

# *11th Sunday after Pentecost*



*August 13, 2023  
10:00 am  
St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Egbertsville Campus  
11th Sunday after Pentecost  
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*Prelude Music: Paul Storfer*

*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P Righteous God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

## 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.



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.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

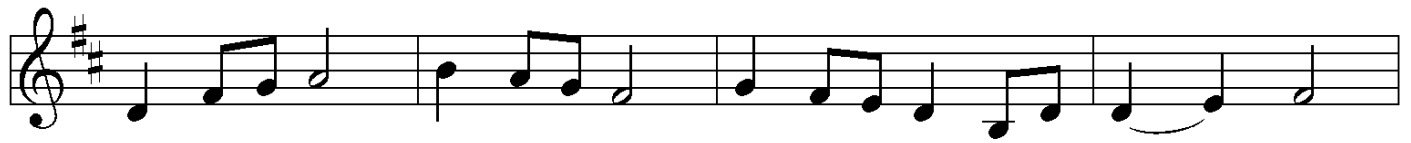
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## 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.

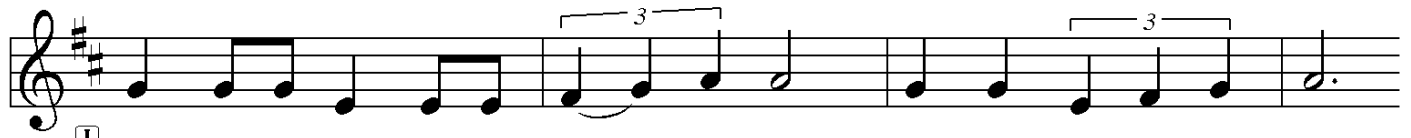
## *Hymn of Praise*



**☐** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



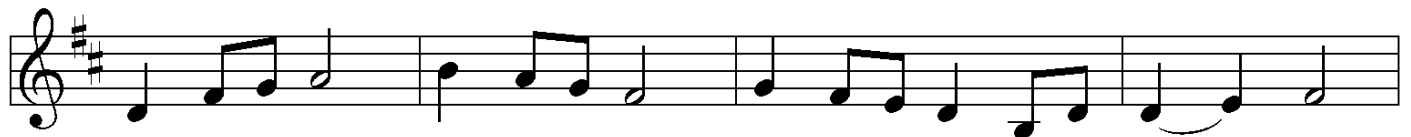
**I** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
**II**



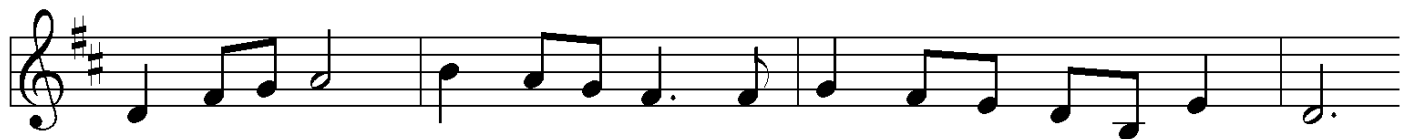
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



**☐** Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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### *Prayer of the Day*

P O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

### *First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18*

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

***Psalm 85:8-13 (read responsively)***

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

A I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.  
C Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.  
A Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
C Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
A The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.  
C Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.  
A This is the Word of the Lord  
C Thanks be to God.

***Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15***

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of

whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

### *Celtic Alleluia*



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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th Chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33***

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

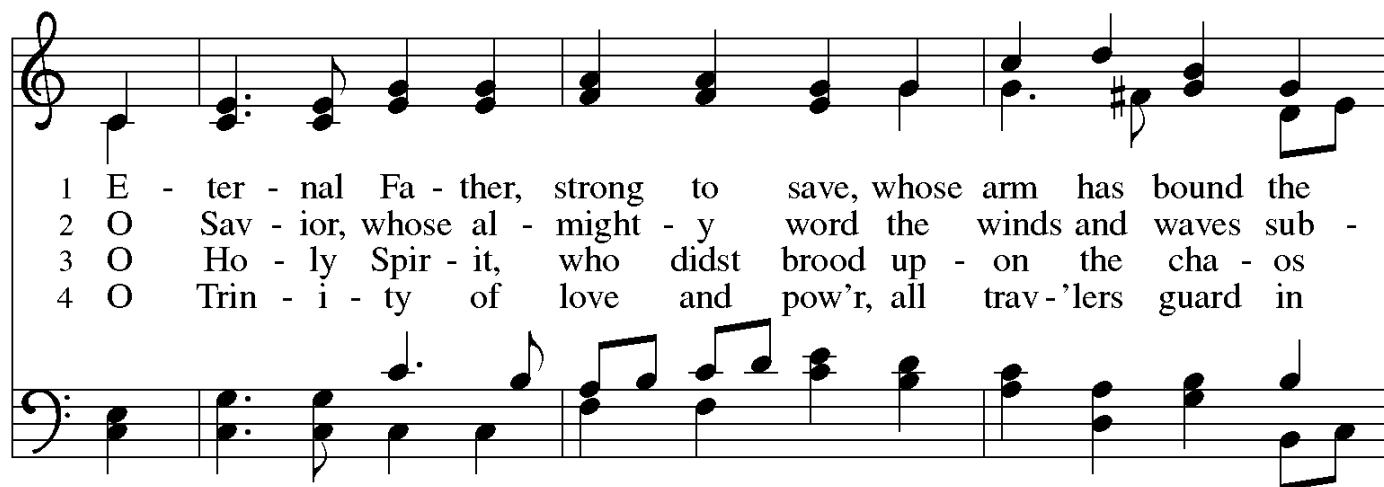
***Sermon***



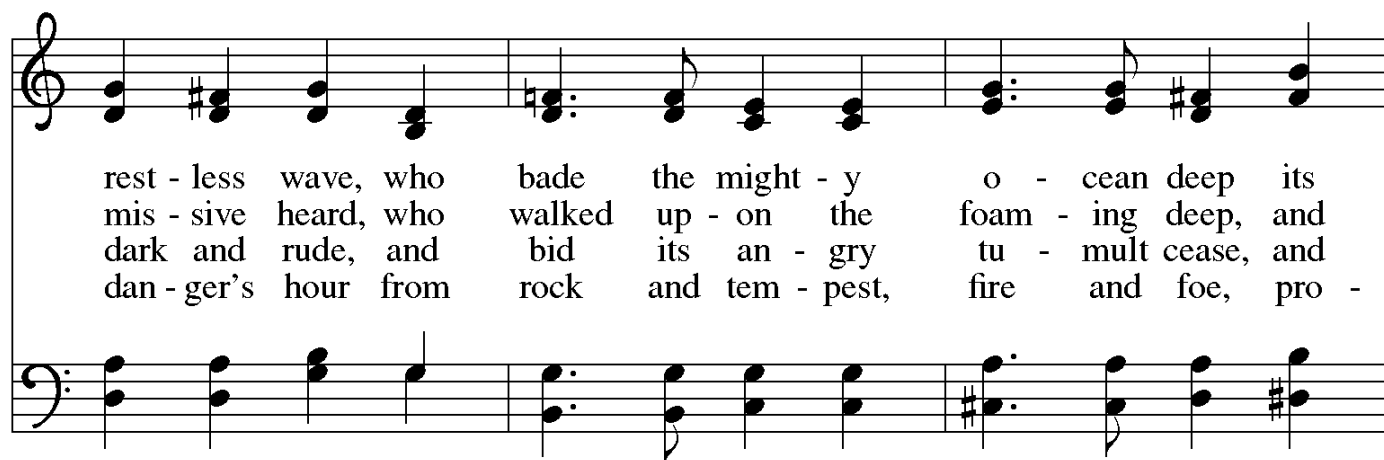
***Hymn of the Day: LBW 467 (on the following page)***



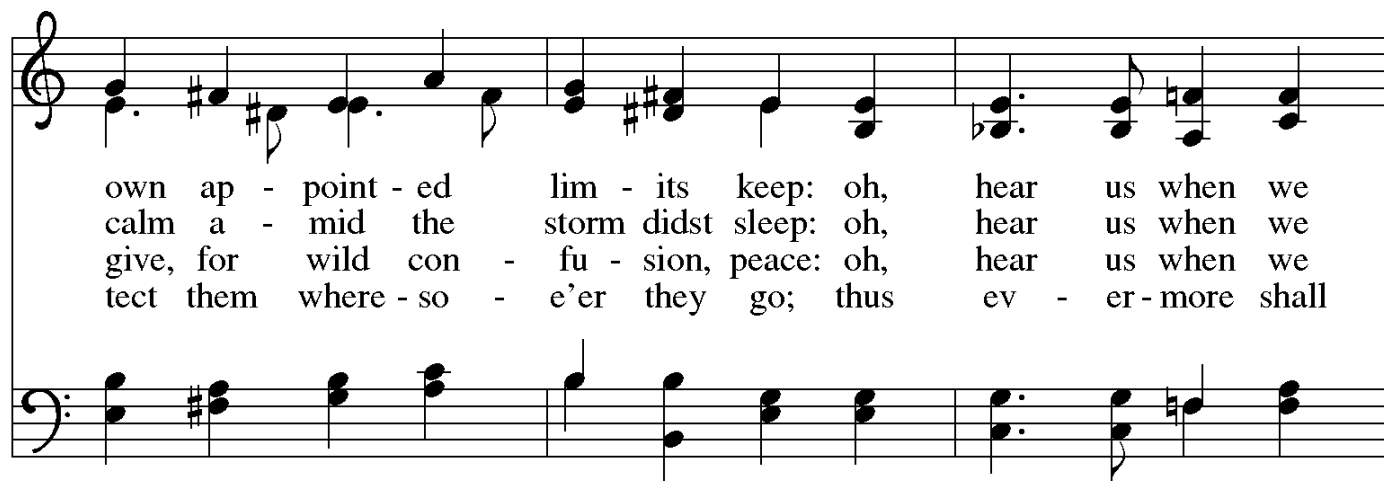
# Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## *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 Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who

are sick, especially the people on our Prayer Lists, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

### *Offering Music and Prayer*

#### ***Ways to Give to St. Paul's***

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

### *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 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 We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

### ***Benediction***

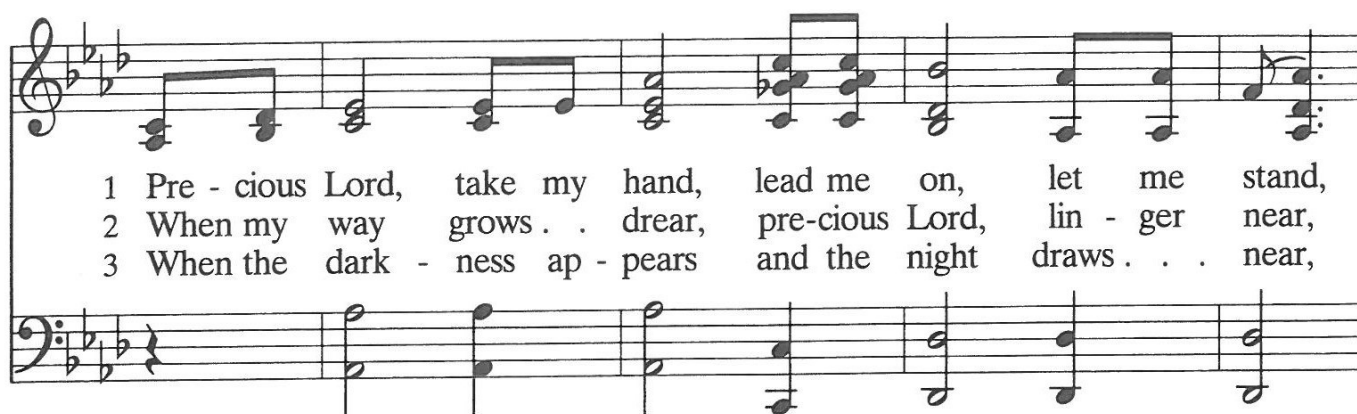
- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

***Closing Hymn: WOV 731 (on the following page)***

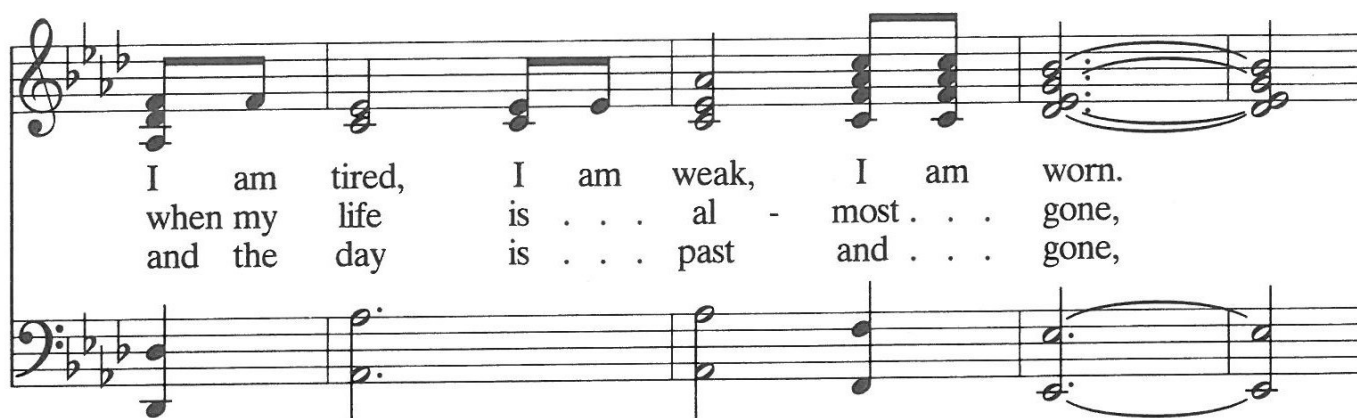
### ***Sharing the Peace and Sending***

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

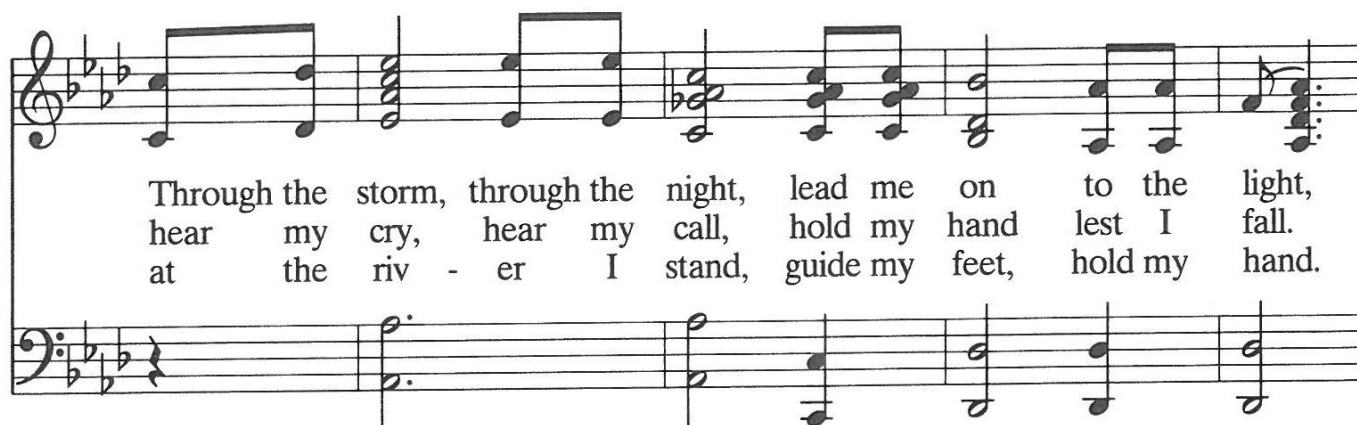
# Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 13-20, 2023

**TODAY:** 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC  
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: Worship and Communion at Eggertsville Campus  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Tuesday:** 6:00 pm: Burrito Project

**Wednesday:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting

**Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
8:00 pm: Alanon

**Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC  
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at Amherst Lutheran Campus

**Sunday:** 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC  
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: Worship and Communion at Eggertsville Campus  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

#### ***Prayer List: Shut-Ins (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)***

Lee Abell: 71 Windsor Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209  
Robert Baus: 30 Westchester Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Evelyn Berger: 644 Campbell Boulevard, Getzville, NY 14068  
Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032  
Jan Isaacs: #6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004  
Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580  
Dave Lampe: 73 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214  
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Williamsville, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221  
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051  
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

***Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:** Ruth Blank; Sharon Biondi; David Stephans; Christine Barsotelli; Kathy Greenwalt; Neal Okonzak; Augustino Punturiero; Nancy Durkin; David Ihrig; Kurt Parker Venator (Richard Venator's grandson); Elwood & Jaroslava Chase (Karlen Chase's parents); Shaun Woods; Tracy Robinson; Michael Wallace; Rick Schmidt; Laura Sweet; Greyson Knox; Ira Striejewski; Gary Schmidt; Thomas Maier; Joanne Heizmann; Joan Chatham; Jerry Bucklaew; Joe Falletta; Debbie Lingenfelter; Maureen Kraus; Sally O'Connell; Patrick Irving; Jennifer Ryszkiewicz; Don Irving; Gail Adema; Gail Andrews; Dean Honsberger; Suzanne Gustafson*

**Deacons:** 8/13: Sara Gallagher; 8/20:

**Ushers:** 8/13: Mimi & Scott Fierle; 8/20: John Schunak

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***In-Person Worship:*** St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

***Church Unleashed:*** If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as 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, anyone associated with Amherst Lutheran Campus, or by referral. The pantry hours for August are: Thursdays 8/17 and 8/31 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 8/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August: spaghetti sauce, tomato puree, tomato paste.

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** Our 2023-2024 Monday Meal Share will begin again in October. For more information to volunteer or donate, please contact the church office at 716-835-0407 or email [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

***ALC Book Club:*** The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month in the narthex at Amherst Lutheran Campus beginning at 7:15 pm. All are welcome! Book for September 14: *The Last Cuentista (Storyteller)* by Donna Barba Higuera. For more information contact Karin Johnson at 716-689-6365 or [karinej@roadrunner.com](mailto:karinej@roadrunner.com).

### **Prayer Team Ministry**

We are forming a Prayer Team Ministry and need pray-ers! Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. The Prayer Team Ministry began August 10. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: [Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com) "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be."

- Mother Teresa -

### **Church Unleashed/WBBZ Problems**

We were recently advised that Church Unleashed was not broadcast on WBBZ the past two Sundays. A call to WBBZ determined they are waiting for a piece of equipment to replace a broken one.

As soon as the part is received, the equipment will be repaired and Church Unleashed will again be broadcast on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ.





*+ 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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