25th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus 25th Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024



Temple Talk

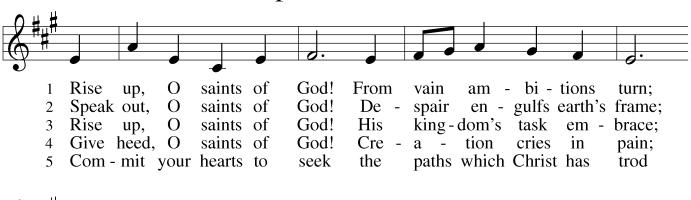
Musician: Paul Storfer

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.

Opening Hymn: LBW 383

Rise Up, O Saints of God!





Christ rose tri - um-phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn. heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim. jus - tice larg - er dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain. quick-ened by the Spir-it's pow'r, rise O saints of and up, God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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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.

Children's Time

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)

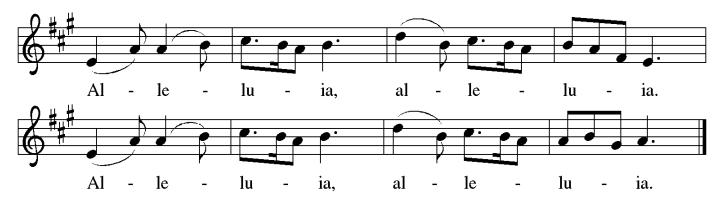
- A Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- A Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts 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 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 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."

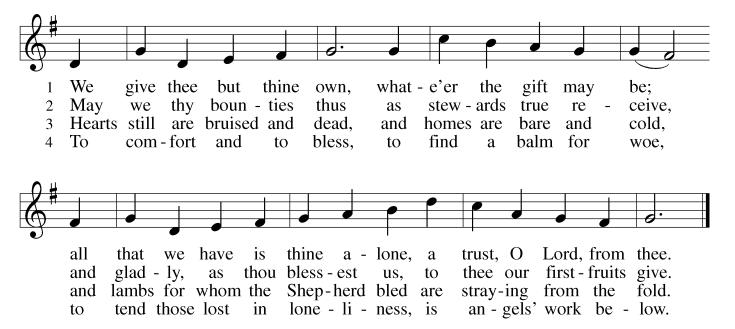
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Hymn of the Day: LBW 410

We Give Thee but Thine Own



- 5 The captive to release, the lost to God to bring, to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christlike thing.
- 6 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850



Presentation

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:

Response: We present William Edward Houck for Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

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

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

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Tamara and Steven, do you promise to nurture William in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of his 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 William and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C We do.

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.
 - 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.
- A 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.
- A 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.
- A 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.
- A 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.

- A 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.
- 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.



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.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the 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 William who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin by this cleansing water and bring him 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.
 - 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 William, 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 William: 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 William, 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 William 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, the Bible tells me so.)

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/

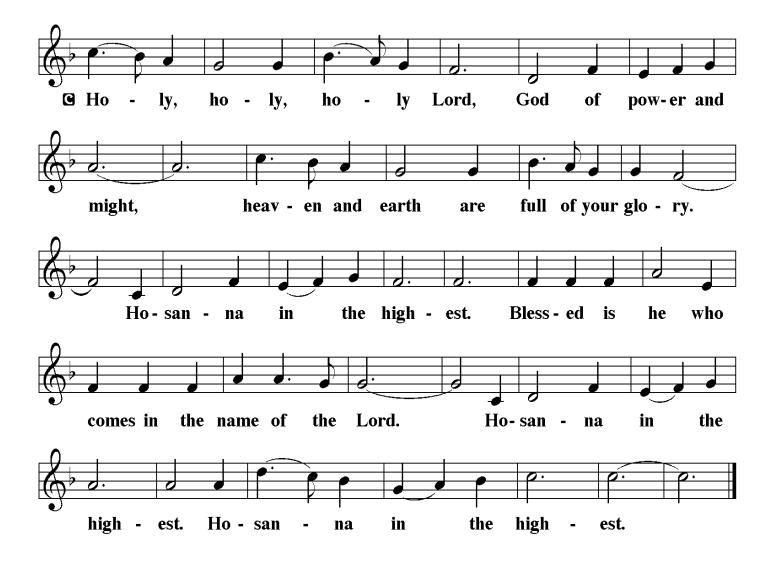


Offering Music and Prayer

- 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:
- 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

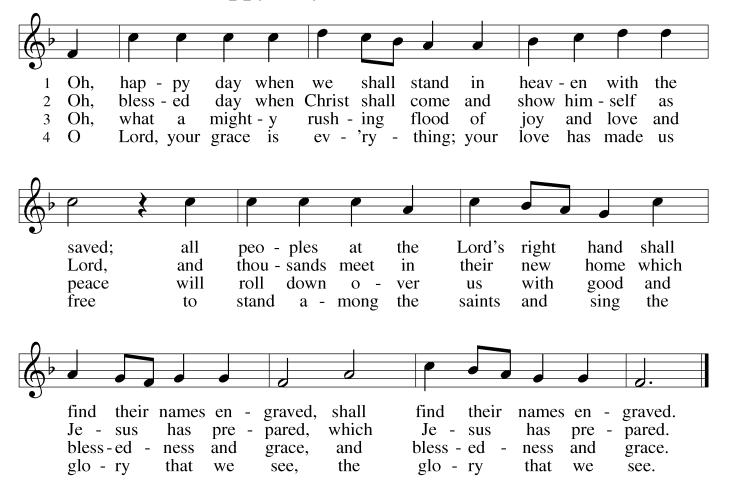
- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

Closing Hymn: LBW 351 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



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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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Altar Flowers: are given in honor of William Edward Houck's Baptism by Cindie Siefert

Deacons: 11/10: Barbara Walter; 11/17: Nancy Bartels-Holiman

Ushers: 11/10: Mike & Michele Degen; 11/17: Ben Brown & Jeff Mols

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: 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 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 NOT 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.



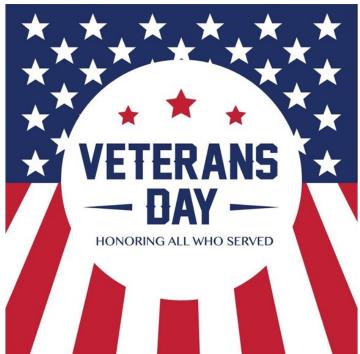
Angel Tree Information Coming Soon

Family Adventure!

Sunday, November 24th
11am - 1pm

Wondering how to talk about faith at home with your children? Want to be purposeful through the month of December on the true meaning of Christmas? You're invited to stay after worship for an Adventure! We'll eat lunch, do some crafts, and give hands on demonstrations on how to lead devotions and prayers at home. Every family will receive their own Advent Adventure Box to keep the fun and faith going at home! \$10 per family. Register through the office or Kristen Arends. kristen@stpaulseggertsville.com.







+ 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: Sundays at 10:00 am Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm