25th Saturday after Pentecost



November 9, 2024 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Lutheran Campus 25th Saturday after Pentecost November 9, 2024



Temple Talk

Musician: Adam Schmidt

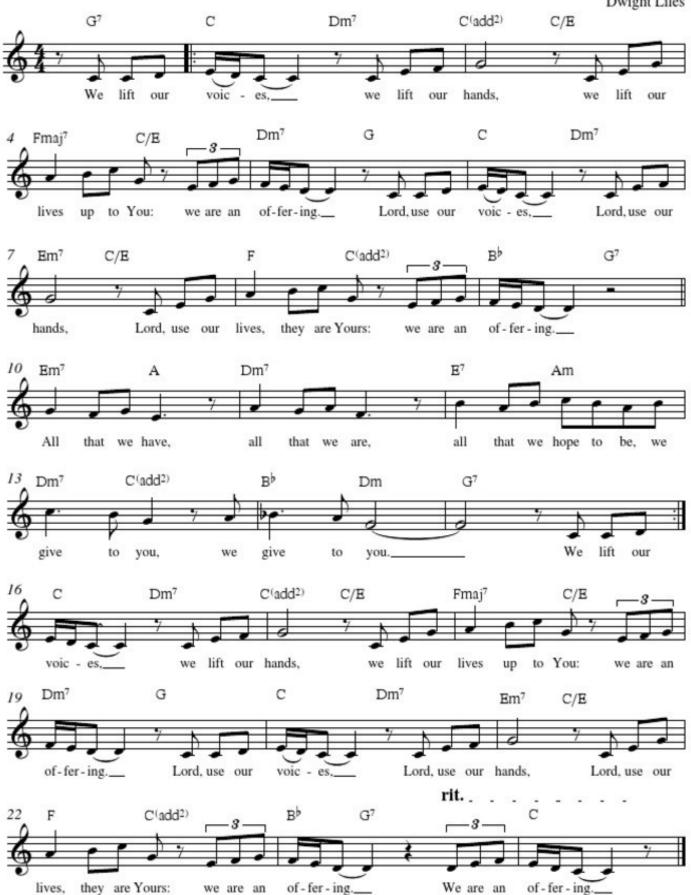
Confession and Forgiveness

- 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: W&P 146

We Are An Offering

Words and Music by Dwight Liles



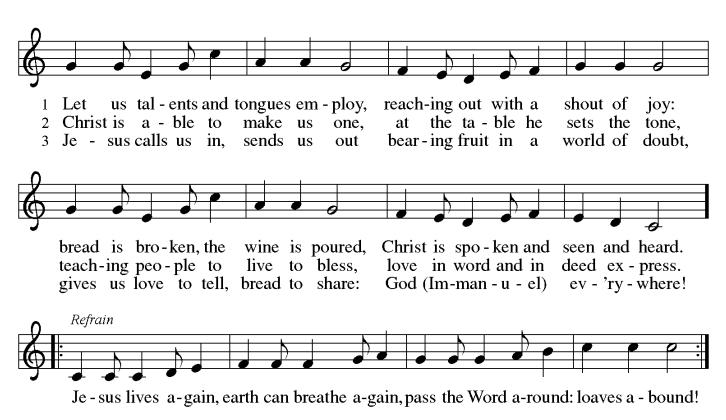
Apostolic Greeting

- 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 Merciful God, the gift of life in you is our ultimate treasure. Wrap us in your abundant grace and empower us to share with all who hunger, in our walls and beyond, for you have already granted us everything we need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Praise Hymn: WOV 754



Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Psalm 146 (read responsively)

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

- A 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.
- A 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.
- A 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;

- A 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.
- A 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!
- 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.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

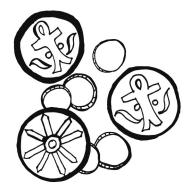
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow. As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Sermon



Sermon Hymn: TFF 252 (on the following page)

Why Should I Feel Discouraged His Eye Is on the Sparrow



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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. (Please be seated.)

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Where we Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

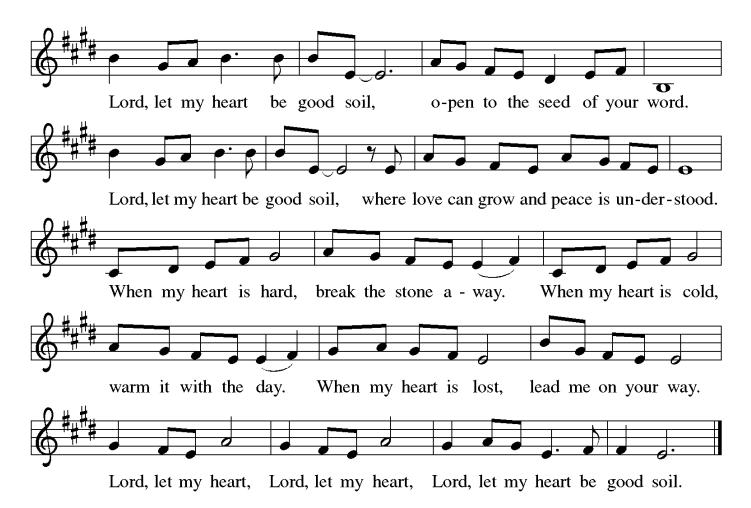
P Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- P Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences.
 Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- P Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- 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

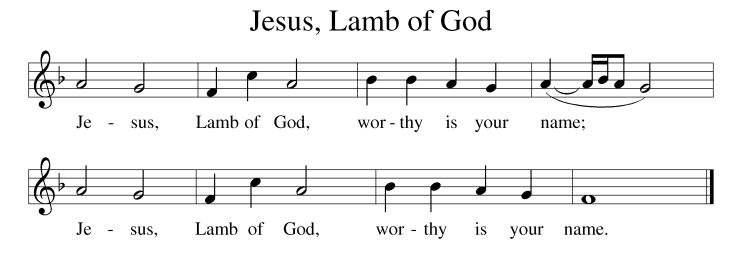
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

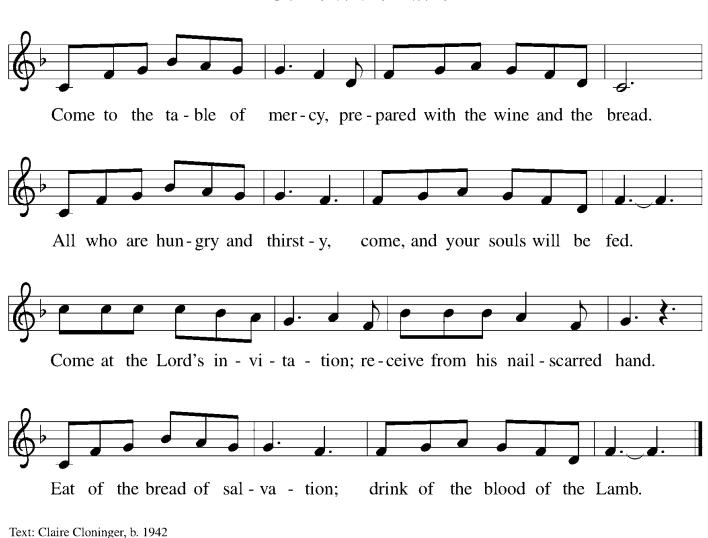
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<u>Holy Communion at St. Paul's</u>: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.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

Come to the Table

Distribution Hymn: W&P 33



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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 567 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt. Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 10-17, 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 Baptism of William Houck
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
Monday:	Veterans Day: Church Office Closed and No Daily Bread Meal Share
Tuesday:	10:00 am: Bible Study
	5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main
	7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday	: 10:00 am: Comforters
•	6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
	7:00-8:00 pm: God on Tap at AC
	8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Thursday:	3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
	7:15 pm: Book Club at AC
Friday:	4:00 pm: Set-up for Private Function in Parish Hall
	7:00-8:30 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
Saturday:	8:30-9:30 am: Men's Breakfast
	9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
	5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC
	6:00-11:00 pm: Private Function in Parish Hall
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Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Jim and Sue Gustafson

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)
Ruth Blank: Schofield Residence 3333 Elmwood Avenue, Room 121, Kenmore, NY 14217
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 at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Road, #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

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 pantry hours for November are: Saturday 11/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; Thursday 11/14 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Wednesday 11/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Tiger's Den will <u>NOT</u> be open on Thursday, 11/28 which is Thanksgiving. Donations for November: flour, sugar, and cooking oil.

Adult Forum: The Adult Forum continues Sunday mornings at the Eggertsville Campus from 9:00-9:45 am. David Gettman is conducting a study of "The Cost of Leadership" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran theologian who was murdered by Adolf Hitler. Study guides are provided.

Amherst Campus Book Club: The last meeting of the Book Club for 2024 will be held on Thursday, November 14 from 7:15-8:15 pm. The November book selection is "Why Religion" by Elaine Pagels. For more information, contact Karin at karinej42@gmail.com.



Angel Tree Information Coming Soon







+ 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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