16th Saturday after Pentecost



September 7, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Lutheran Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus 16th Saturday after Pentecost September 7, 2024



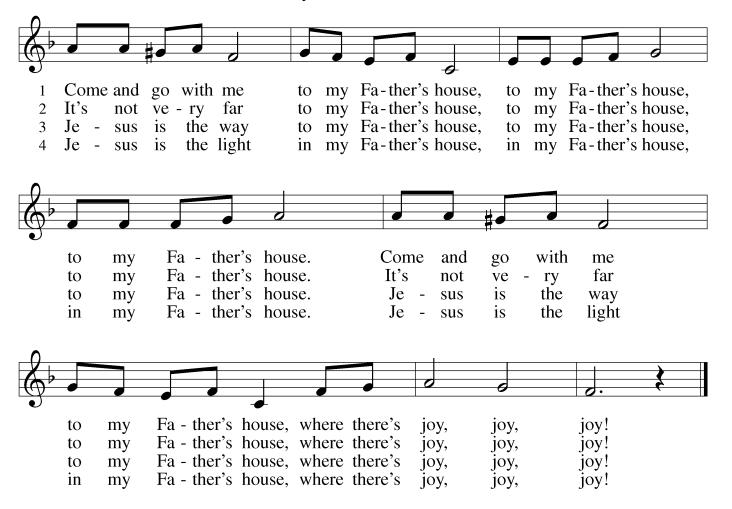
Musician: Adam Schmidt

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C Amen.
- P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. Steadfast and faithful God,
- C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we often fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering but many times are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: TFF 141

Come and Go with Me to My Father's House In My Father's House



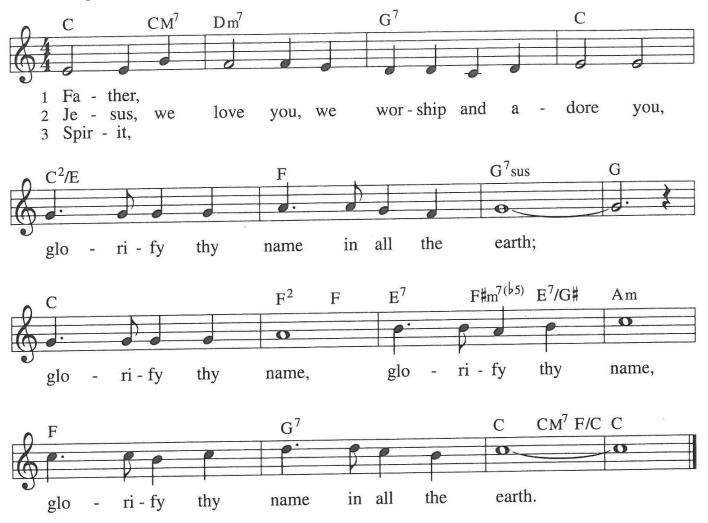
Apostolic Greeting

- 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, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
- C Amen.

Glorify thy name



First Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in

the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Psalm 146 (read responsively)

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

- P Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- P Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- C who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- P who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.
- C The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

- P The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!
- P This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: ELW 174

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 7th Chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of

Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

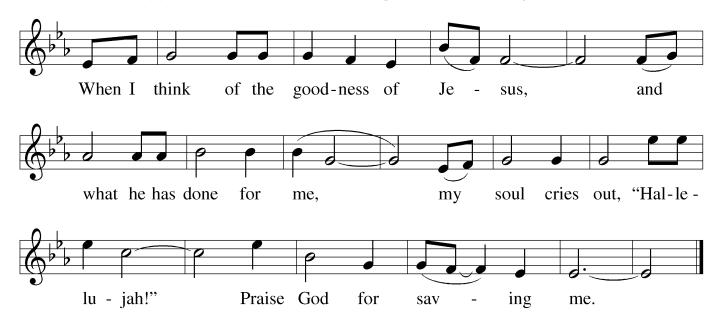
Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: TFF 269

When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus



Text: traditional

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

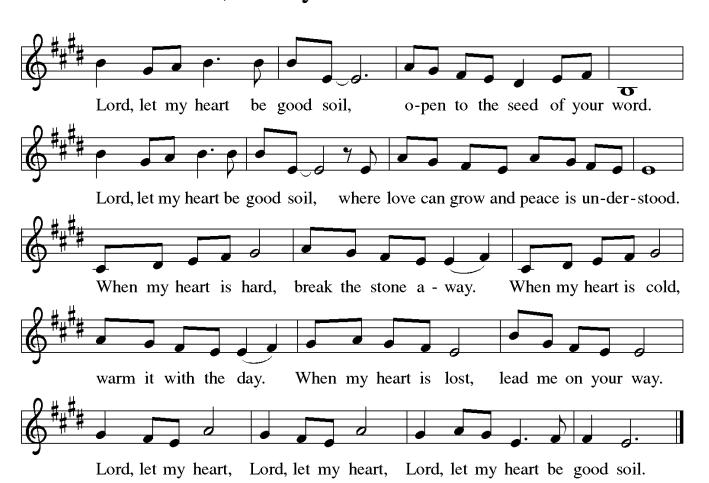
- P Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. (Please be seated.) Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all

who are in recovery. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

- C Your mercy is great.
- P Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

Offering Hymn: W&P 52

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Offering Prayer

- P Let us pray.
- C Generous God, every good gift comes from your open hand. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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/



OR Code:

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.

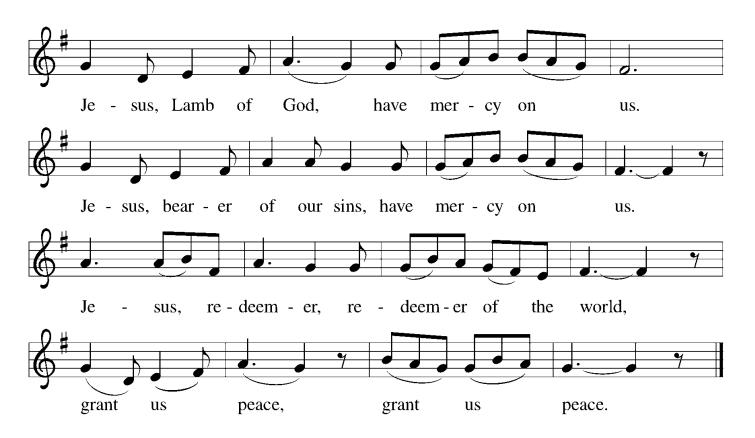
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



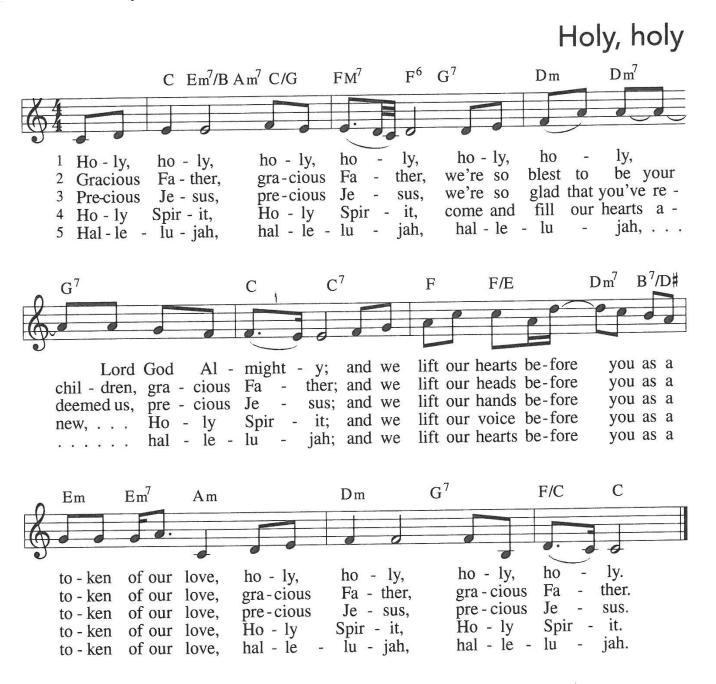
Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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: W&P 60

Text and music: Jimmy Owens



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 Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Benediction

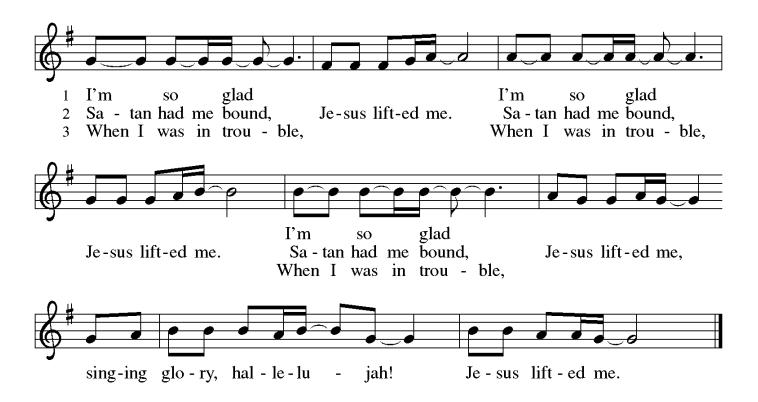
- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

Sending Hymn: WOV 673 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: -September 8-15, 2024

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

Sunday: 8:00 am: Pre-Tailgating Worship Service

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, Communion, and Sunday School

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at ALC

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

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

7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforters

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

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II

7:15 pm: Book Club at ALC

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

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

12:00-4:00 pm: Installation of Kaitlyn Blend as Executive Director at LCLC

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Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Patrick Young (Andrea Jarvis' friend); 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

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.

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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share will begin on Monday, September 16 from 4:30-5:15 pm. 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 pantry hours for September are: Thursday 9/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm., and Saturdays 9/14 and 9/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for September: spaghetti sauce, pasta, and flour.

Mark your calendar: The following will be restarting/continuing in September:

- Bible Study: Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 am
- Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm
 - Comforters: Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 am
 - Book Club at ALC: Thursday, September 12 at 7:15 pm
- Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share: Monday, September 16 at 4:30 pm
 - Burrito Project: Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm
- God on Tap: Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm at Tavern at Windsor Park
 - Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 21 at 8:30 am
 - Confirmation Classes: Sunday, September 22 at 11:30 am at St. Paul's



First Saturday of the month following the 5pm service.



October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th
January 4th
February 1st
March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd



Join us for a light meal (usually pizza), games and conversation.

You are welcome to bring
something to share such as veggies, fruit or dessert.

Drinks are provided.

All are welcome!



Interested in learning more about St. Paul's?

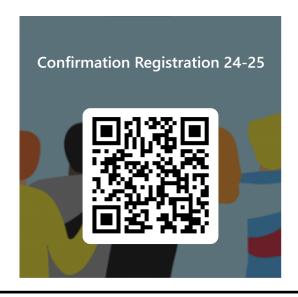
Join our next New Missionary class after worship on Sunday, September 29th. Snacks provided.

Sunday Morning Adult Forum Returns

The Adult Forum will return on Sunday, September 22, 9:00-9:45 am. Rev. Charles Biegner will begin with "Four Little Books of the Bible" with the following schedule: September 22: Jonah; September 29: Ruth; October 6: Philemon; October 13: no class that day; October 20: Jude. Beginning October 27 and running through November 10, Mr. David Gettman, one of St. Paul's newest missionaries, will lead "A Study of 'The Cost of Discipleship'" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran theologian who was martyred by Hitler. (Study guides will be made available by St. Paul's.)



Confirmation Classes are starting up again! All incoming students (usually 7th grade) and all returning students will meet on 9/22! Classes are generally the 1th Sunday of the Month for students in grades 7-9th (ish) If you'd like to register use the QR code. If you'd like more information email Kristen at kristen@stpaulseggertsville.com.





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