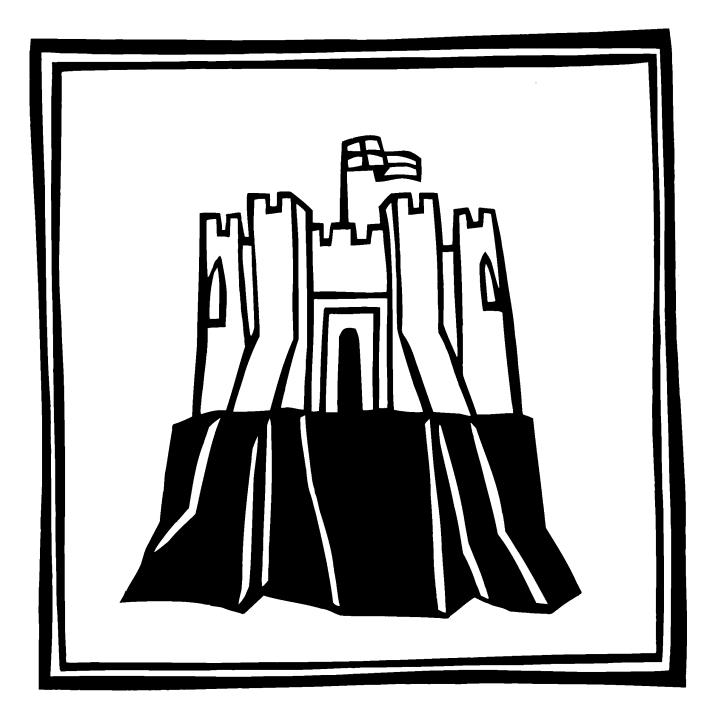
Reformation Saturday



October 26, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus Reformation Saturday October 26, 2024



Musician: Adam Schmidt

Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Host at every table, Companion of the suffering, Spirit of resurrection life.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. God of letting go,
- C We confess that we fill ourselves with empty riches while our neighbors starve.
- P God of the cross,
- C We confess that we grasp for dreams of wealth and reject your path of sacrificial love.
- P God who knows our pain,
- C We confess that we become numb or grumpy when you invite us into compassion.
- P God who saves, feeds, and heals,
- C We repent of setting the table too small. We lament our habits of scarcity and distrust. We renounce the lures of prosperity and seek your reign of joy and peace.
- P People of God, we are both sinners and saints: God's table is set for all creation. In Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven all our fears are cast aside and all our neighbors are fed.
- C Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: LBW 369, Verses 1-4

The Church's One Foundation



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 God of light, you grant us the gifts of insight and truth. God of darkness, you bless us with deep rest and your protective shadow. Guide our steps, that we may follow you bravely in all times and places, moving ever more in harmony with your love, through Christ our Savior.
- C Amen

Praise Hymn: TFF 268 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 46 (read responsively)

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

- A God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- A though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- A God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- C The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- A The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- C Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- A behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

- C "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- A The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: ELW 174



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

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: LBW 448



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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 Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. (Please be seated.)

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

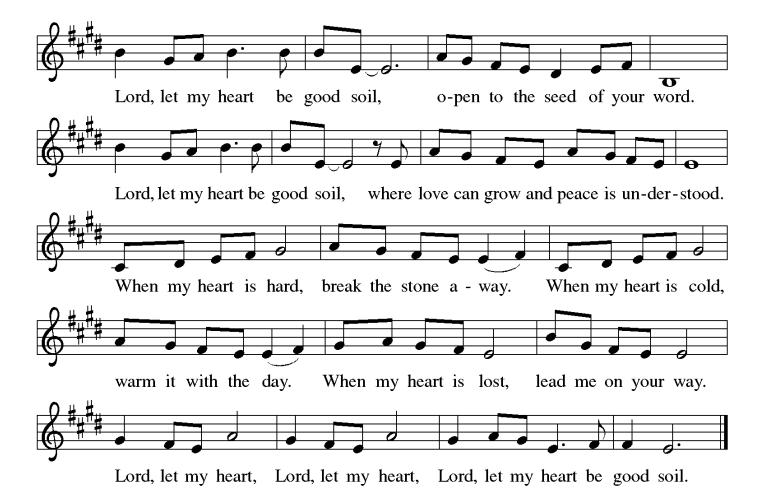
C hear our prayer.

P Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- P Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

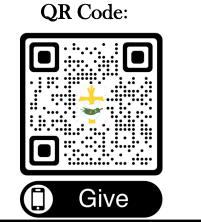
Offering Hymn: W&P 52



Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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/



Offering Prayer

- P Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, God of surprising grace. You call us to bold acts of kindness and brave gestures of solidarity. Receive and hallow these offerings of our time and treasure that we share today and in our planned giving. Multiply these gifts so that your reign of plenty and peace may be known by all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 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

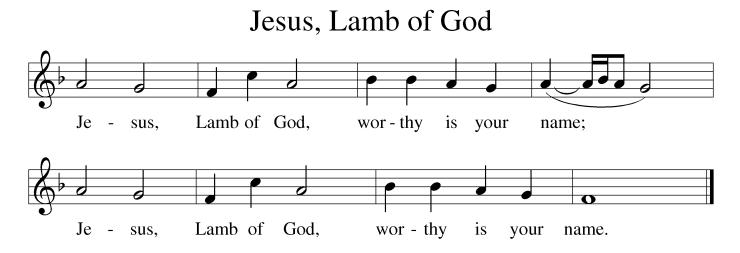
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

- 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

Communion Hymn: W&P 76



Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all" Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

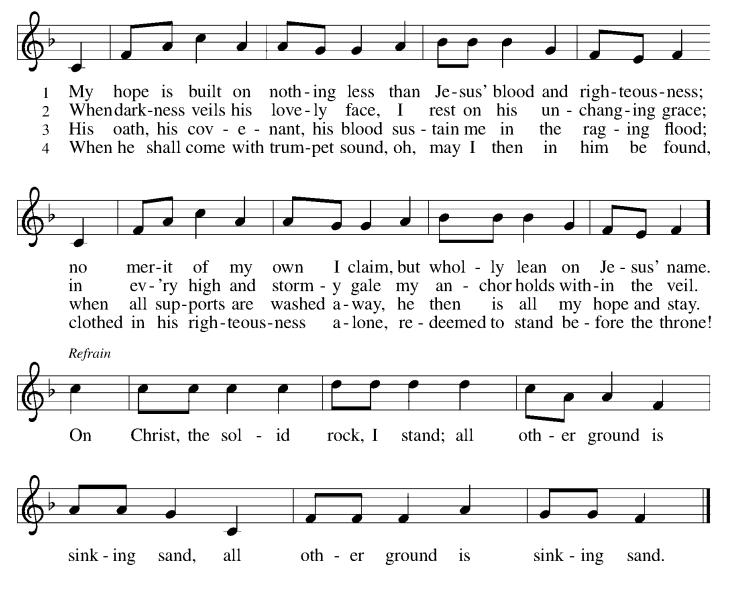
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<u>Holy Communion at St. Paul's</u>: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. 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 293

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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 Thank you, God our provider, for this meal of grace. May the mercies we have tasted here make us quick to share and ready to welcome others, as you have welcomed and loved us fully. Let all our tables bear witness to your abundant life, good and gracious God.
- 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 229 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: October 27-November 3, 2024

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

Sunday:	9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum
	9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at (AC)
	10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
	10:00 am: Worship, Communion, Sunday School, and Confirmation
	11:00 am: Journeys End Training
	11:00 am: Private Function in Parish Hall
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
Monday:	4:30-5:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
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	: 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
	8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Thursday:	3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
Friday:	7:00-8:30 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
Saturday:	9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
	4:00-8:00 pm: Private Function in Parish Hall
	5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC followed by Family Fun Night
	Daylight Savings Time ends tonight. Remember to set your clocks back!!
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	11:30 am-1:00 pm: Confirmation Class at St. Paul's
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Ronald Wolfe.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Flora Learner.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Omar Jenson. Private services were held for Mr. Jenson on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)
Ruth Blank: Weinberg Campus/Rosa Coplon Living Ctr, 2700 N. Forest, #151, Getzville, 14068
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
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 Rehab/Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14051

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Campus, 5125 Main Street, Williamsville, 14221, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, 14226. 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 Cody at: Cody@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 each Monday 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.

NEWANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, is associated with St. Paul's Amherst Campus, or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for October are: Thursday 10/31 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for October: cereal, pasta, and canned tomato products (stewed, diced tomatoes, etc.).





Beginning Sunday, 10/27 through 11/10, from 9:00-9:45 am, David Gettman will begin a study of "The cost of leadership" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran theologian who was murdered by Adolf Hitler. Study guides will be provided.



Come and join us for Family Fun Night following the 5:00 pm worship service at the Amherst Campus on Saturday, November 2.

Enjoy 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!



Spooky Sleepover:

When: Friday, Oct. 25th - Sat., Oct. 26th (7pm - 10am)

Who: Youth grades 6-12

Where: Nativity Lutheran Church, East Aurora

What: Overnight with candy, pumpkin carving, faith & fear, and so many games.

Why: Help by bringing socks to donate to Friends of Night People. We will also be making blankets for families in need at the event.

How: Register and get more info here - Spooky Sleepover Registration

Young Adult Ministry - Walk With the Dead:

This is a new program of LY. Young adults between the ages of 18-30ish gather monthly to be in community with each other, eat food, play games, and share devotions. Where this happens varies from month to month. This month we will walk Forest Lawn Cemetery and then gather inside for food and faith.

When: Tuesday, October 29th

Please share with friends, family, and congregation members who may be interested in a space for young adults.

The link to register and more info can be found here: <u>YAMs: Walk With the Dead</u>

2nd Annual Turkeybowl & Tailgate:

When: Monday, November 11th (9am - 4pm)

Who: Youth grades 6-12

Where: All Saints Lutheran Church, Hamburg

What: Friendly flag football tournament with tailgate games, laughs, and food to share.

Why: We will use registration funds and donations to provide local military families with Turkeys (dead, frozen turkeys preferred to live pet turkeys) and non-perishables for local families in need.

How: Register and get more info here - Turkeybowl & Tailgate Registration



+ 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: Saturdays at 5:00 pm