# Second Saturday after Epiphany



January 18, 2025 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus



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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Campus Second Saturday after Epiphany January 18, 2025

### Musician: Adam Schmidt

#### Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
- C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.
- P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.
- C Amen.



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

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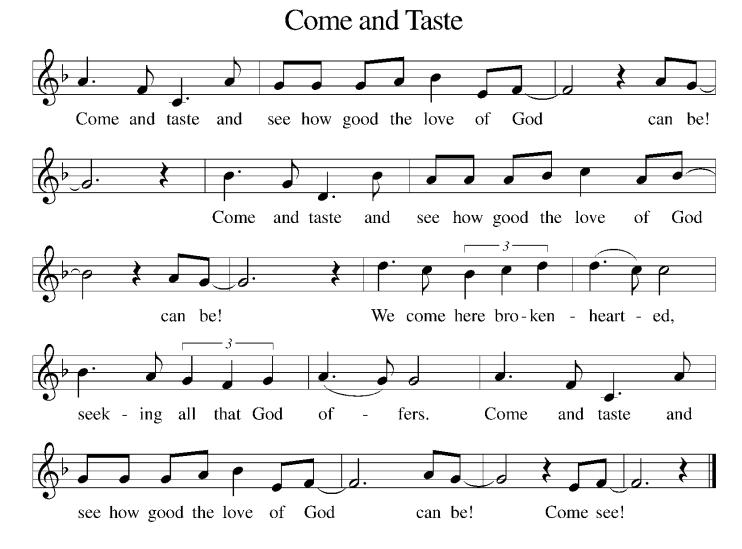
#### Apostolic Greeting

- 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 Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

#### Praise Hymn: W&P 30



#### First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to

another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

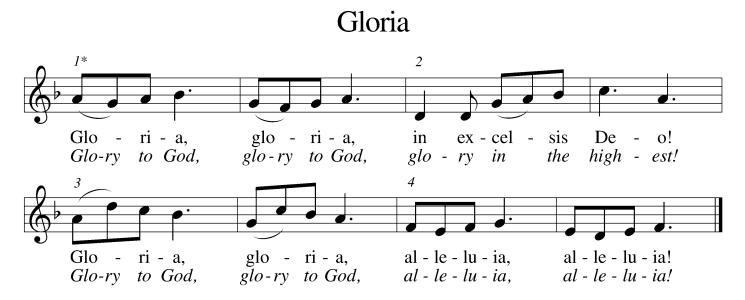
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 36:5-10 (read responsively)

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

- A Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- C Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
- A How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- C They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- A For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- C Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: WOV 640



- P The Holy Gospel according to John the Second Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon



Sermon Hymn: LBW 90 (on the following page)

# Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



# 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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (Please be seated.)

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings.
   Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

P Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

P God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

- P Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

- P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C Amen.





*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 God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer here and in our planned giving to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

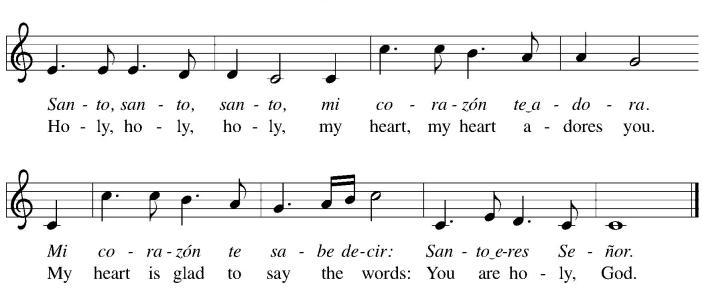
P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 62



Holy, Holy, Holy Santo, santo, santo

Text: Argentine traditional Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional <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 us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.

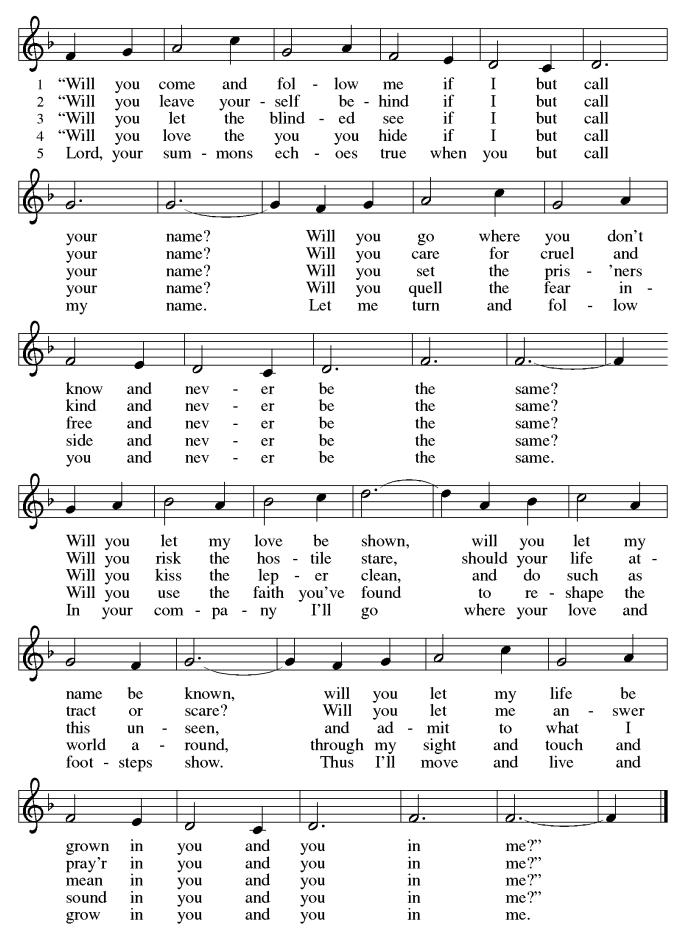
# Prayer After Communion

- P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
- 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

### Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons





We All Are One in Mission

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#### Sharing the Peace and Sending

- Р Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- С Thanks be to God.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: January 12-19, 2025

\*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, and Sunday School
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
Monday:	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday: Church Office Closed
	4:15-5:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
	5:30-9:00 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC
Tuesday:	10:00 am: Bible Study
	5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main (NA)
	6:00 pm: Burrito Project
	7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday: 6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group	
	8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Friday:	7:00-8:30 pm: Traveling and Trudging (formerly 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 AC
	5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC
Sunday:	9:00-9:45 am: No Adult Forum Today
	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 and Communion
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Paul Juette.

**Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:** Cindy Milazzo-Schwartz; Brigitte Lowe; Bob O'Brian (Mark O'Brian's brother); Sandy Simet; Diane Millace; Richard Elliott; Aaron Torres (friend of Sandy Hoehn); 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: Heathwood Assisted Living, 815 Hopkins, Room 251, Williamsville, NY 14221
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.

#### **NEWANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Daily Bread Food Truck:** The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway each Monday from 4:15-5:15 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 St. Paul's Amherst Campus, or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for January are: Thursday 1/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 1/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for January are: canned fruit and cereal.

*Funeral for Robert Schumann:* Will be held at St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus on Monday, January 27 at 11:00 am.



# GIVE TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will support people affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles County and any other disasters that may strike this season. For additional information:

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