20th Sunday after Pentecost



October 6, 2024 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus 20th Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2024



Musician: Paul Storfer

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.

Opening Hymn: WOV 783 (on the following page)

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God



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 Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Children's Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm 8 (read responsively)

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

- A O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!-
- C you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- A When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- A Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- C You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- A all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- A O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

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

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- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the10th Chapter
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: WOV 748 (on the following page)





Holy Baptism

Presentation

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate:

P Sponsors, who do you present for Baptism?

Response: We present Amelia Ann Manhardt for Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

P Emilie and Jared, in Christian love you have presented Amelia for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Creed. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to help Amelia grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sarah and TJ, do you promise to nurture Amelia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- P People of God, do you promise to support Amelia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- C We do.

Prayers of the Church

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

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you either silently or aloud. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- A Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companion-ship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. 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.



Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the Р beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Amelia who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin by this cleansing water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen

Renunciation

- P 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.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.

Profession

- 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



Baptism

P Amelia, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Laying on of Hands

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Amelia: 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.
- C Amen

Signing with the Cross

P Amelia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen



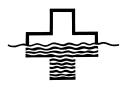
Giving of the Light

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome

- P Through Baptism, God has made Amelia a new member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow missionary in God's church, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen

(Congregation joins in singing: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.)



Today we welcome the following New Missionaries to St. Paul's: Brooks, Inger, and Amelia Anderson; Bill and DeeDee Bulleigh; David and Mary Ann Gettman; Sheila Figel and Sean and Jordan Dwyer; and Martha Shields and Alan Stewart.

- P Brothers, sisters, and siblings 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. Earlier in this service, you joined us in making public affirmation 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?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

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 our Lord.

- C Amen
- P Let's welcome our newest missionaries.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and missionaries with us here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Offering Music and Prayer

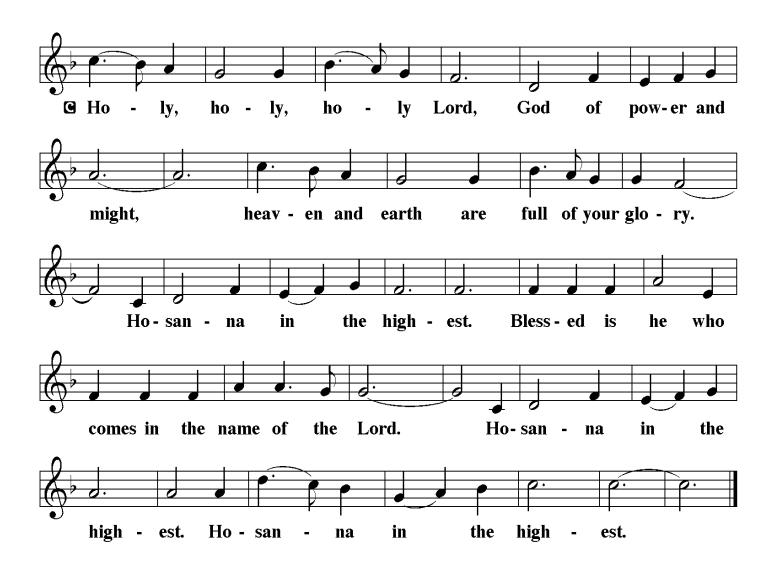
- P Let us pray.
- C Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here and in our planned giving be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.





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:



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

<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.

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

Closing Hymn: WOV 723 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: October 6-13, 2024

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

| Sunday: | 9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum |
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| | 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/Sunday School, and Welcome New Missionaries |
| | 10:00 am: Baptism of Amelia Ann Manhardt |
| | 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at ALC |
| 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: | : 10:00 am: Comforters |
| | 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at ALC |
| | 8:00 pm: AA Meeting |
| Thursday: | 7:15 pm: Book Club at ALC |
| Friday: | 7:00-8:30 pm: Emotional Sobriety II |
| Saturday: | 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open |
| - | 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC |
| | 5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC |
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Altar Flowers: The pink rose is given in celebration of Amelia Ann Manhardt's Baptism.

Deacons: 10/6: Barbara Walter; 10/13: Martin Troutman *Ushers:* 10/6: Scott & Mimi Fierle; 10/13: Ellen Herdman & Jim Tanevich

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Brian Maloney

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 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 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 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, 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 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.

NEWANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share began 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 October are: Thursdays 10/17 and 10/31 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays 10/12 and 10/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for October: cereal, pasta, and canned tomato products (stewed, diced tomatoes, etc.).

Adult Forum: Rev. Chick Biegner continues the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am. Remaining topics: 10/6: Philemon; 10/13: No Class; 10/20: The Book of Jude.

Adult Forum: Beginning Sunday, 10/27 through 11/10, David Gettman will begin a study of "The cost of leadership" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Study guides will be provided. If you are interested in attending this session, please sign up on the flyer in the Gathering Area.

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