Fifth Saturday after Epiphany



February 8, 2025 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus



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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Campus Fifth Saturday after Epiphany February 8, 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.
- 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.

Blessed Be the Name *Heri ni jina*



- 1 He ri ni ji na, he ri ni ji na, he ri ni ji na la Ye su. 2 Twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu-ni.
- 1 Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Je-sus' name.
- 2 Let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je-sus in heav'n.



He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. Twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu - ni.

Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Je-sus' name. Let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je-sus in heav'n. Be-lieve!



Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. He - ri ni ji - na la re - su. A - mi - ni! Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. Twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.

Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia. Bless-ed be the name, Je-sus'name. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia. Let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



Al - le - lu-ya, al - le - lu-ya. He - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. Al - le - lu-ya, al - le - lu-ya. Twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu - ni.

Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. Bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.

Text: East African traditional, as taught by Deogratias Mahamba

Music: HERI NI JINA, East African traditional

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Apostolic Greeting

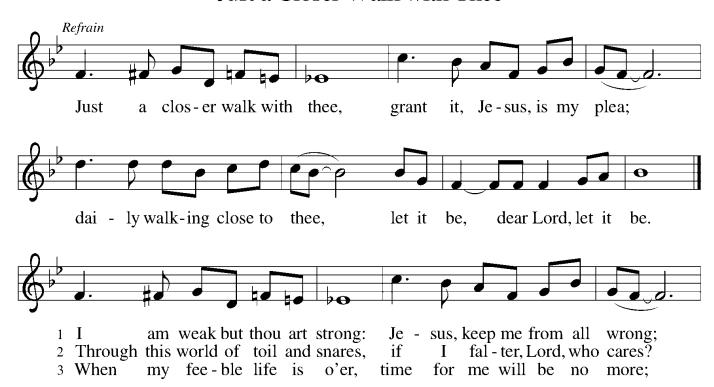
- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Praise Hymn: TFF 253

Just a Closer Walk with Thee





I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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

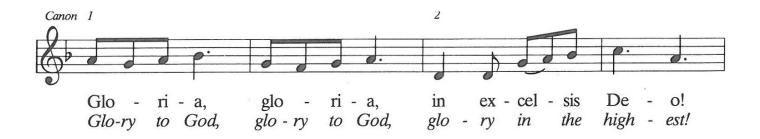
Psalm 138 (read responsively)

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

- A I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- C I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

- A When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- C All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- A They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
- C The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- A Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- C You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: WOV 640: Glory to God





Text: Traditional

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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GLORIA 3 irregular

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

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

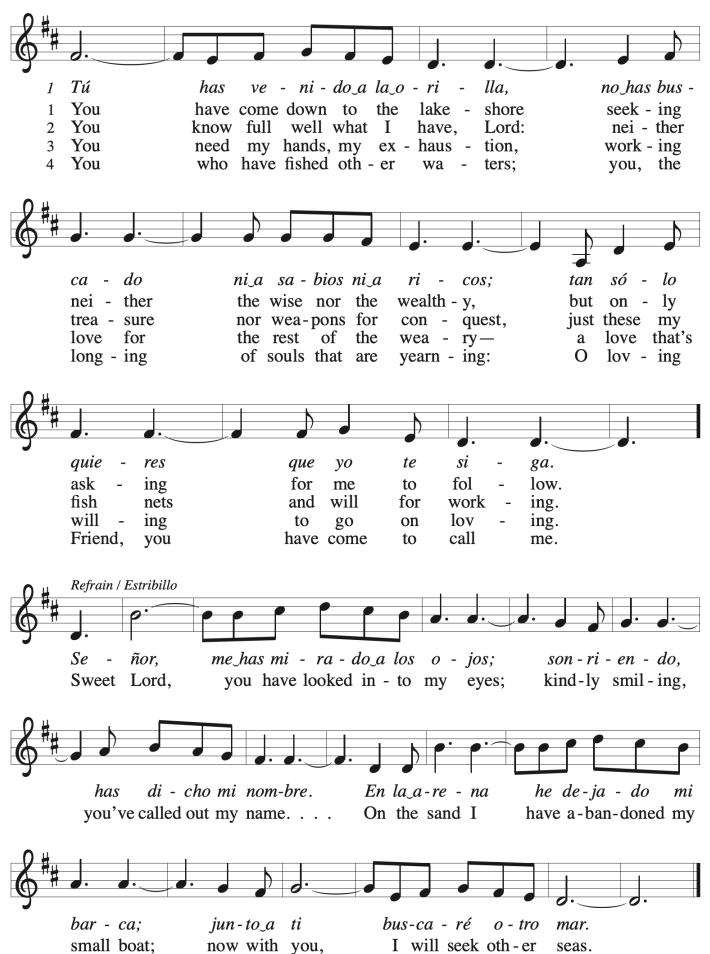
Sermon



Sermon Hymn: WOV 784 (on the following page)

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



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

Prayer's 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.)
 - God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

- P Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. 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.

Offering Hymn: W&P 19: Bless His Holy Name



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.
- 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 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.

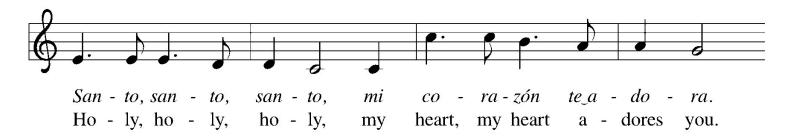
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- 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,



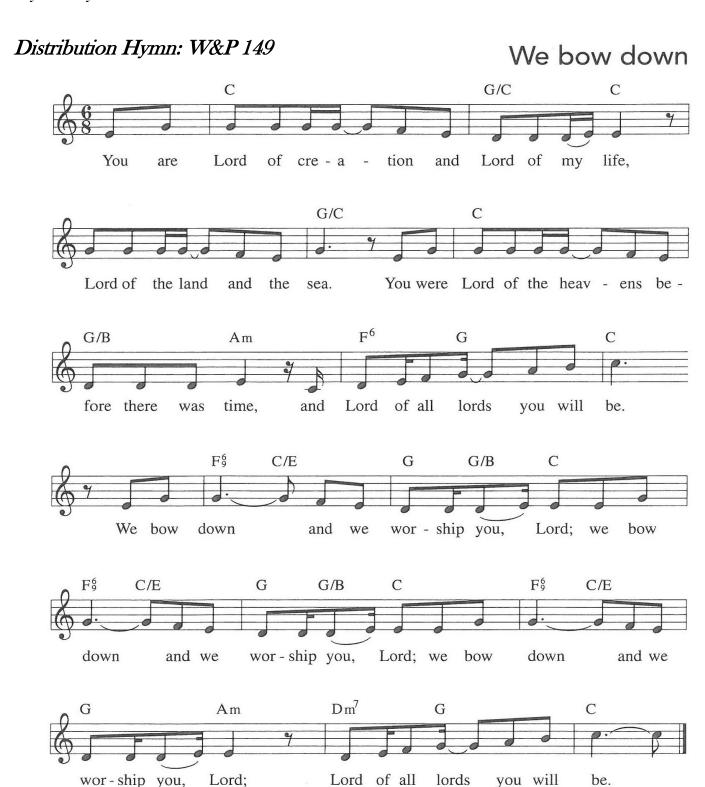


Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

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 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

Closing Hymn: WOV 752 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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

Here I Am, Lord



Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 9-16, 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: 10:00 am-12:30 pm: Way to Go Tours

4:15-5:00 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) 7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting (zoom)

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforters

6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 3-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

7:15: Book Club at AC

Friday: 7:00-8:30 pm: Traveling and Trudging (formerly Emotional Sobriety II)

Saturday: 8:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC

5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC

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We send our condolences and prayers to the family of Catherine Dohn who passed away in December.

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Dawn Matuszak; Cindy Milazzo-Schwartz; Brigitte Lowe; Bob O'Brian (Mark O'Brian's brother); 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

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.

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 February are: Saturday 2/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm, and Thursdays 2/13 and 2/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for February are: pasta and juice (bottles or cartons).

Together We Can Make A Difference

Help Needed for local Refugee Families

Hello,

Attached is a list of items urgently needed for rehousing refugee families who have been living in hotels but need to be rehoused asap. Jewish Family Services is the agency overseeing these families and they need help.

The RIST group at Westminster, who have been very helpful to us with our two families, have "adopted" three of the families/homes and these are the items needed.

People can sign up with their name, phone number and church affiliation so that pick up or drop off can be arranged in the next few days.

This is all happening fast and we do not know exactly how these items will be received yet....

but we'd like to help Westminster with their commitment.

Please use the following link to access the sign-up list and needed items.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KAetc6xYM-htSqk_B8P826nxQsc2l8B-DhZm-mpYYuc/edit?usp=sharing

Please email or call the church office if you have any questions. office@stpaulseggertsville.com (716)-835-0407

Thank you for helping this important mission!



+ 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