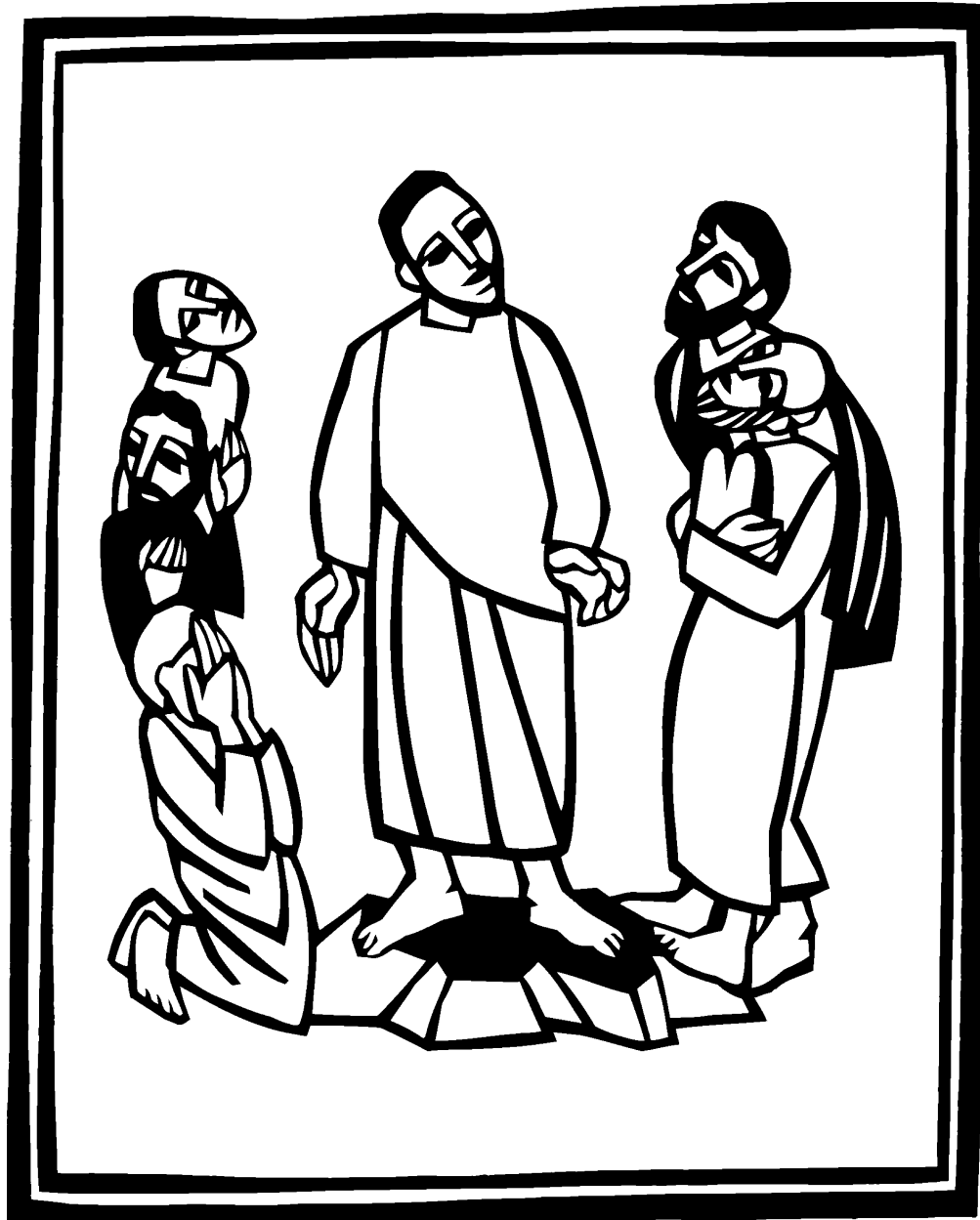


Transfiguration of Our Lord



February 10, 2024

5:00 pm

St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst Lutheran Campus
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Saturday after Epiphany
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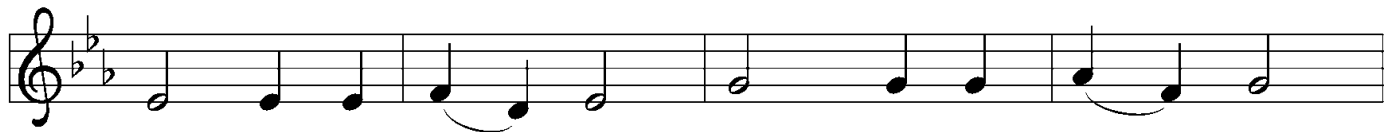


Pre-Service Music: Adam Schmidt

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
God, our rock and refuge,
- C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
- P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. Because of the love of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.
- C Amen.

Beautiful Savior



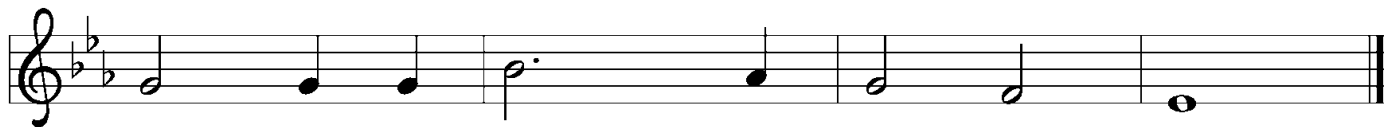
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountain top into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: W&P 62

Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Today's Reader: Dawn Pezzimenti

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company

of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6 (read responsively)

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

P The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

P Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

C **God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

P “Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

C **The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**

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

Gospel Hymn: W&P 6

Alleluia

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;
3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;
4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia.
he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.
I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Ninth Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

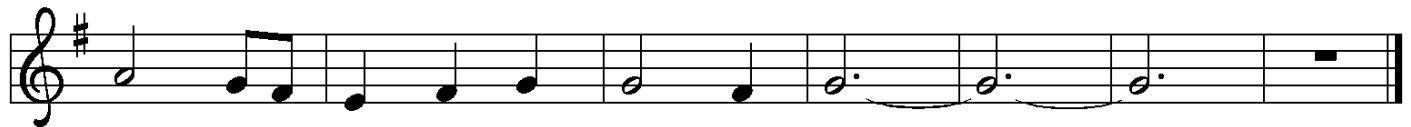
Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker

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Apostle's Creed

P 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, God's 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

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. (Please be seated.)

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

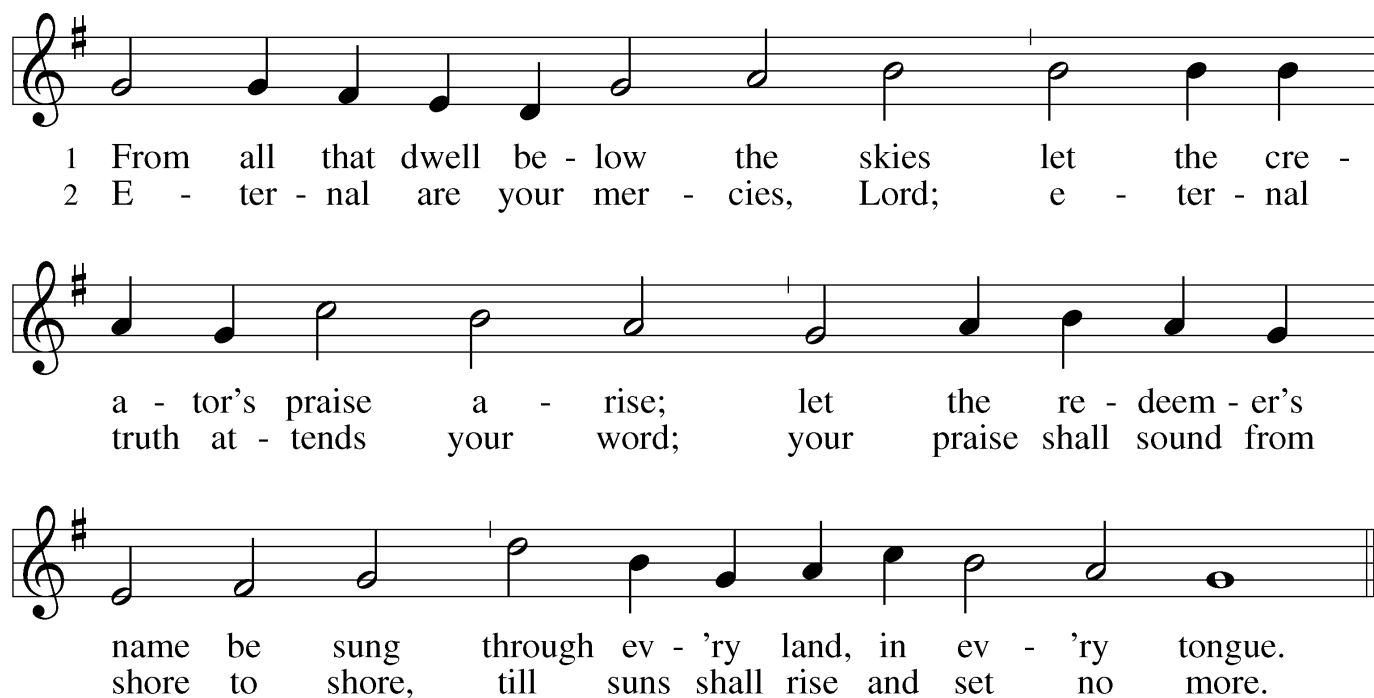
P We pray for any who are sick and suffering, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

- P We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Offering Hymn: LBW 550 (on the following page)

From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the cre -
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the re - deem - er's
truth at - tends your word; your praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - 'ry land, in ev - 'ry tongue.
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

Offering Prayer

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

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Here are 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/>

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

Communion Hymn: WOV 39

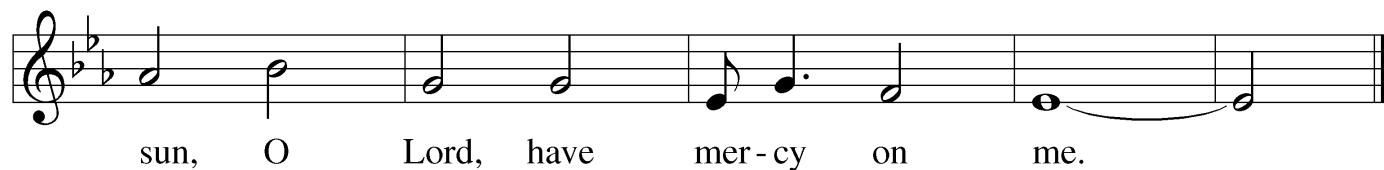
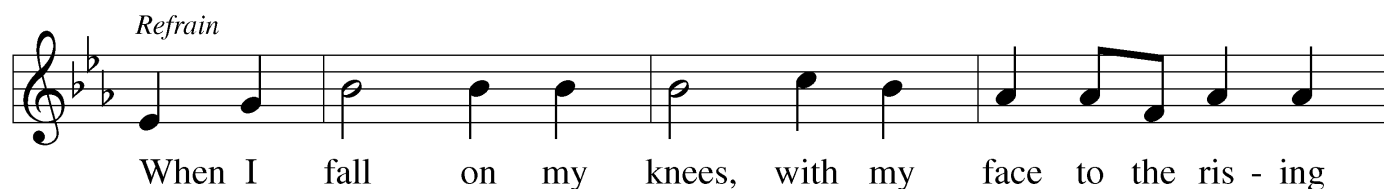
The image shows a musical score for a hymn, likely a communion hymn, written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol, possibly a copyright or publisher's mark. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written in a serif font, with hyphens used for long words like "a - way" and "mer-cy".

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***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.*

Distribution Hymn: LBW 212

Let Us Break Bread Together



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 Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

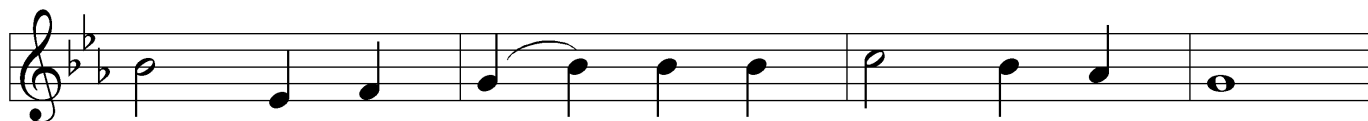
- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,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

Sending Hymn: LBW 525 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

Blessing and Honor



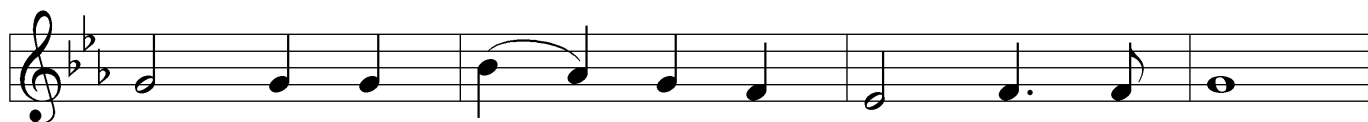
1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,
 2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb!



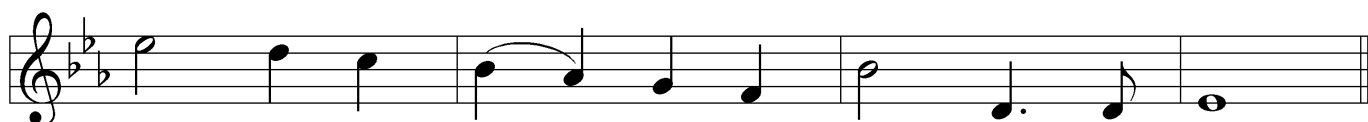
wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm;



of - fer to him who our bat - tle has won,
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—
 sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne;
 ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r;
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
 dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign;



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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 11-18, 2024

- Sunday:** 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
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 10:00 am-12:00 pm: Way To Go Tours
4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday**
10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
12:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service/Distribution of Ashes at Eggertsville Campus
6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service/Distribution of Ashes at Eggertsville Campus
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
- Friday:** 7:00 pm: Lutheran Youth WNY
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC
- Sunday:** 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 and Communion (No Sunday School today)
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

We share our sympathy and prayers with the Siegel Family in the passing of Janet Siegel.

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 Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221
Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #714, Getzville, NY 14068
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221
*Sandy Simet: Beechwood, Room #744, 2235 Millersport Highway, Getzville, NY 14068
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221
Jane Woodward: Brothers of Mercy Rehab, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Chad Israel; Joe Marciniak; Thomas Maier

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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, March 14, beginning at 7:15 pm in the Gathering Room at Amherst Lutheran Campus. All are welcome! The book for March is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Call me if you have any questions (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.)

Prayer Team Ministry: 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 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for February are: Thursdays 2/15 and 2/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 2/24 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for February: canned fruit, paper towels, and facial tissues.

Nursery Room at Eggertsville Campus: For parents who want to attend our Sunday worship service, but must care for their babies, you might want to try out our nursery room. Located downstairs on the lower level, the nursery room is equipped with everything you will need to care for your infant. We also installed a television in the room so you can livestream the worship service upstairs.



February 14, 2024

**Services at: St. Paul's
4007 Main St.
Eggertsville, NY 14226
Time: 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**

A graphic for Lenten Lunches & Devotions. It features a wooden cross with a purple cloth draped over it, and a bowl of soup with a purple lid and a sprig of parsley. The text "LENTEN LUNCHES & DEVOTIONS" is written in a large, blue, serif font, and "Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm" is written in a smaller, blue, serif font below it. The entire graphic is framed by a green border with leafy branches on the sides.

LENTEN LUNCHES & DEVOTIONS
Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Psalms of Prayer

Feb 21: Psalm 22:23-31 – “The poor shall eat and be satisfied” - SCB
Prayer focus: Ministries & people that battle hunger

Feb 28: Psalm 19 – “The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart” - PK
Prayer focus: Those who work for justice

March 6: Psalm 107 - “You deliver the people from their distress” - SCB
Prayer focus: those we know of that are troubled

March 13: Psalm 51 - “Create in me a clean heart O God” - PK
Prayer focus: ELCA missions & St. Paul's ministries

March 20: Psalm 31 – “Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit” - SCB/PK
Prayer Focus: all who grieve

**Please consider bringing a pot of soup for one of the weeks.
Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space.**



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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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