Second Saturday after Pentecost



June 1, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus Second Saturday after Pentecost June 1, 2024



Guest Minister: Rev. Randy Millville

Musician: Adam Schmidt

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who provides, guides, and sustains.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
 God, our provider,
- C help us. We fall short in many and various ways. We question your commands when they differ from the culture of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We often fail to fully live into your teachings. Turn us again to you. Reconnect us through your grace. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P Beloved people of God: Jesus is our daily bread. In him, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy and always welcomed home. You are forgiven and loved, invited again into an abundant life. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: TFF 262

This Is the Day



Text: Psalm 118:24

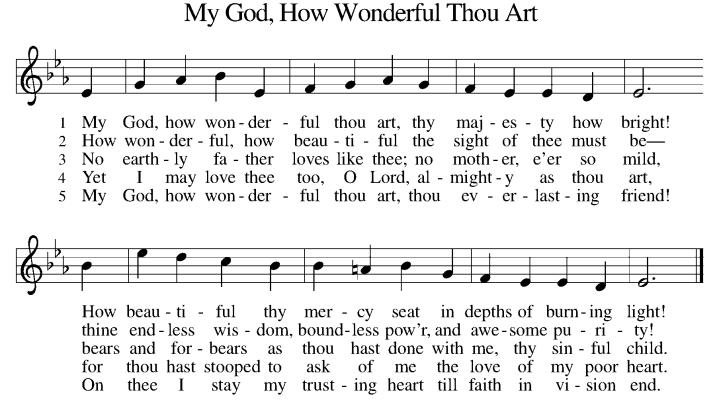
Apostolic Greeting

- 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 and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Praise Hvmn: ELW 863



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

Today's Reader:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Gospel Hymn: W&P 129



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

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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



Sermon: Once Upon a Sabbath Day



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963, alt. Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626



Apostle's Creed

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith together:
- 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 We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. (Please be seated.)

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

 P Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, and food pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- P We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Offering Hymn: WOV 798





Offering Prayer

- 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

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

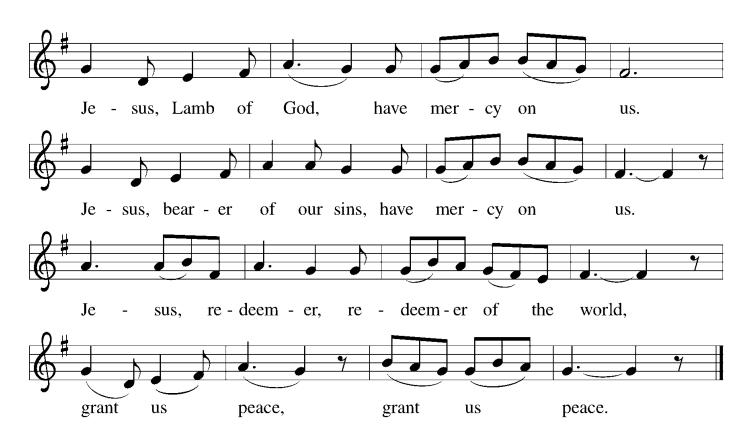
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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: ELW 199



Jesus, Lamb of God

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937 Adapt. © 1985, 1989 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638 www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission. <u>Holy Communion at St. Paul's</u>: 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



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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 Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you do. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

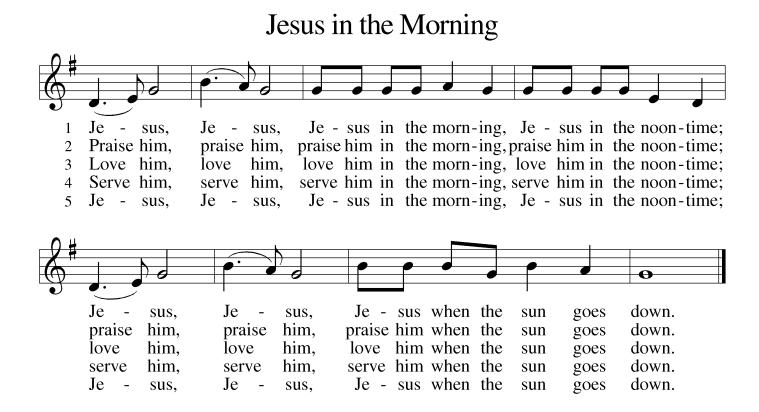
Benediction

- 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

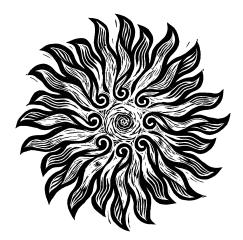
Sending Hymn: TFF 167 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS IN THE MORNING, African American spiritual



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 2-9, 2024

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

Sunday:	8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum (last day until Fall)
•	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
	10:00 am: 60th Anniversary of Pastor Charles Biegner's Ordination
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
Monday:	4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
Tuesday:	10:00 am: No Bible Study Today
	5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
Wednesday: 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group	
	8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Thursday:	6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
Saturday:	9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church
	9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
	5:00 pm: Worship Service at ALC
	6:00-9:00 pm: Youth Night at ALC
Sunday:	9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
	10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
	10:00 am: Worship and Communion
	10:00 am: Sunday School (last day until Fall)
	11:00 am: Baptism of Brooks Carroll
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Camden and Kurt P. Venator (Richard Venator's grandsons); Bridgette Lowe; Thomas Maier; Brian Maloney

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)
Sharon Arbogast: Heathwood Healthcare, 815 Hopkins Road, #261, Williamsville, NY 14221
Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221
Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086
* Sue Epstein: 59 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226
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

Bridgette Lowe: Buffalo General Hospital, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068 Ralph Mast and Edwina Stubbs: 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, #542, Getzville, NY 14068 Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221 Barbara Walter: 37 Laurel Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221 David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051 Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

PREVIOUS 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.

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

Nursery/Nursing Mom's Room: Located downstairs by the Sunday School room. There is a wall TV for streaming the Sunday worship service. Babies 0-24 months are welcome in the nursery and must be monitored by their parent.

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.

NEWANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, is associated with Amherst Lutheran Campus of St. Paul's, or by referral. The hours for June are: Saturdays 6/8 and 6/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm, and Thursdays 6/13 and 6/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for June: canned peaches, canned pears, and pasta.

Amherst Lutheran Campus Book Club: The ALC Book Club will meet on Thursday, June 13 beginning at 7:15 pm at ALC. June's book is "All the Pretty Horses" by Cormac McCarthy. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Karin Johnson at 716-689-6365.



Come celebrate the 60th Anníversary of Pastor Charles Bíegner's Ordínatíon 10:00 am Sunday, June 2 A receptíon will follow the worshíp servíce



BASKET IDEA LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS

---- Pick a Theme, Build a Basket! ---

Basket ideas listed below tend to get our golfers' attention AND open their wallets!

Griller's Delight For the Golfer Green Thumb Baker's Basket Do-it-Yourself Gone Fishing For the Dogs (or Cats!) Sports Themed Spirit of Buffalo Game Night Lottery Car Care Coffee & Tea Assortment Chocolate Lovers Craft Beer Sampler Night at the Movies Wine & Cheese Tailgate Party Gift Card Collection Mixology For the Man Cave Tech Basket Card Shark Grandkids Galore

...or your own great idea!

DONATIONS NEEDED BY JUNE 30TH!

Deliver to: Lutheran Charities Office/St. John Lutheran Church 6540 Main Street, Williamsville NY 14221

> For Pick-Up: Call or Email the Lutheran Charities Office (716-632-2623 / info@wnylutherancharities.org)

Thank You for Your Continued Support! We can't do what we do without <u>YOU</u>!

for Brian Maloney

*** Basket Gala Fundraiser**

Saturday, June 22, 2024 | Starts at 12:00 pm



Please come and support Brian Maloney! He is 35 'years old and was diagnosed with stage 4 Burkitt's Lymphoma 10 days before his newborn son came into the world.

Brian has not been able to work at all due to the various types of Chemo and the toll it takes on his body. His wife Sarah is on maternity leave, takes him to appointments and manages the house and kids. So there currently isn't any income as they wait on disability. Brian is a loving father to Madison (age 14) and Maverick (3 months.) He is a hard working man who works as a manager at 7/11.

100% of proceeds will go to the family to help defray medical bills & living expenses.

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church 4007 Main Street Eggertsville, NY 14226

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Basket drawing begins at 3:30 pm

Admission: \$10.00 presale \$12.00 day of event Half price for kids 10 & younger Presale tickets start on May 26

Admission Includes:

- Basket Raffle \$50/50
- Balloon Animals
 Face painting
 - Food & Drinks Kettle Cor

Raffle Ticket Prices

One sheet = 25 tickets for \$10.00 Three sheets for \$25.00

Daily Bread FT will offer:

- Greek salad
- Pizza slice
- Chicken sandwich
- Cookies
- Drinks

For more info email June at: j-tpiette@msn.com

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+ 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.

St. Paul's Congregation Council

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