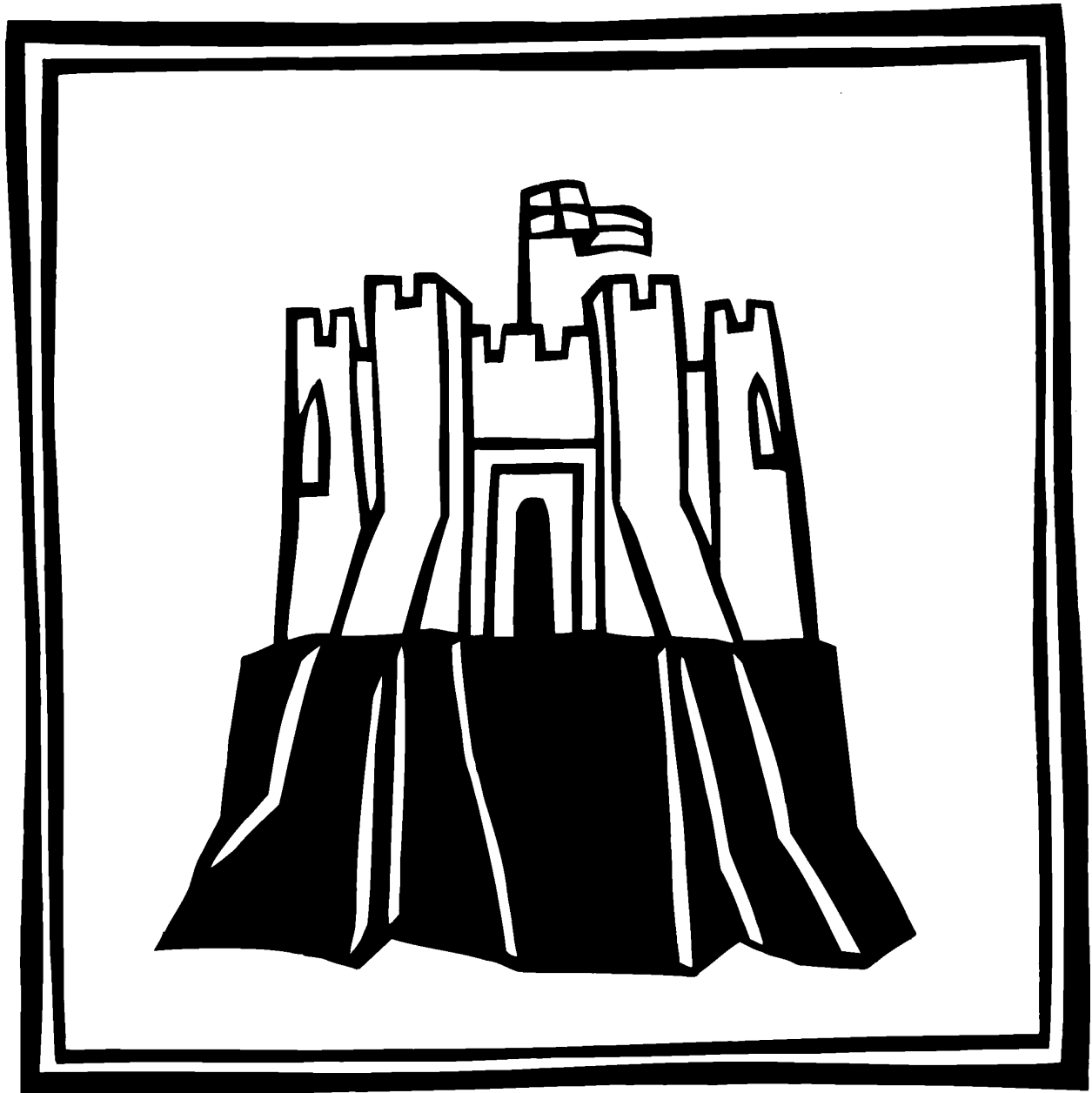


Reformation Sunday



October 27, 2024

10:00 am

St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Egbertsville Campus
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024*



Musician: Paul Storfer

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



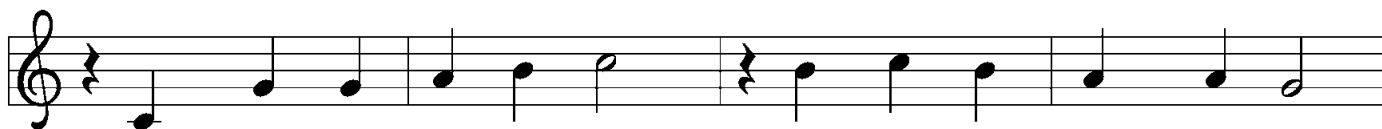
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



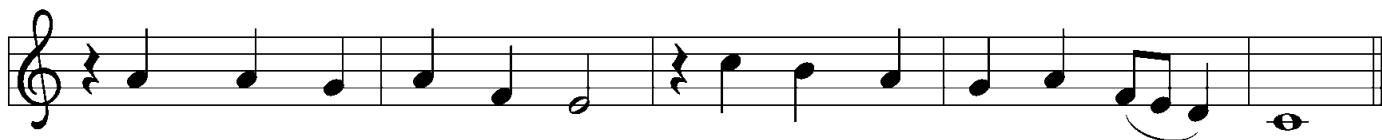
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

Children's Time

Confirmand Readings



Elias James Rodriguez: Joshua 1:9 *"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

Ella Grace Winkler: Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."*

Jillian Bland: Psalm 46:5 *"God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns."*

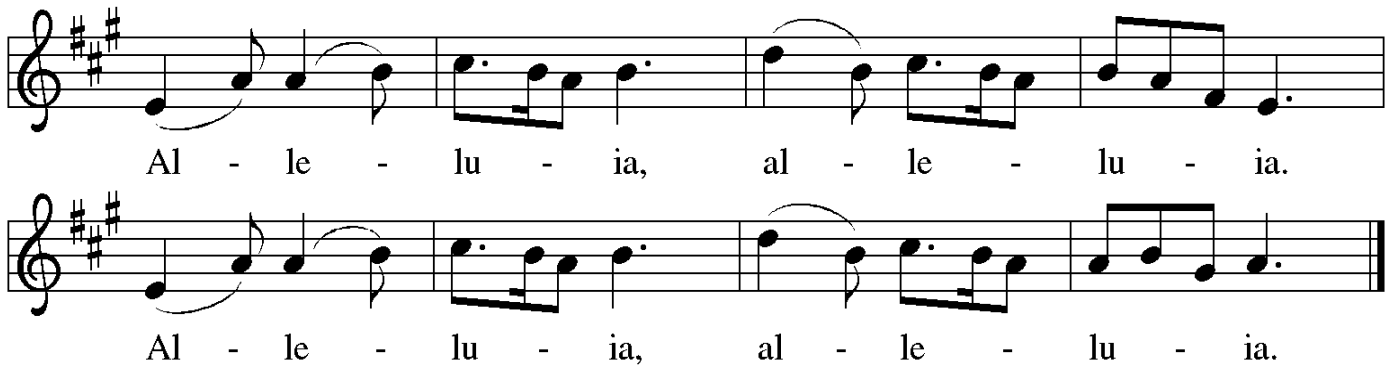
Maggie C Skinner: Jeremiah 29:11 *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

Oliver E Magin: Proverbs 27:17 *"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another."*

Ryan Cash Fortune: Psalm 118:6 *"With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?"*

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 10th Chapter
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

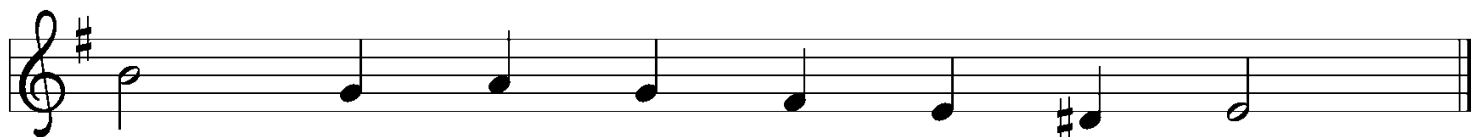
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation marks a milestone in the faith journey of Elias Rodriquez, Ella Winkler, Jillian Bland, Maggie Skinner, Oliver Magin, and Ryan Fortune. They have undergone a special period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church, learning from their parents, pastor, and other members of the congregation how that faith is an integral part of their lives. Those presented here for Confirmation were made members of the Church in Baptism. Now they undertake to make personal, public profession of that faith in which they were baptized, thus underscoring God's gracious action in their Baptism.



Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

P Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Renunciation of Evil

Residing pastor addresses those who have been presented.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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 Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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,

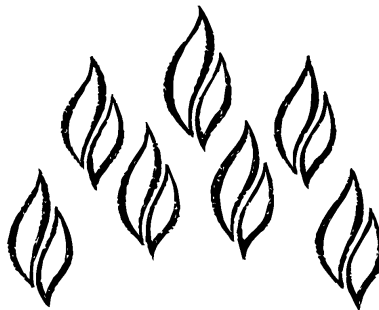
C hear our prayer.

A 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.

A 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.



(Confirmands, parents, and any baptismal sponsors approach the altar area together)

Commitment

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Prayer of Blessing

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

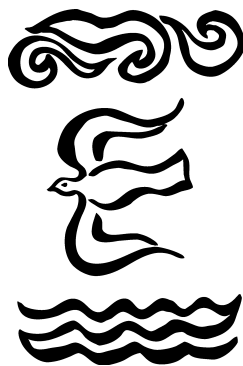
C Amen

Laying On of Hands

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Elias, Ella, Jillian, Maggie, Oliver, and Ryan the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

C Amen

*The Congregation welcomes Elias, Ella, Jillian,
Maggie, Oliver, and Ryan
as the Newest Missionaries of St. Paul's*



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/>

QR Code:



Offering Music and 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 sing their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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 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

Closing Hymn: LBW 369 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Deacons: 10/27: John Schunak; 11/3:

Ushers: 10/27: Bob & Karen Brown; 11/3: Lonny Walter & Gerry Keppel

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 Leamer.

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 14221

David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, 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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.).



Adult Forum

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!



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: [YAMs: Walk With the Dead](#)

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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