

# *15th Sunday after Pentecost*



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

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Egbertsville Campus  
15th Sunday after Pentecost  
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*Guest Musician: Billy Brandau*

*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

- P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C Amen.
- P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. Steadfast and faithful God,
- C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- C Amen.

*Opening Hymn: WOV 783 (on the following page)*

# Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

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

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, 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.

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



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;



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### *Prayer of the Day*

P O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

### *Children's Time*

#### *First Reading: Romans 13:8-14*

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

#### *Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively)*

*I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)*

A Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

A Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

A Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

- C Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.  
A Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.  
C Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.  
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 18th Chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

### ***Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20***

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day: WOV 770*

## Borning Cry



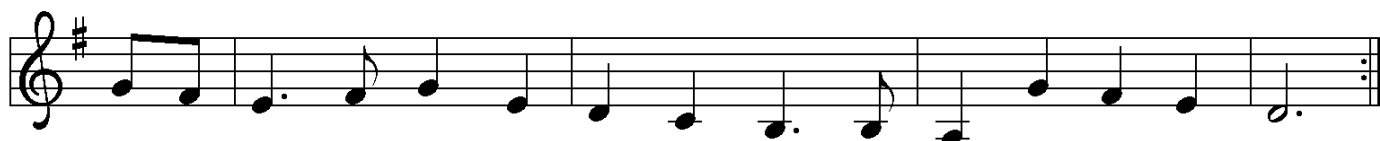
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



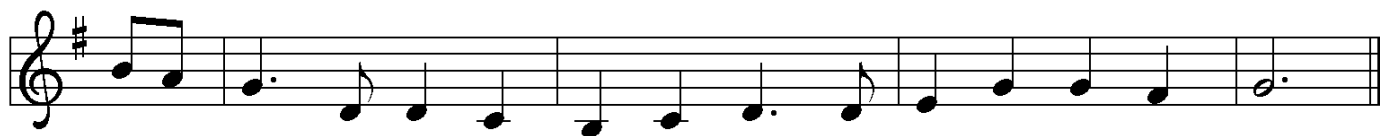
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## *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 Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others, especially as we move through remembrances of September 11. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick, especially the people on our Prayer Lists, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,



C receive our prayer.

A Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

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 Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
- 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 721 (on the following page)***

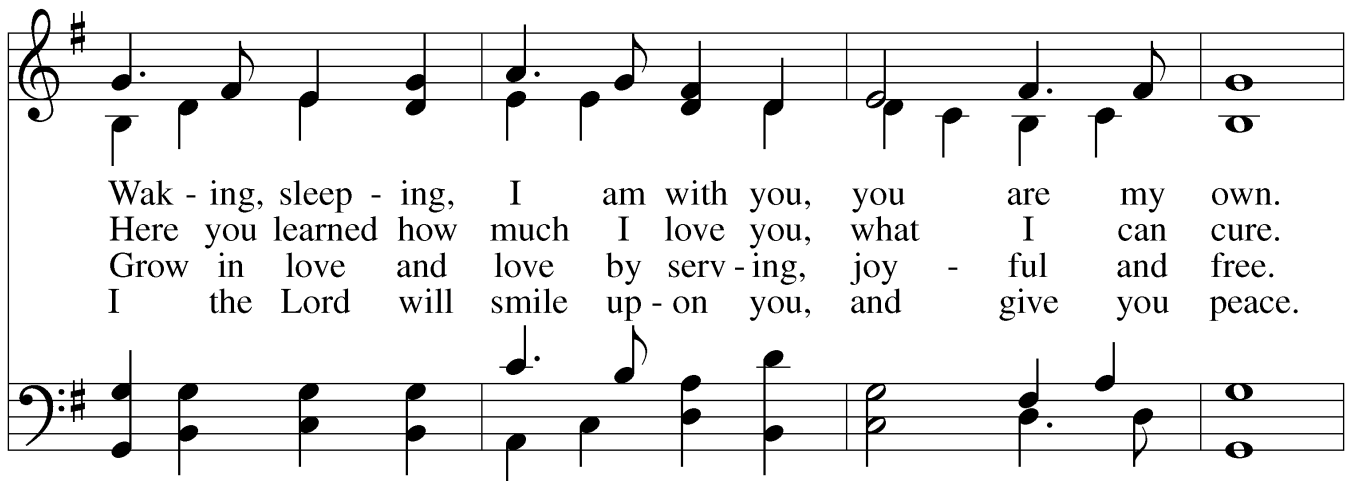
### ***Sharing the Peace and Sending***

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

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: September 10-17, 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: Pastor Steve returns for Worship/Communion at Eggertsville Campus  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study Begins  
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting  
12:00 pm: Staff Meeting  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II  
7:15 pm: Book Club at ALC  
7:30 pm: Choir Practice
- 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  
10:00 am: Sunday School Begins/Backpack Blessing  
11:00 am: National Youth Gathering Information Session for students and parents  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

***Altar Flowers:** Are given in celebration of Emilie Piette and Jared Manhardt's wedding on Friday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and also in celebration of Marilyn Emerson's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on the same day*

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

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: Elderwood of Lakeside, Room #314D, 170 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14420  
Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211  
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Williamsville, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221  
John Schunak: 193 E. Pinelake Court, 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:* Gary Schoene, Jr. (Karen Schoene's nephew); Cathy D (friend of Barbara Walter); Lynn Arends; David Gajewski; Ruth Blank; Sharon Biondi; David Stephans; 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:** 9/10: Barbara Walter; 9/17: Sara Gallagher

**Ushers:** 9/10: Ben Brown & Jeff Mols; 9/17: Gerri Horton & Helen Gibson

## **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 September are: Thursday 9/21 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 9/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August: soup, cereal, pasta, and spaghetti sauce.*

**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.*

**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*

**Daily Bread Food Truck/Kevin Guest House:** *We are very happy to welcome the Kevin Guest House, an Amherst Lutheran Campus food ministry, into the Daily Bread Food Truck mission. This ministry includes providing a meal on the first Thursday of each month for the residents, family and friends of patients at Roswell and/or Buffalo General Hospitals. Since COVID, ALC has been ordering dinners from Giacobbi's Restaurant who delivers the meals to the Guest House. In the fall, we plan on having the Food Truck prepare and deliver the meals as well as spend time in fellowship with the families. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, you can do so by volunteering or donating. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Kevin Guest House on the memo line. If you give to St. Paul's online, you can choose Daily Bread Food Truck as the recipient. For additional information, please contact Karin Johnson, Phone: 716-689-6365, Text: 716-860-9549, karinej@roadrunner.com. Leslie Boynton, [Dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:Dailybread4007@gmail.com), 716-525-2443*



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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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