at St. Paul's

5 pm on MeTV - WNY Church Unleashed

7 pm at St. Paul's

*In accordance with NY State mandates, and for the health
and safety for all of our members,
masks are required in the building at all times.*

*If you have any questions,
please feel free to contact the office at
716-835-0407.*

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EGGERTSVILLE



ANNUAL FAMILY BLESSING

Worship Service



CELEBRATE
THE
NEW YEAR!
BRING THE
FAMILY!



Sunday
January 2nd, 2022
@ 10am



+ 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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