## All Saints Day



November 6, 2022

#### Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church All Saints Sunday November 6, 2022



#### 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!

#### For All the Saints



#### 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.

#### Children's Time

#### First Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Iesus Christ.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every

name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

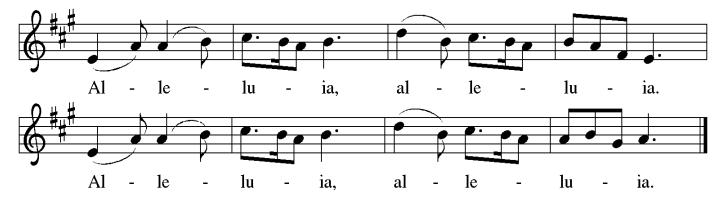
#### Psalm 149 (read responsively)

Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

- A Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- C Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- A Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- C For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.
- A Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- C Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- A to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- C to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
- A to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

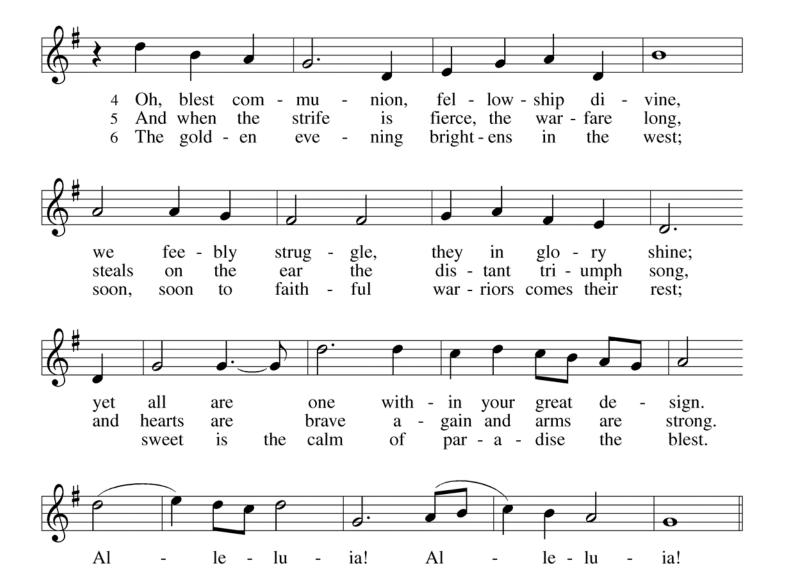
Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner



#### Hymn of the Day: LBW 174, For All the Saints, Verses 4-6



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

#### 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 United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. (Please kneel or sit as your are able.)

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Rescue 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. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C receive our prayer.

A Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. We pray especially for the people on our

Prayer List and those we name before you now either silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

- C receive our prayer.
- A Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died: Claire Franke, Dorothy Schugardt, Elizabeth Venator, Leigh Reichert, Wayne Bilek, Beverly Ebert, Alfred Weber, Lawrence Fox, Karen Brzycki, and Carol Davis. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; 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.
- 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 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

#### For All the Saints



#### Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Let us go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

## On this All Saints Day we remember those we have lost in the past year:



Carol Davis Leigh Reichert

Karen Brzycki Elizabeth Venator

Lawrence Fox Dorothy Schugardt

Alfred Weber Claire Franke

Beverly Ebert Wayne Bilek

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 6-13, 2022

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

10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion: All Saints Day and Commitment

Sunday

10:00 am: Sunday School

11:30 am: Confirmation Class at St. Paul's

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: 4:30-6:30 pm: Daily Bread Meal Share Tuesday: 6:00 am-9:00 pm: General Election Day

10:00 am: **NO** Bible Study Today

7:00 pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforters Group

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

**Thursday:** 6:00 pm: Alanon

Saturday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship

9:00 am: Men's Group Meeting

9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church 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

11:00 am: Congregational Meeting to Vote on Merger with Amherst Lutheran

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

The Altar Flowers: are given for the glory of God.

#### 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

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 Tim Stanley: 270 Ivyhurst Circle, Amherst, NY 14226 Barbara Walter: 37 Laurel Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221 David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Elaine Connor (Scott Vahue's mother-in-law); Devin Coe (a friend of the Vahue family); Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewske

Deacon Schedule: 11/6: Sara Gallagher; 11/13: John Schunak

*Usher Schedule:* 11/6: Mike and Michele Degen; 11/13: Ben Brown and Jeff Mols

#### ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. 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, 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 pantry hours for November are: Thursday 11/17 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm; and Saturday 11/12 and 11/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for November: \$15.00 gift cards from area supermarkets.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck has started its third season of Monday Meal Share. They 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 <a href="mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com">dailybread4007@gmail.com</a>.

Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine: If you would like to donate, you can go to 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.

Congregational Meeting: Following the Sunday November 13 worship service, we will hold a Congregational Meeting to vote on the merger of St. Paul's and Amherst Lutheran. If you are a voting member of St. Paul's, please make every effort to come and vote.



# + 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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