

*Fifth Saturday
after Pentecost*



June 22, 2024

5:00 pm

St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Guest Minister: Mary Wolf

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.

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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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 O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: W&P 67

I love you, Lord

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.

Chord symbols: F², Gm/F, F, B♭, F/A, Gm⁷, F/A, C⁷_{sus}, C, B♭/D, C/E, F², Gm/F, F, F⁷, B♭, F/A, F_{sus}/G, C⁷, B♭²/F, F².

Today's Reader: Tom Depczynski

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32 (read responsively)

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

A Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

C Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

A gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

A They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

C Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

- A They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.
- C They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.
- A Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.
- C You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.
- A Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
- C Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.
- A Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: W&P 129

Spirit of the living God

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

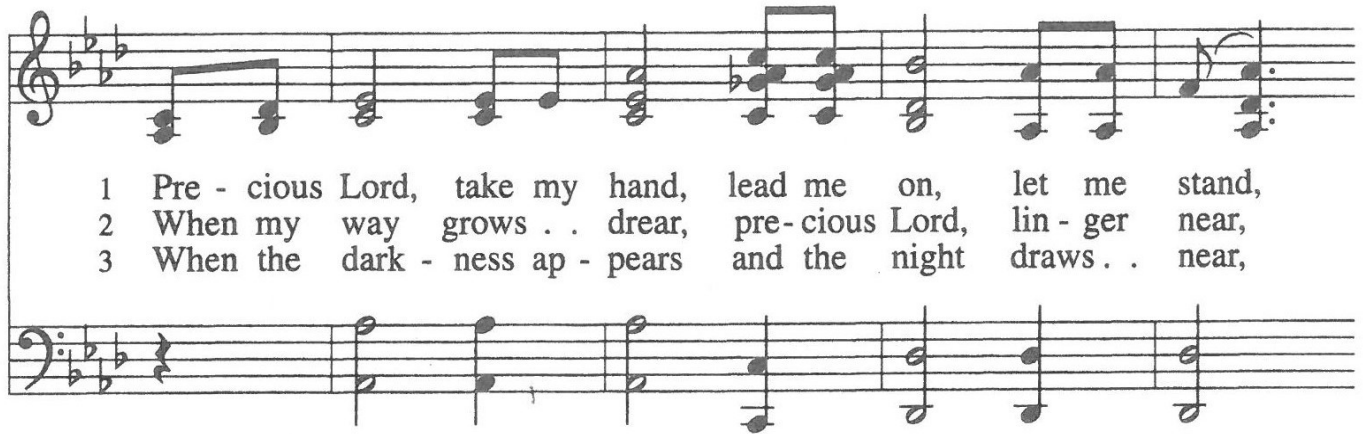
Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

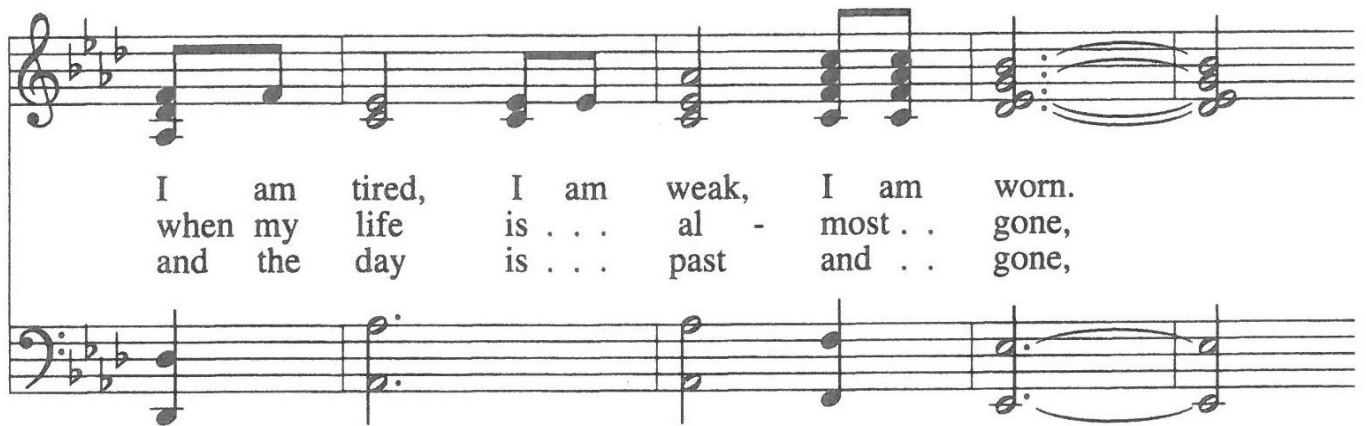
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

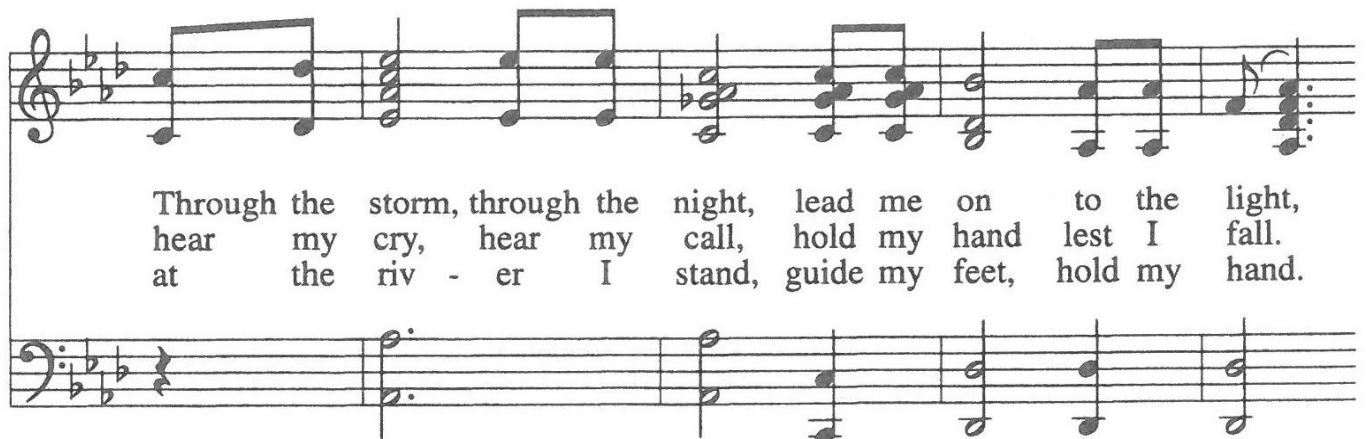
Precious Lord, Take My Hand



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 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.)

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. 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

Bless the Lord, O My Soul



Text: Ps. 103:1

Music: PRAISE PSALM 103, traditional

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

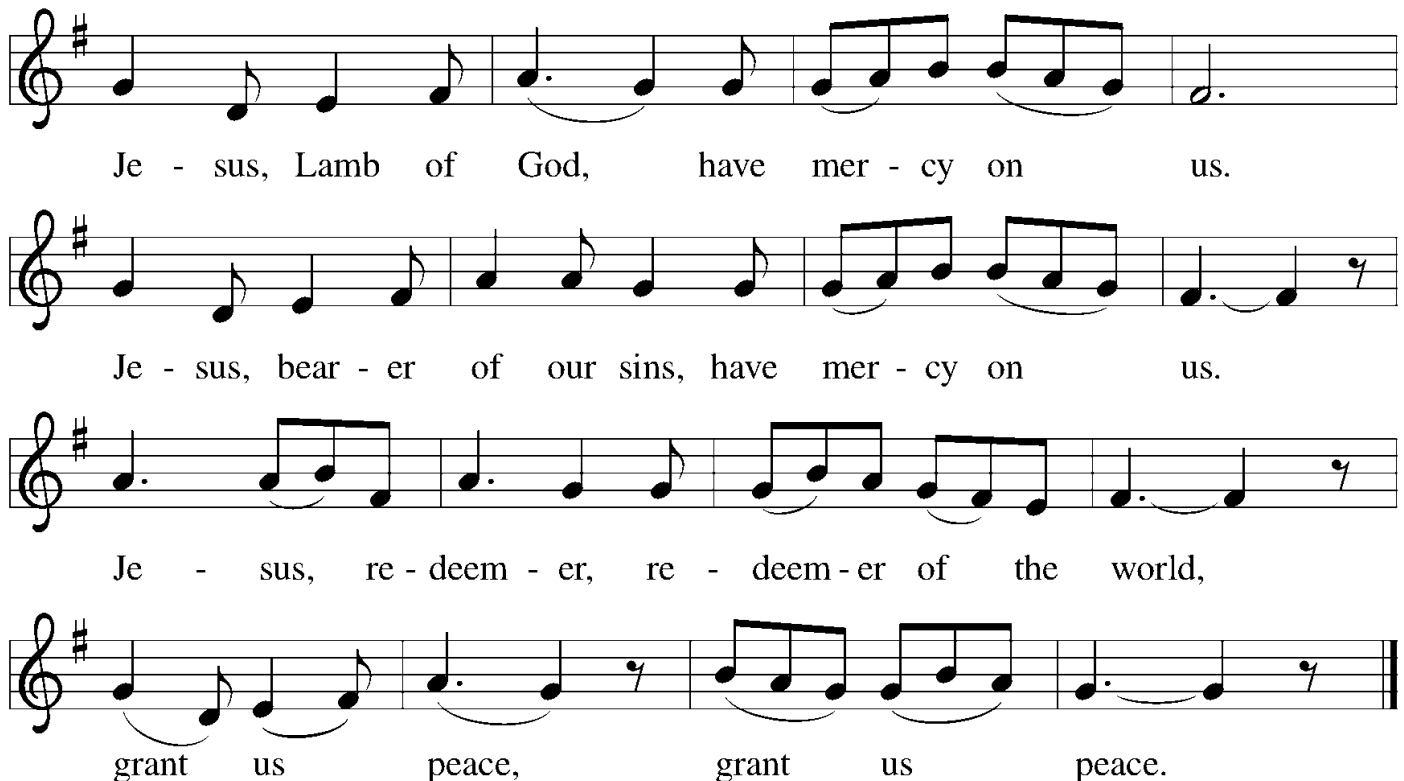
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

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 Hymn: ELW 199

Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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, you set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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: ELW 787 (on the following two pages)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.



On Eagle's Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle'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.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command, to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle'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.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 23-30, 2024

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

- 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
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** Pixie Village Graduation at ALC
- Tuesday:** 1:00 pm: Meeting with Lineage
6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
- Wednesday:** 12:00 pm: Staff Meeting
6:30-8:30 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:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church
5:00 pm: Worship Service at ALC
- Sunday:** 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
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Our prayers and sympathy go out to Bill Niblock and his family in the passing of his mother, Marion Niblock

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
David Hornung: Garden Gate Rehab, 2365 Union Road, #207B, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 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
*Rosemond Johnson: 3842 Wildwing Drive, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Dave Lampe: 829 N Hurff Drive, Elmwood, IL 61529
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
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

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Camden and Kurt P. Venator (Richard Venator's grandsons); Bob Brown; Brian Maloney; Reinae Parks (Bridgette Lowe's great grandchild)

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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share has ended for the summer, but plans are underway for Fall 2025. 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, is associated with Amherst Lutheran Campus of St. Paul's, or by referral. The remaining hours for June are: Thursday 6/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for June: canned peaches, canned pears, and pasta.



Summer



WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:00 am

Held at the outdoor worship space at:

St. John Lutheran Church

6540 Main St.

Williamsville, NY 14221

**Outdoor luncheon will follow. Please
bring a dish to pass if you are able.**



**Sunday, July 14th
11 - 1 PM**

Outdoor Worship Service from 10-11

Activities:

- **Bounce Houses**
- **SIK Braids**
- **Bike & helmet check**
- **Hot Dogs & Hamburgers**
- **Basket Raffle**

**St. John Lutheran Church
6540 Main St., Williamsville, NY**

**We are hosting our fundraiser in partnership
with St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Please join us beforehand for an outdoor
worship service from 10-11 am**

**Fundraiser will be held immediately following
the service**

**All proceeds and donations will support Noah's Helping Hands Project
For more information contact Sara at noahshelpinghands716@gmail.com**



+ 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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