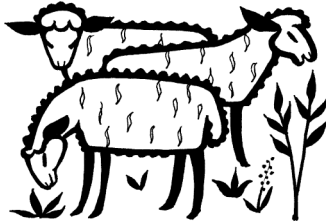


Christ the King Sunday



*November 26, 2023
10:00 am
St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Eggertsville Campus
Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023*



Guest Musician: Billy Brandau

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.
- C Amen.
- P Holy One,
- C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.
- P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn: WOV 760

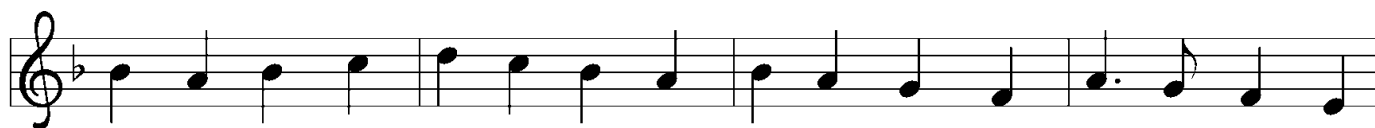
For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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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.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

P O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered

sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a (read responsively)

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

A Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

A For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

A The sea is yours, or you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

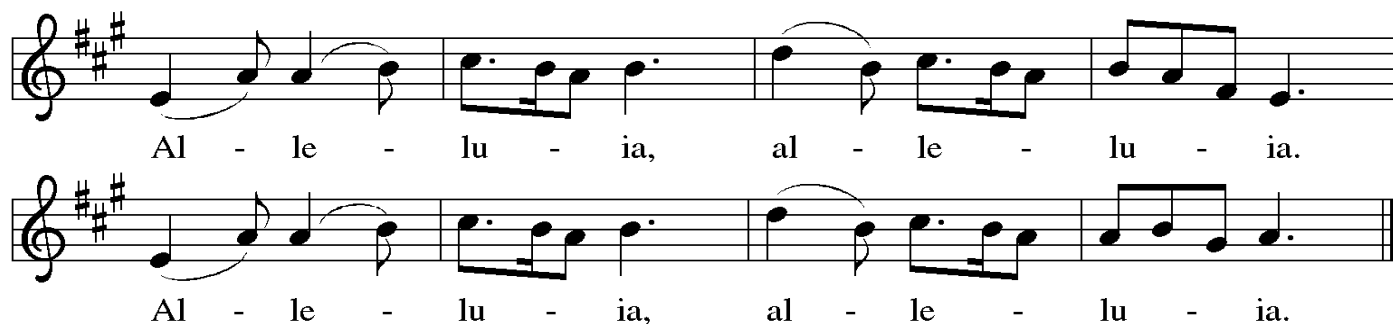
A For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

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.

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P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you

clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



We will glorify

Prayers of the Church

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (Please kneel or sit as you are able)

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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

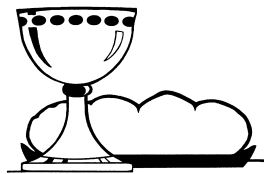
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
- 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



Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 26-December 3, 2023

- TODAY:** 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum
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, Communion and Sunday School at Eggertsville Campus
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
- Wednesday:** 6:00-7:00 pm: Amherst Family Support Center Art Show
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
7:00 pm: Choir Practice for December
- Friday:** 11:00 am: Funeral for Robert Baus followed by Reception in Gathering Area
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC followed by Family Fun Night and decorating the church for Christmas
- Sunday:** 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum
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10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School at Eggertsville Campus followed by decorating the church for Christmas
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

We share our sympathy and prayers with the family of Robert Baus.

Altar Flowers: Are given by Maggie Kelly in honor of her stepdad, Robert Baus.

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

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221
Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032
Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004
Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580
Dave Lampe: Ashley Woods, Room 8, 400 YMCA Way, Penfield, NY 14526
Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068
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
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Deacons: 11/26: Sara Gallagher; 12/3: John Schunak

Ushers: 11/26: Gerry Keppel & Lonny Walter; 12/3: Robin Miano & Sharon Adimey

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Jennifer Hoehn (Sandy Hoehn's daughter); Stephen Hehr (Jan Isaacs' friend); Neal Okonzak; Thomas Maier; Rick Pierce; Mia Galanes; Cameron Kissel-haug; Bob and Judy Sielski

Bulletin Prayer List : Names will appear in the printed Bulletin for three weeks and then be moved to the Prayer Team list for continuing prayers. In this way, we will be able to continue praying for each person and provide specific requests for each one. If you are interested in becoming part of the Prayer Team, please see below.

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.

ALC Book Club: Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024. The book will be *The Humans* by Matt Haig. At the January meeting we'll replenish the "reading box" with new titles to provoke interesting discussions. In January and February, stormy weather months, please be sure to check your email late on the day of the meeting in case of cancellation, or call me if you have any questions (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.) Thanks for your enthusiastic participation in book club which always enriches, enlightens and broadens my reading horizons.
Karin

Prayer Team Ministry: The Prayer Team Ministry is up and running. 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. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2023-2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining hours for November are: Thursday, 11/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm. The pantry hours for December are: Thursday, 12/7 and 12/21 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm; and Saturday 12/9 and 12/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for December: pasta, granola bars, cooking oil.



Time to start planning ahead!!

Saturday, December 2: Following 5:00 pm service decorate church for Christmas at ALC

Sunday, December 3: Following 10:00 am service decorate church for Christmas at SPEC

Sunday, December 10: Following 10:00 am service at SPEC, the Congregational Meeting will be held at the Eggertsville Campus

Sunday, December 17: 10:00 am service: Children's Christmas Pageant at SPEC

Saturday, December 23: 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eve Service at ALC

Sunday, December 24: 10:00 am Christmas Eve Service at SPEC

7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service at SPEC



WINTER RETREAT AT LCLC

Add some fun, joy, peace and fellowship into an upcoming wintery weekend!
Our adult retreat at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will be held:
January 19 - 21, 2024

Chat with anyone who has been on our retreat before and they can tell you how relaxing and enjoyable the weekend is a good way to brighten up some cold winter days!

Soooo . . . mark your calendars now! A sign up sheet and details will be on the bulletin board in early November. . .
Only 30 spots are available!
We fill up fast!

Any questions, see or call Barb Walter
716-574-8527



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IT'S ANGEL TREE TIME. Tags are now available hanging on the tree. Under the tree is a box for gift cards or cash which will be secured each Sunday. Gifts must be returned by Dec. 10th. Please attach the TAG to the gift so we can sort them by family. If you'd like to participate but don't like to shop, we've got "shopping angels" to help. Do NOT wrap the gifts. We will provide wrapping paper to the parents so they can be part of the gift giving. The families are chosen by the Amherst Middle school social workers. Any questions. see Cheryl Gillen(716-341-5073)"

The Refugee Partnership of WNY is in urgent need of household items to help our newest neighbors set up housekeeping. Items such as linens, towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries, kitchen supplies and more are collected by the five member agencies and distributed in Welcome Kits to families to assist in defraying the expense of resettlement. A list of the items included in a Welcome Kit is available at Saint Paul's website and on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area. We will be collecting items during the months of October and November to complete as many kits as we are able. Please review the list and as you are shopping in the weeks ahead consider picking up a few items on the list to help welcome those seeking refuge here in Western New York. I will update the list as items are collected so we know what we have and what is still needed. Thank you in advance for your support of this effort. Please see me if you have any questions. Hilde Neubauer or call the Church Office (716-835-0407)

To see what goes into a Welcome Kit, visit: tinyurl.com/44drtkzr

Welcome Kit items collected as of 10/23

3 sets of dishes for 4
6 sets of twin sheets
1 twin blanket
3 shower curtains
1 set shower curtain rings
Broom and dust pan
Clock
Can opener
Tea kettle
Kitchen towel and pot holder
Bathroom rug
Baking tool set
2 bath towels
6 washcloths
Many toothbrushes and toothpaste
Many bars of hand soap
Plastic Wrap, Foil, garbage bags, sponges

Some suggestions for remaining needs

Twin blankets and bedspreads
Queen bedding
shower curtain rings
cookware
lamps
lightbulbs
drinking glasses
silverware/silverware tray
knives
bath towels and washcloths
radio
rice cooker
dish soap
laundry soap
spatula



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We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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