# 12th Saturday after Pentecost



August 10, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

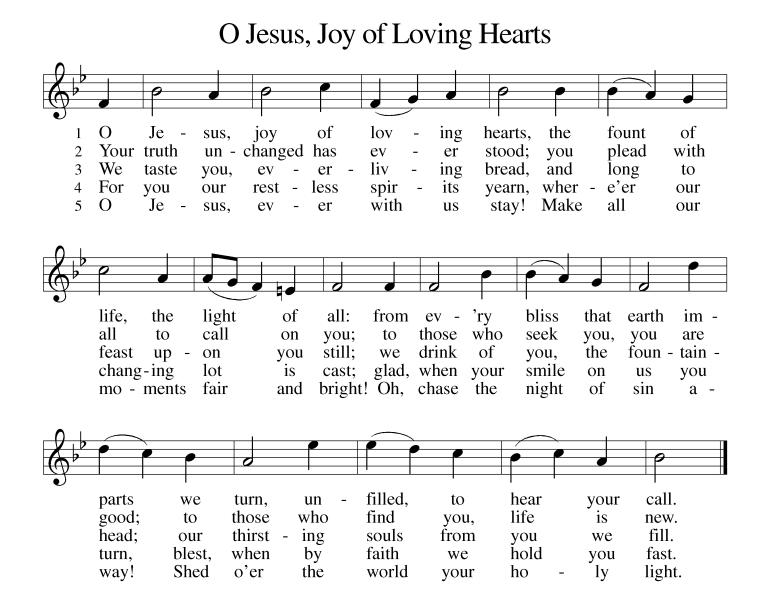
Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus 12th Saturday after Pentecost August 10, 2024



*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.



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

#### Apostolic Greeting

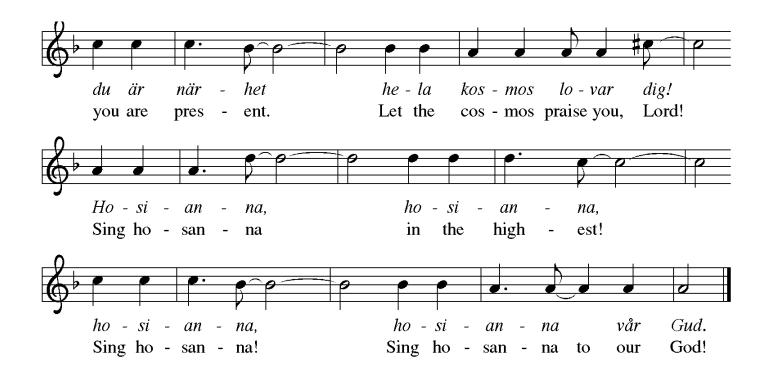
- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### Prayer of the Day

- P Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

#### Praise Hymn: ELW 525





Today's Reader: David Dahlberg

#### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

# Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

- A I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- A Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
- C I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
- A Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- A The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
- C Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

# Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- 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 John the 6th Chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon



# Baptized and Set Free

1 We cho - sen God. peo - ple at - ed, by are cre 2 We fed and we're nour - ished, freshed. are filled and re 3 We are nour-ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things, 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song. Then we're washed, ev - er love. gent - ly, and in mer - cy Then our hun - ger turns and a - gain we are blessed. re and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings. All wel - come! We gath - er sing loud are and strong. to Sin has pow - er o - pened the door no more. Je - sus For what - ev er the need, God is great - er in deed: we jour - ney toward known: As home, may your pres-ence he Not en-slaved, but free! From now on, will set all be foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more. a to o - cean, al-ways deep - er than all need. end-less of our ev - er - flow - ing, now pre-cious riv - er. car - ry home. us in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and free! one set

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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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (Please be seated.)

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,

#### C receive our prayer.

P We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,

#### C receive our prayer.

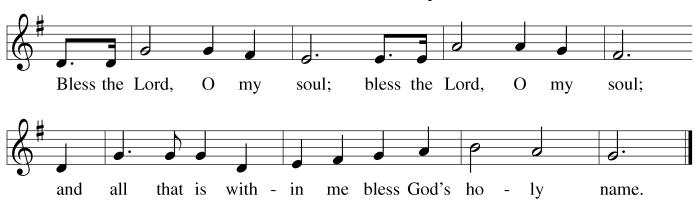
P Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

#### C receive our prayer.

- P Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- P We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
- 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:

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:** Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. 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

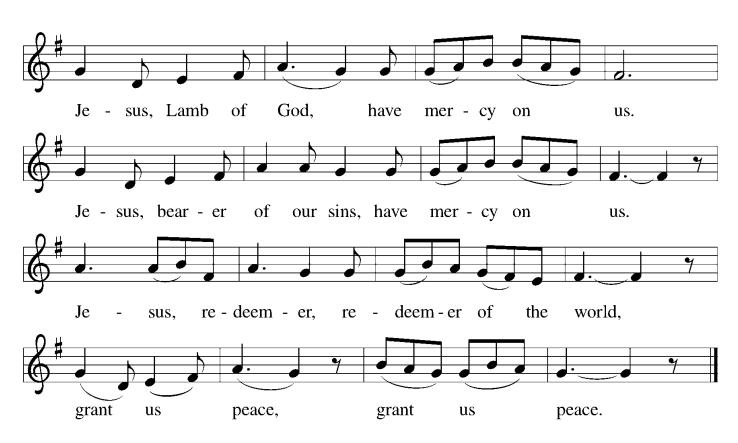
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Communion Hymn: ELW 199

- 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



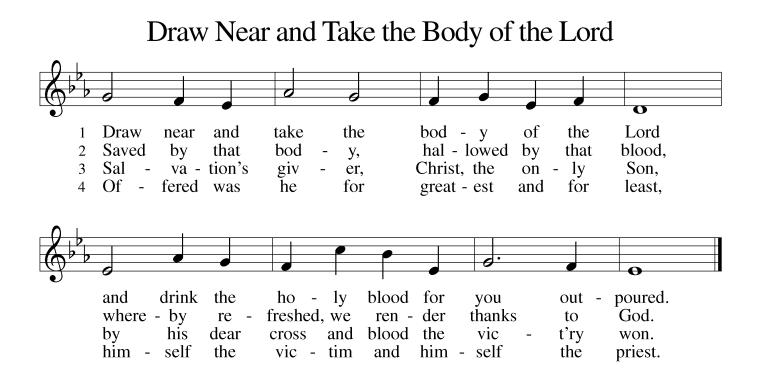
Jesus, Lamb of God

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<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 226



# 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. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

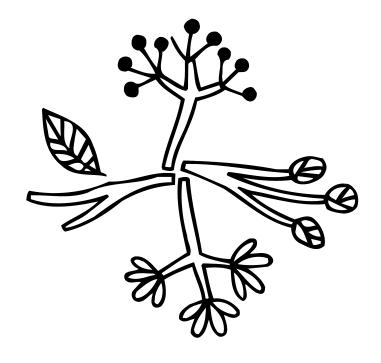
#### Benediction

- 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: LBW 543 (on the following page)

#### Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 11-18, 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; Baptisms of Jameson Gerald Weber and
	Hendrix Carter Atzrott
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
<b>Tuesday:</b>	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:	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 and Communion at ALC
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*Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:* Phil Howe (Debbie Howe's brother); 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 \*Joanne Barone-Carter: 39 Saybrook Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086 Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 Sue Epstein: 59 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226 Heidi Ginal: 74 Jane Lane, Depew, NY 14043 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.

*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.

#### **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 remaining pantry hours for August are: Thursdays 8/15 and 8/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 8/24 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August: cereal, pasta, and canned fiuit.





I am Simone, the youngest daughter of Vanessa Solomon. I am a mom of three and I enjoy smiling & laughing. Recently, I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Breast Cancer. My cancer & treatment are both so aggressive that it prohibits me from working, along with fighting with my insurance company to cover mounting medical expenses.



I am nearing the completion of Phase A, 18 rounds of chemotherapy and will be entering Phase B in mid-August. I hope you will attend my fundraiser.

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# ADMISSION

- \$20.00
- FREE FOR CHILDREN 10 YRS & YOUNGER, WITH ADULT
- FREE & TICKETED ACTIVITIES

- There will be a kickball tournament.
- Pony Rides
- · Painting with squirt guns
- Creating your own flower bouquet.
- Lots of food
- Cancer information

#### Don't forget to wear pink in solidarity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call the office: 716-835-0407

Call Vanessa: 716-381\*3804





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