Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 16, 2024 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024



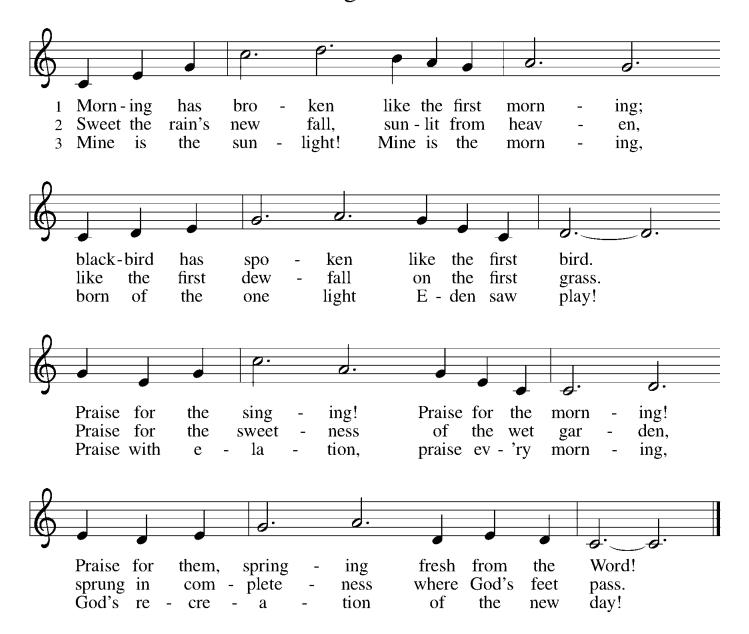
Musician: Paul Storfer

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.

Opening Hymn: ELW 556

Morning Has Broken



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

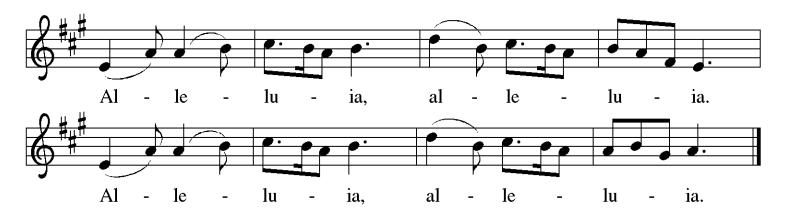
So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance

and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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



Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia

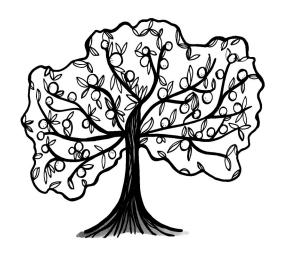


Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

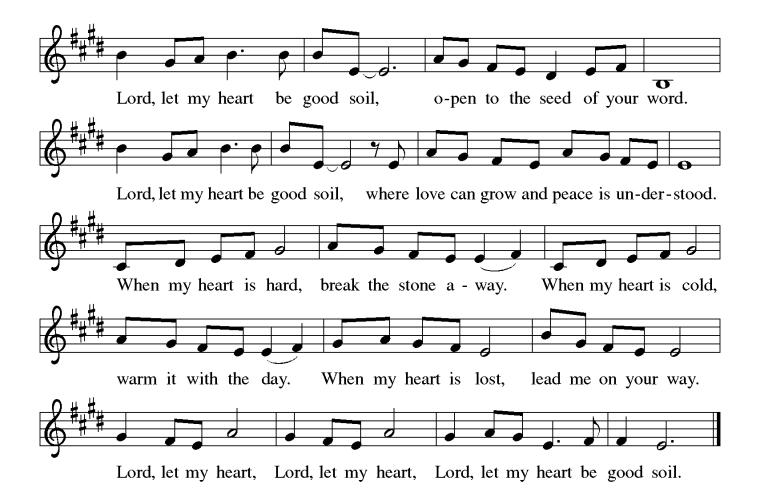
He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Apostle's Creed

- A 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

A We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now either silently or aloud. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A 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 Music and Prayer

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

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

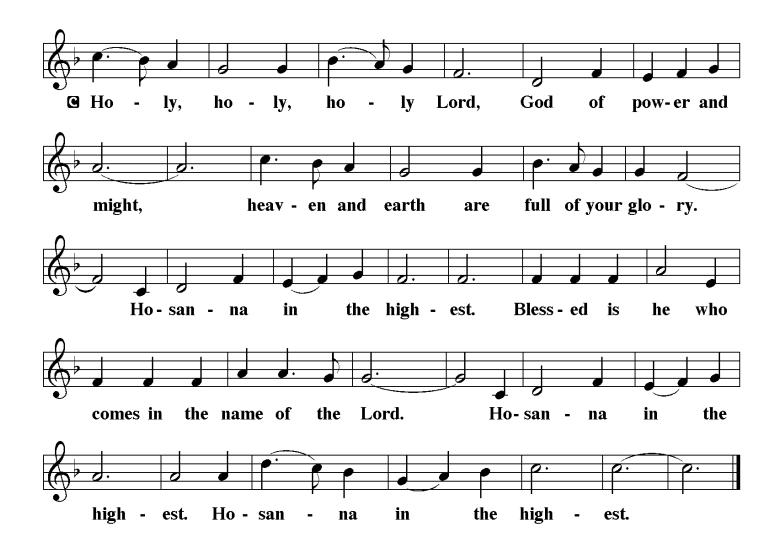
- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will 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 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

Closing Hymn: ELW 547 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 16-23, 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: 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share (Last day till Fall)

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

6:00 pm: Burrito Project

Wednesday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Unstuck Group Meeting

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

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Unstuck Group Meeting

6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

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

12:00-4:00 pm: Basket Gala for Maloney Family

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Deacons: 6/16: Martin Troutman; 6/23: John Schunak

Ushers: 6/16: Robin Miano & Sharon Adimey; 6/23: Gerri Horton & Helen Gibson

Here's to dads this Father's Day

To the new dads, soon-to-be-dads, and those trying to become dads.

To the mustachioed, bald, and hairy dads.

To the dads who've lost a child. And those who've lost their dads.

To dads and their kids, young or grown, navigating strained relationships.

And to father figures of every kind, everywhere.

Happy Father's Day

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

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

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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share will end as of Monday, June 17. Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers who made the Meal Share possible. Plans are underway for Fall 2024. 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: Saturday 6/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm, and Thursday 6/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for June: canned peaches, canned pears, and pasta.



"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!



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

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

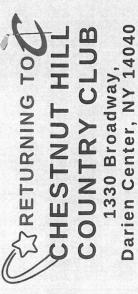
Admission Includes:

- ♦ Basket Raffle ♦ 50/50
- ♦ Balloon Animals ♦ Face painting
- ♦ Food & Drinks ♦ Kettle Corn

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



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Registration Begins 12:30pm

Lunch 1:00pm

Driving Range Open

Shotgun Start 2:00pm

Open Bar 5-6pm

Dinner & Awards 6:00pm

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*Dietary Concerns or Allergies? Please let us know!

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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$



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



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD @ 1:05 PM

from INSIDE THE LEGENDS CLUB at Yankee Stadium

Package for 4 Includes:

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Raffle Tickets: \$20 Each

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Winning Ticket* Will Be Drawn July 12th

*need not be present to win

Raffle Proceeds Support Various WNY Non-Profit Organizations Providing Care & Support for the Most Underserved in Our Local Communities Gathering God's GIFTS FOR GOOD





@ SAHLEN FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH

COST:

Individual Tickets: \$15

Tickets WITH Discounted Concessions: \$25 (includes hot dog & soda)

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Tickets **MAILED** to You: Tuesday, July 23rd

Pick-Up Tickets at WILL-CALL: Monday, August 5th

How to Get Your Tickets...

Buy **ONLINE** at www.WNYLutheranCharities.org

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& Seating Preference

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