

*19th Sunday  
after Pentecost*



*October 16, 2022*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
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*Prelude Music*

*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

**P** In this season, we worship the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose fire burns in our hearts and lives still today.

**C** Amen

**P** God of mercy and forgiveness,

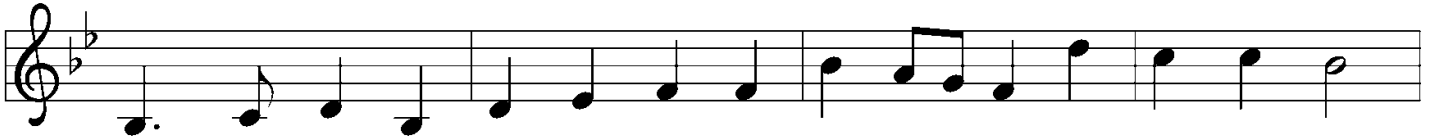
**C** We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

**P** Loved Children of God: Through the living waters of baptism, your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, so follow Him now and walk in God's abiding love!

**C** Amen!

*Opening Hymn: LBW250*

## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

### *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** O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### *Children's Time*

#### *First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5*

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 121 (read responsively)*

*My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*

A I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

A The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

A the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

A The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

A This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Luke 18:1-8***

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.



***Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner***

***Hymn of the Day: WOV 763 (on the following page)***

# Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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## *Apostle's Creed*

A Let's join to proclaim our faith in 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 gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

- A For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A For all who are overwhelmed with stories of war between nations, mass shootings, racial and gender hatred. Turn the tides Lord. Bless all those who are in the middle of these tragic events and use us to dismantle this hatred and evil and replace these stories with examples of justice, grace, and unity. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer List and those we name before you either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**



- A With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### *Offering Music and 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 able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's - 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/>

- 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 believes 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.

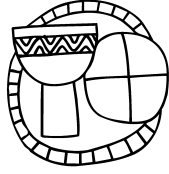
**C** And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

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 and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. 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** God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our 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

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

### *Sharing the Peace and Sending*

P Let us go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: October 16-23, 2022

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
10:00 am: Sunday School  
11:00 am: Cultural Diversity Meet & Greet  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
6:00 pm: Burrito Project
- Wednesday:** 7:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meeting  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
6:00 pm: Alanon
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship  
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
9:00 am: Men's Group Meeting  
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Worship Service
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
10:00 am: Sunday School  
11:30 am: Confirmation Class at Parkside Lutheran Church  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**The Altar Flowers:** are given in Memory of Delois Anderson by Vanessa Solomon, and in Celebration of Judy and Jim Meyer's Anniversary by Wes and Sharon Ries

***Prayer List: In our congregational family: (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)***

Lee Abel: 71 Windsor Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

Neal DeLeo: Bristol village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Marilyn Emerson: 364 Burroughs Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

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Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Tim Stanley: 270 Ivyhurst Circle, Amherst, NY 14226

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

***Prayer List: In our and extended family: Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewske***

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Deacon Schedule:** 10/16: Barbara Walter; 10/23: Sara Gallagher

**Usher Schedule:** 10/16: Ellen Herdman & Jim Tanevich; 10/23:

**In-Person Worship:** 10:00 am. Masks are now optional while you are in the building. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. 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.

**Amherst Lutheran Church:** If you cannot make St. Paul's Sunday worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday, please join Amherst Lutheran's worship service on Saturday at 5:00 pm.

**Tigers Den Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for October are: Thursday 10/20 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm; and Saturday 10/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for October: canned beans (all kinds), canned tuna, canned chicken, rice (white, brown, jasmine, basmati), coffee, tea.

**Daily Bread Food Truck:** On Monday, October 17 the Daily Bread Food Truck will start its third season of our Monday Meal Share. We will be serving meals between 4:30-6:00 pm in front of St. Paul's to those individuals experiencing food insecurity. We thank all of our volunteers who will make this a most successful mission. For more information, please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

**Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine:** If you would like to donate, you can go to [donate.lwr.org](http://donate.lwr.org) for additional information and the donation form, or mail your donation to P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. You can also call 1-800-597-5972 to make a secure credit card donation.

**Resettlement Mission:** If you would like to help support the Resettlement Mission, donations of Visa gift cards would help provide for gaps in some of the material needs. Gift cards can be dropped off at the Church Office, or put in the offering plates on Sunday.

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

*Confirmation Ceremony: Natalie Kalinowski, Addison Rogers, and Brynn Wyles will be confirmed at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 30 during our 10:00 am worship service*

*All Saints Day: We will be remembering those we have lost over the past year as we celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6 during the 10:00 am worship service. Please add the name of someone you have lost over the past year to the "Great Cloud of Witnesses" form in the Gathering Area. The "clouds" will be hung in the sanctuary on All Saints Day.*



*+ 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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