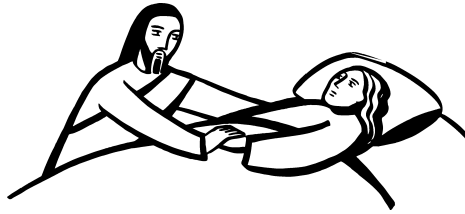


*Fifth Saturday  
after Epiphany*



*February 3, 2024  
5:00 pm  
St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Amherst Lutheran Campus  
Fifth 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.

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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.

## *Prayer of the Day*

**P** Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Today's Reader: Stacy Johnson*

## *Praise Hymn: W&P 67*

### I love you, Lord

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The chords are: F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, B $\flat$ , F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/A, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C, B $\flat$ /D, C/E, F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, F<sup>7</sup>, B $\flat$ , F/A, F<sub>sus</sub>/G, C<sup>7</sup>, B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>/F, F<sup>2</sup>.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

***First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31***

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

***Psalms 147:1-11, 20c (read responsively)***

*The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)*

**A** Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

**C** The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

**A** The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**C** The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

**A** Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God’s wisdom.

**C** The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

**A** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

- C who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.
- A God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.
- C God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
- A but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Hymn: WOV 640*

## Gloria

1\* 2

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

3 4

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*\*May be sung as a round.*

Text: Traditional

Music: GLORIA 3, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the First Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Mark 1:29-39***

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

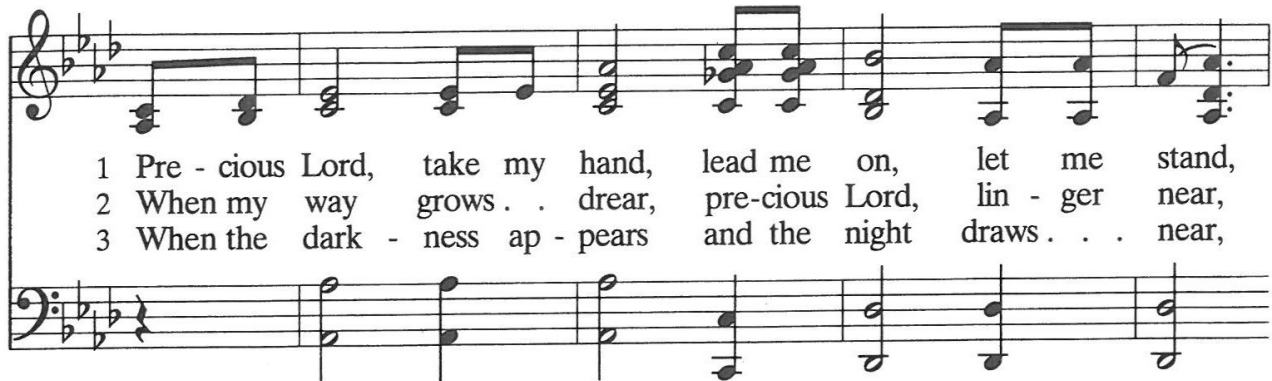
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

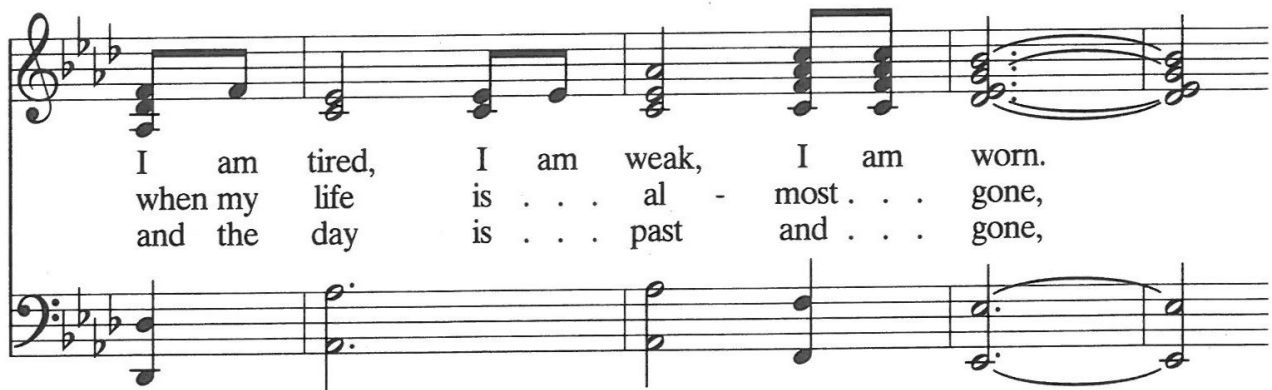
***Sermon***



# 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.



## *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*

*Offering Hymn: W&P 19 (on the following page)*

## *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.

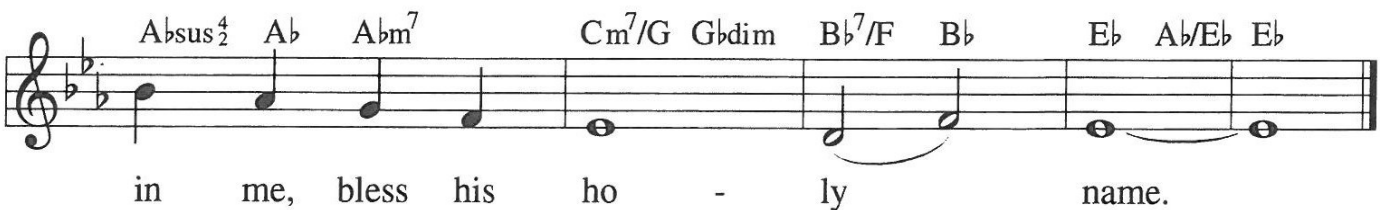
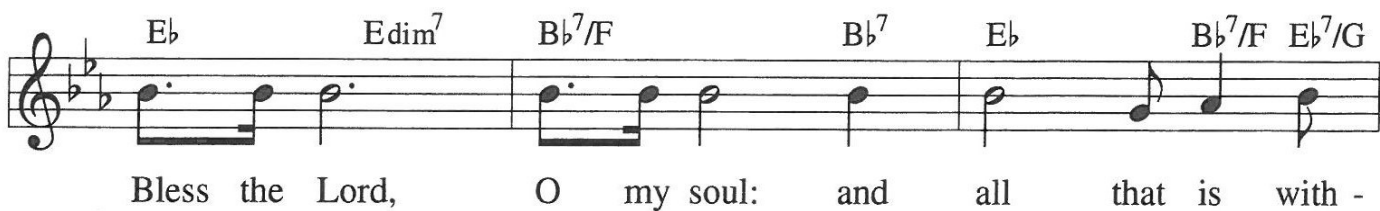
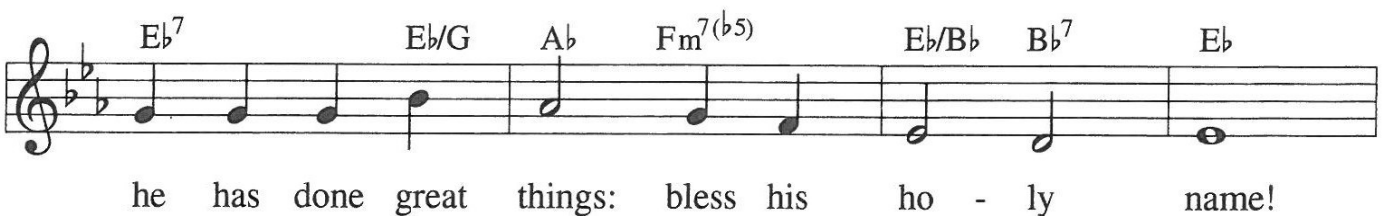
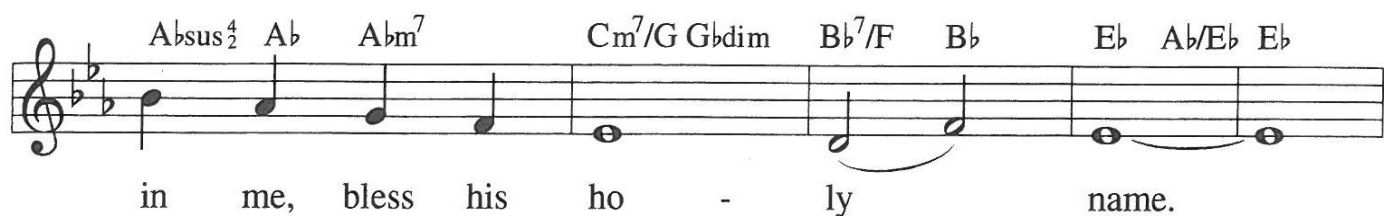
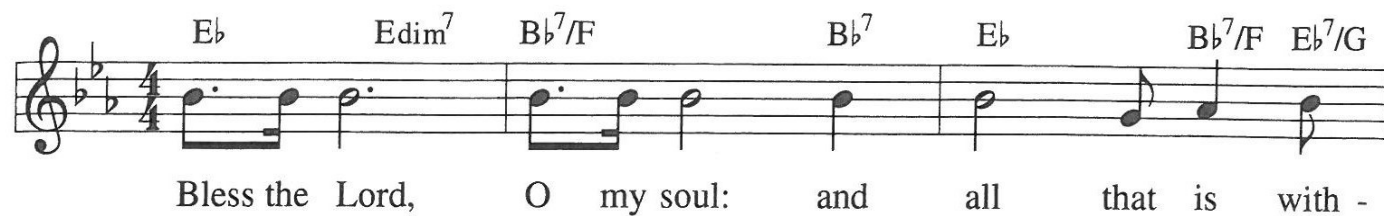
Amen

### *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/>

# Bless his holy name



## *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: W&P 62*

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



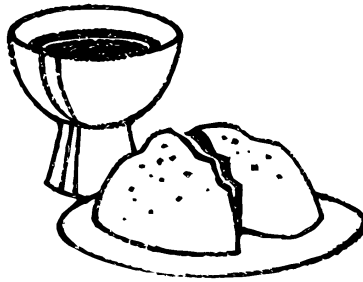
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



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



***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.***

## Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;

light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is

ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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### *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

### *Closing Hymn: WOV 779*

### *Sharing the Peace and Sending*

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.



# On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*  
All



And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

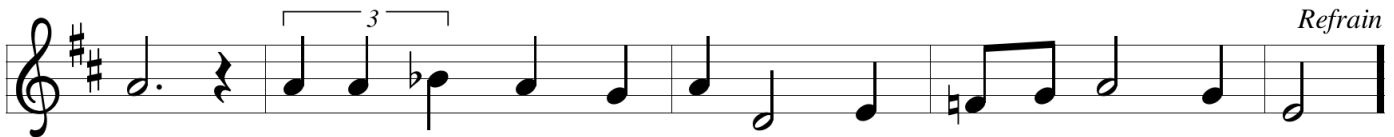


make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All  
3

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

*Refrain*

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All  
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 4-11, 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  
11:30 am-1:00 pm: Confirmation Class at Parkside  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope  
2:00 pm: Third "Annual" Snowball Golf Classic at Wehrle Golf Dome
- Monday:** 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share  
5:30-7:30 pm: Amherst Family Support Center Meeting
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting  
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)  
7:00-8:30 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group  
6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II  
7:15 pm: Book Club at ALC
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC  
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC
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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

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

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221  
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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

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:* Thomas Maier

## **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, February 8, beginning at 7:15 pm in the Gathering Room at Amherst Lutheran Campus. All are welcome! The book for February is Lost Autumn by Mary-Rose McColl. 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.) The book for March is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.

***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 2/1, 2/15, and 2/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturdays 2/10 and 2/24 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for February: canned fruit, paper towels, and facial tissues.



**February 14, 2024**

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

## *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.**



*+ 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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