Ninth Saturday after Pentecost



July 20, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus Ninth Saturday after Pentecost July 20, 2024



Guest Minister: Rev. Randy Milleville

Musician: Adam Schmidt

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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: W&P 14

Baptized and Set Free



Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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Apostolic Greeting

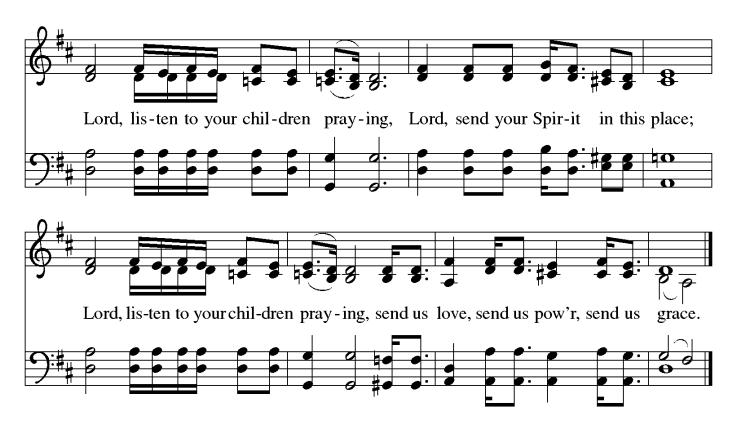
- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Amen

Praise Hymn: WOV 775

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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First Reading: Ephesians 2:4-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

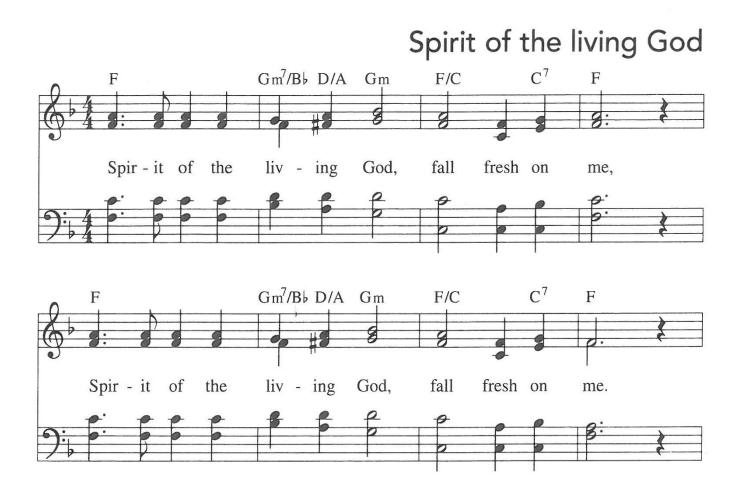
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

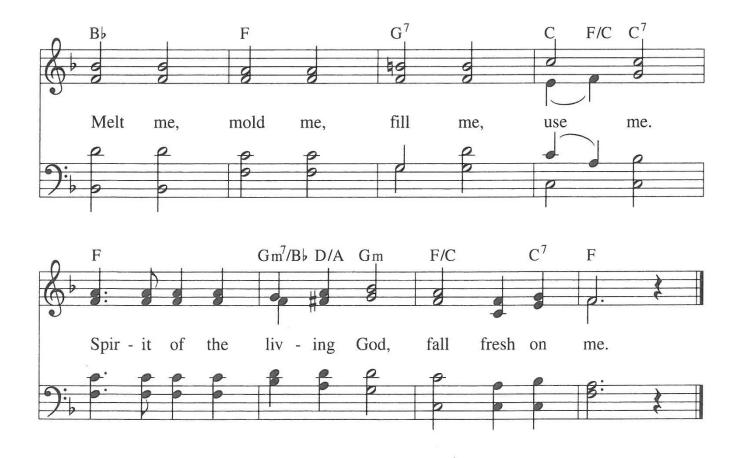
Psalm 23 (read responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

- A The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- C The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- A You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- A You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: W&P 129





- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th Chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

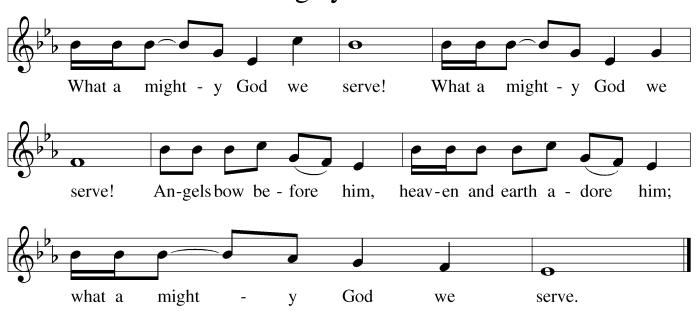
When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Sermon: "A Study in Grace"

Sermon Hymn: TFF 295

What a Mighty God We Serve!



Text: anonymous

Music: MIGHTY GOD, anonymous

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 One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. (Please be seated.)

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

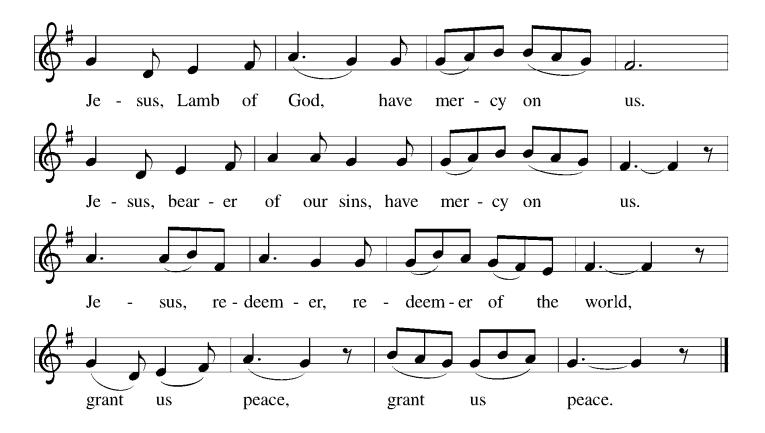
- P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
 - Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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



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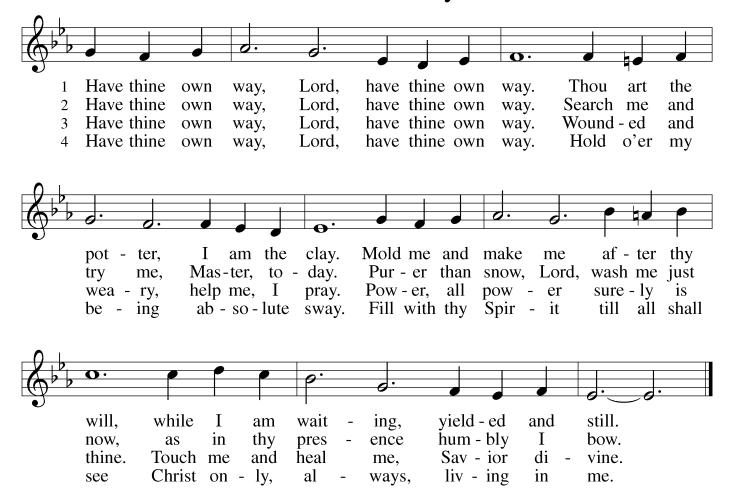
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Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply 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: TFF 152

Have Thine Own Way, Lord



Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862-1934

Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

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 have 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 to 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: TFF 178 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Do, Lord, Remember Me



Text: African American spiritual

Music: DITMUS, African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 21-28, 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 with Guest Soloist Michele Ruffino

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 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

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Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Heidi Ginal; Charles Scofield; Richard Elliott; Brian Maloney

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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 pantry hours for July are: Saturday 7/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for July: cereal, cooking oil, and soup.

Summer Office Hours: For the remainder of July and August, the church office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm and closed on Friday. This will give our staff a chance to enjoy our very short summer months.

August/September Messenger: August is a rather slow month for church announcements, so it has been decided to combine the August and the September Messengers together. This will give all of the groups/committees at St. Paul's a chance to get their opening times and schedules set. This issue of the Messenger will come out mid-August to allow everyone time to plan ahead.







Come and see the Bisons vs. the Rochester Red Wings!

Ticket Options

Individual tickets are \$15.00 (a savings of nearly \$5.00 per person)

Tickets with Concessions are \$25.00 per person, and include admission, 1 hotdog, and 1 soda

This is a Friday Night Bash too!!

Happy hour with Resurgence Brewing

Company (offering discounted spirits) and
an award-winning postgame fireworks show.



+ 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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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

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