Third Sunday of Easter



April 14, 2024 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024



Musician: Paul Storfer

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
He rules the world his Father made,
Till, in the end, his love adored
Shall be to all on earth displayed.

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 Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Psalm 4 (read responsively)

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

- A Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- C "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"
- A Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.
- C Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- A Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- C Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.
- A You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.
- C In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.
- 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 Luke the 24th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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

Sermon



Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons





Holy Baptism

Presentation

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate:

Response: We present Griffin David Weber for Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

P Adam and Elizabeth, in Christian love you have presented Griffin for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Creed. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for him instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to help Griffin grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Christina and Nick, do you promise to nurture Griffin in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- P People of God, do you promise to support Griffin and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C We do.

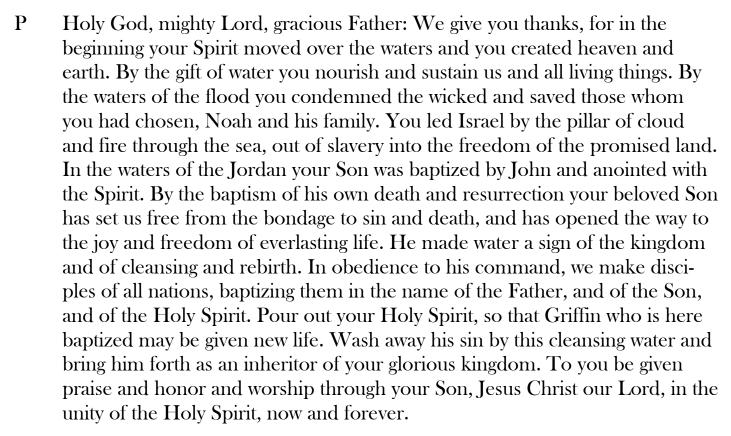
Prayers of the Church

- A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.
 - O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially the people our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen

Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



C Amen

Renunciation

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C I renounce them.



- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.

Profession

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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

Baptism

P Griffin, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Laying on of Hands

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Griffin: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C Amen

Signing with the Cross

P Griffin, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen



Giving of the Light

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome

- P Through Baptism, God has made Griffin a new member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow missionary in God's church, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen

(Congregation joins in singing: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.)

Offering Music and Prayer

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

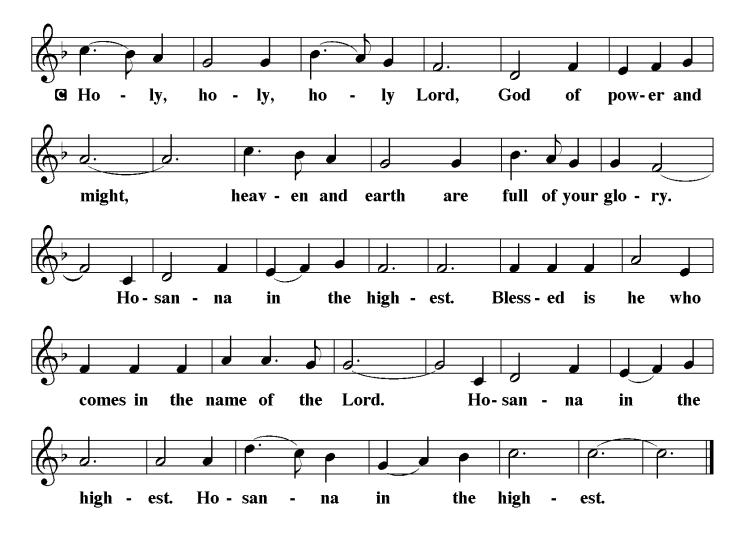
- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will 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 Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here and in our planned giving be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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 sing their unending hymn:



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:
- 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 Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

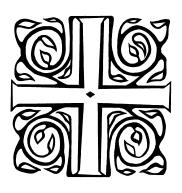
Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus 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 676 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



This Joyful Eastertide



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 14-21, 2024

Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at the Eggertsville Campus

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.

Baptism of Griffin David Weber

11:00 am-3:00 pm: Private Reception in Parish Hall

12:00-2:30 pm: Pastor's Conference at ALC

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)

6:00 pm: Burrito Project

7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday: 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

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

6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II

Saturday: 8:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC

1:00-3:00 pm: Tiger's Den Civil Rights Training—Parish Hall

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Baptism of Rylee Jade Washburn

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Altar Flowers: Are given for the glory of God.

Deacons: 4/14: Martin Troutman; 4/21: Barbara Walter

Ushers: 4/14: Robin Miano & Sharon Adimey; 4/21: Gerri Horton & Helen Gibson

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Annette Brzezicki; Susan Murphy (Sue Miller's friend); Thomas Maier; Brian Maloney

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

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

*Kathryn Brown: 57 Evans Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226 Douglas Endres: 26 Sovereign Court, Getzville, NY 14068

John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Dave Lampe: 829 N Hurff Drive, Elmwood, IL 61529

Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068

Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211

Thank

Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221 Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #542, Getzville, NY 14068

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

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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.

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. On the first Tuesday of each month, drivers are needed to deliver 20-25 meals prepared by Daily Bread to the residents of Kevin Guest House. The best time to deliver is between 10 am-Noon. It takes about 1 hour to get the food at church, deliver to KGH and return. Due to health concerns, KGH does not expect drivers to stay and visit. If you are interested in participating in this food ministry, please see sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for April are: Thursday 4/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm;, and Saturday 4/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for April are: soup, toilet paper, and paper

On behalf of the Piette/Maloney families we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated gift cards for our calendar fund raiser!

We truly appreciate all the love, prayers and support!



We have a nursery and a Mom's nursing room on the lower level near the Sunday School room. There is a wall TV so you can watch the 10:00 am worship service. This room is for newborn babies to 24 months old. The parents are responsible for monitoring their children when they are using this room.

NAVIGATING SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS: (6:30 - 7)

Mary Nelson, BPHE, CDP

This session will help you understand options and different levels of care so you will be better educated and prepared for the future.

HEALTHCARE DECISION-MAKING, ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (7-7:30)

Deborah Waldrop, LMSW, PhD. Professor Emerita, UB School of Social Work

This session will focus on the documents (e.g. NYS Healthcare Proxy, NYS Living Will, MOLST, Five Wishes) that are available to assist as we make decisions about the healthcare we want and do not want when we are unable to speak for ourselves because of illness.

HOSPICE CARE: WHEN, WHERE, HOW? (7-8:30)

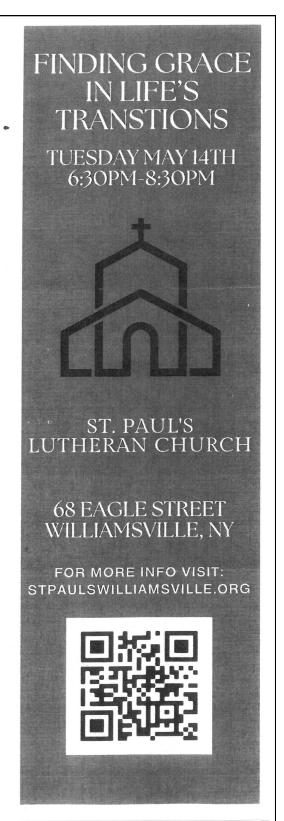
Susan Gibbons, RN, CHPN, Parish Nurse, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

This session will address what hospice care is and is not, when a referral is helpful and how to have a conversation about hospice admission.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL (8-8:30)

Reverand Ashlin Marchese, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

This session will be one that will offer grace and peace to those loved ones left to plan our funerals.





+ 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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