Thanksgiving for the Church Year



St. Paul's Lutheran Church November 23: Amherst Campus—5:00 pm November 24: Eggertsville Campus—10:00 am

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Campus and Eggertsville Campus Thanksgiving for the Church Year November 23-24, 2024

The Festival of Christ the King

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Musician: Adam Schmidt (AC) Musician: Paul Storfer (SPEC)



Welcome

Opening Invocation

- P We begin our worship as we are called to begin each day of our life, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Hymn Introduction by the Choir (SPEC)

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns, LBW #170

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

<u>ADVENT</u>

Thanksgiving for Advent and Christmas: PS

A Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW 257

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

<u>CHRISTMAS</u>

A Reading from Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn: What Child is This? LBW 40

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

Children's Time

<u>EPIPHANY</u>

Thanksgiving for Epiphany, Lent, and Holy Week

A Reading from Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Hymn: Arise Your Light Has Come, WOV 652

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

LENT, HOLY WEEK & THE THREE DAYS

A Reading from Mark 11: 1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

A Reading from John 13:1-5, 12-14

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Hymn: What Wonderous Love, LBW 385 (Verse 2 on the following page)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,When I was sinking down, sinking down,When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

A Reading from Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This, LBW 385

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

EASTER-THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Thanksgiving for Easter

A Reading from Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, LBW 151

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

<u>PENTECOST</u>

Thanksgiving for Pentecost

A Reading from Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Hymn: Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading, WOV 687

1. Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 2. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*
- 3. Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name. Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*



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

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

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

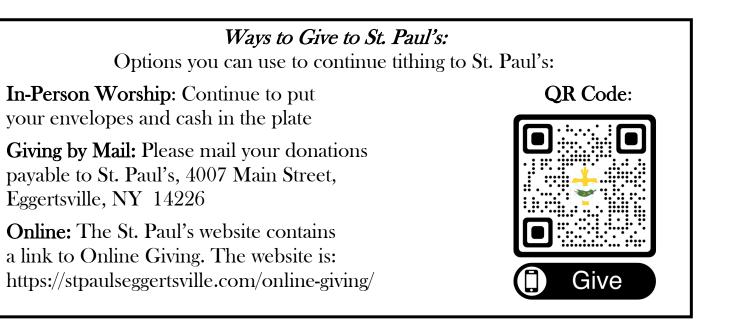
C receive our prayer.

A Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before now either silently or aloud. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A 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.

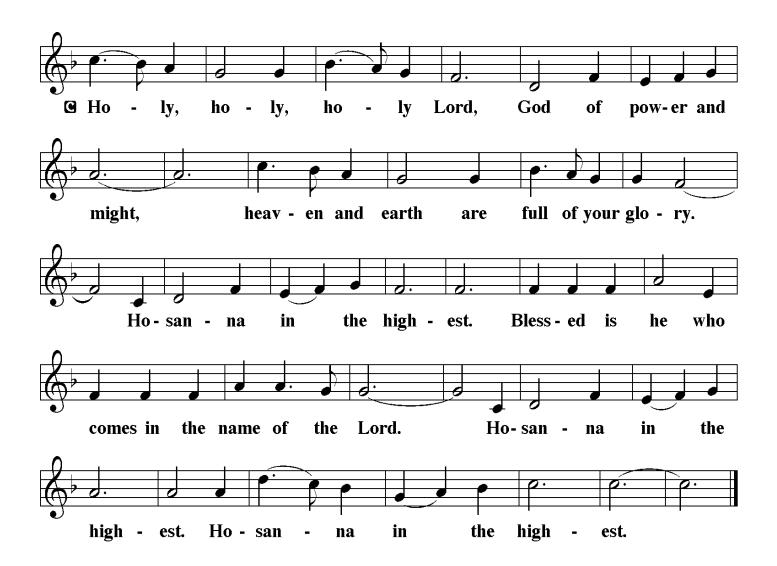


Offering Music and Prayer

- 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:



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 Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: LBW 170 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Closing Hymn: LBW 170, Verses 3, 4, 6



- 5 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 6 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 24-December 1, 2024

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

Sunday:	 9:00-9:45 am: No Adult Forum Today: Instead will be attending the Bonhoeffer movie at the Galleria at 2:30 pm 9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at Amherst Campus (AC) 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV 10:00 am: Funeral Service for Sharon Arbogast at AC 10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School 11:00 am-1:00 pm: Family Advent Adventure 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 (NA)
	7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday: 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open	
	6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
	8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Thursday:	Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed
Friday:	5:00 pm: Set-up For Private Function on Saturday
	7:00-8:30 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
Saturday:	9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
	5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC
	6:00 pm: Private Function in Parish Hall
Sunday:	9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum: Will discuss the Bonhoeffer movie
	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, and Sunday School
	11:30 am-1:00 pm: Confirmation Class at Parkside
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Deacons: 11/24: John Schunak; 12/1: Martin Troutman *Ushers:* 11/24: Richard Riddoch & Todd Vahue; 12/1: Gerri Horton & Helen Gibson

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Charles Herschlag; Kathy Greenawalt; Gloria Chaves (Betty Aprile's sister); Jim and Sue Gustafson; Sue Epstein; Rosemond Johnson Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week) Ruth Blank: Scofield Residence, 3333 Elmwood Avenue, #121, Buffalo, NY 14217 Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D110, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086 John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031 Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004 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.

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 November are: 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: There will be no Adult Forum on Sunday, 11/24. Instead they will be going to see the Bonhoeffer movie at the Galleria Mall at 2:30 pm. The Adult Forum on 12/1 will be a discussion of the Bonhoeffer movie.



Angel Tree 2024

Once again we're partnering with the Amherst Middle school social workers to provide assistance for families who need a little extra help this time of year. You may select a tag and purchase the item and return it by Dec. 15th. Attach the tag and place the gifts, UNWRAPPED, under the tree. The parents enjoy wrapping the presents. There will be a box for gift cards under the tree. If you don't like to shop, "angels" will do the shopping for you.

Any questions, Cheryl 341-507



RSVP to the office or kristen@stpaulseggertsville.com



Adult Retreat at LCLC Anchored in God's Love Fri. Jan 24 – Sun. Jan 26



Through small group discussions, worship together and cocktail hour, explore what it means to be anchored in God's love with other St. Paul missionaries and friends. Enjoy some time away for respite & renewal. This retreat is designed for adults and led by Barb Walters. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the sheet in the Church Vestibule.

Family Retreat

Family Retreat at LCLC Light to the World! Fri. Jan 10 – Sun. Jan 12

Time for your family to connect and play together as well as some time planned separately for kids and adults. We'll explore how to harness your family's unique gifts.

Retreat is designed toward families with children and led by Kristen Arends.



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