Third Saturday after Pentecost



June 8, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus Third Saturday after Pentecost June 8, 2024



Musician: Janet 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.

Gather Us In



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bone.

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 All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Praise Hymn: W&P 37



^{*}may be sung in canon

Today's Reader:

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

Psalm 130 (read responsively)

Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

- P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
- C O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
- P If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?
- C Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.
- P I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
- C My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.
- P O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.
- C For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
- P This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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





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

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Sermon Hymn: WOV 741

Thy Holy Wings



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Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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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.)

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

- C receive our prayer.
- P Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

- C receive our prayer.
- P Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. 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 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.

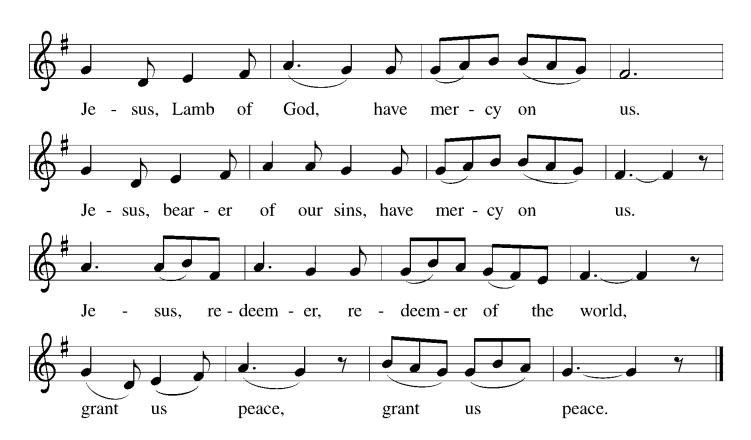
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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



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: WOV 748: Bind Us Together (on the following page)

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

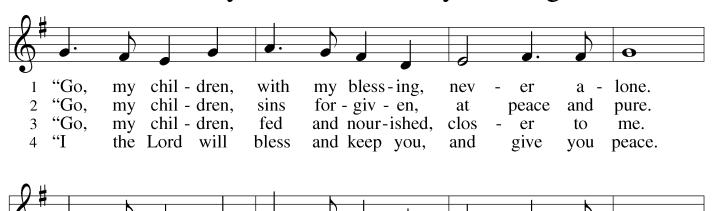
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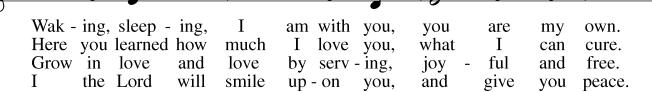
Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Go, My Children, with My Blessing





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In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com-fort stilled you. I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav-ior, Com - fort - er and Broth-er.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 9-16, 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

10:00 am: Sunday School: Last day until Fall

11:00 am: Baptism of Brooks Carroll

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study: Last meeting until Fall

5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)

7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforters: Last meeting until Fall

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 7:15 pm: Book Club at ALC

Saturday: 8:30-9:30 am: Men's Breakfast

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

5:00 pm: Worship Service at ALC

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Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Reinae Parks (Bridgette Lowe's great grandchild); 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

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 dailybread 4007@gmail.com.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Thursdays 6/13 and 6/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 6/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 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. (The ALC Book Club will not meet in July and August.)

From Lutheran Charities



July 12 12:00 pm Start

Cost: \$125 per Golfer (includes lunch, golf and cart fees, 1-hour open bar, and dinner)

Non-Golfing Guests are welcome to join us for dinner: \$60 (includes 1-hour open bar) To register go to: wnylutheran charities.org



For more information about being a sponsor go to: wnylutheran charities.org



Friday, August 9, 2024 Come See the Bisons vs. Rochester Red Wings!

Individual Tickets are \$15 (a savings of nearly \$5 per ticket.

Can't enjoy the game without a hotdog and soda? Then get the Ticket WITH Concessions for \$25 (includes ticket, 1 hotdog and 1 soda).

It's a **FRIDAY NIGHT BASH** too - happy hour with Resurgence Brewing Co. (offering discounted spirits) and an award-winning postgame fireworks show!

For online tickets go to: wnylutheran charities.org



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!

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

DONATIONS NEEDED BY JUNE 30TH!

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 YOU!

If you are interested in donating to the Buffalo Bills Basket from St. Paul's for the Golf Classic this year, Gail Singer volunteered to be the liaison. If you have any questions, please contact Gail. (716-866-7833)





Basket Gala Fundraiser Saturday, June 22

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 and 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

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



"Best Summer of Your Life!" That's the feeling Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center staff wants young people to come away with. LCLC is more than just a camp, it's an *outdoor ministry* site. A place for kids to learn and grow as independent people but also as faithful people! Cabins become small family groups where campers can ask honest questions, pray together, and be loved and lifted up just as they are. Outdoor ministry has been proven to create lasting impacts on faith formation. Plus, it's super fun! Swimming, sailing, silly games, & lasting friendships are all part of the package. If you have any

questions about camp, ask Adam Weber/Kristen. Camps are available for all young people completing grades 1-12. **CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE** St. Paul's will support your family with a \$150 scholarship that we will pay directly to camp. Email Kristen to let us know what week your child is registered for. Full camperships through LCLC are also available!



+ 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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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm