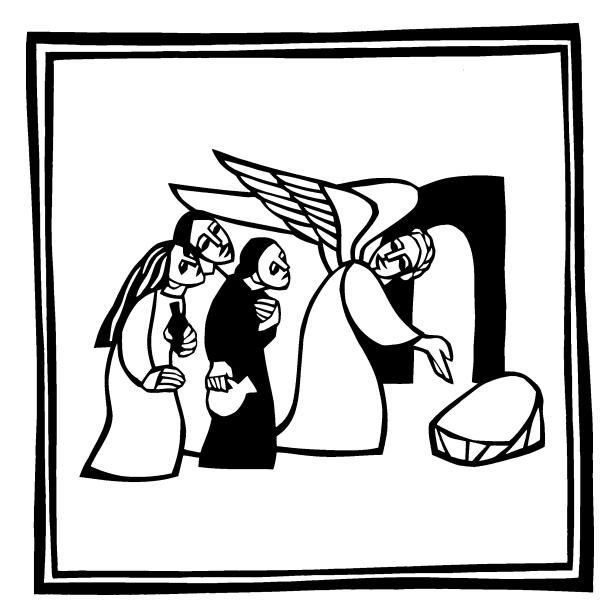
Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord



April 20, 2025 8:00 am and 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus



Are you new to St. Paul's? Do you have a prayer concern? Do you have a question for one of our Pastoral Leaders? Do you have a message for one of St. Paul's Staff? Are you looking for more resources for your spiritual life? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, please scan our QR code to share your needs with us.

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude Music Musician: Paul Storfer

Call to Worship

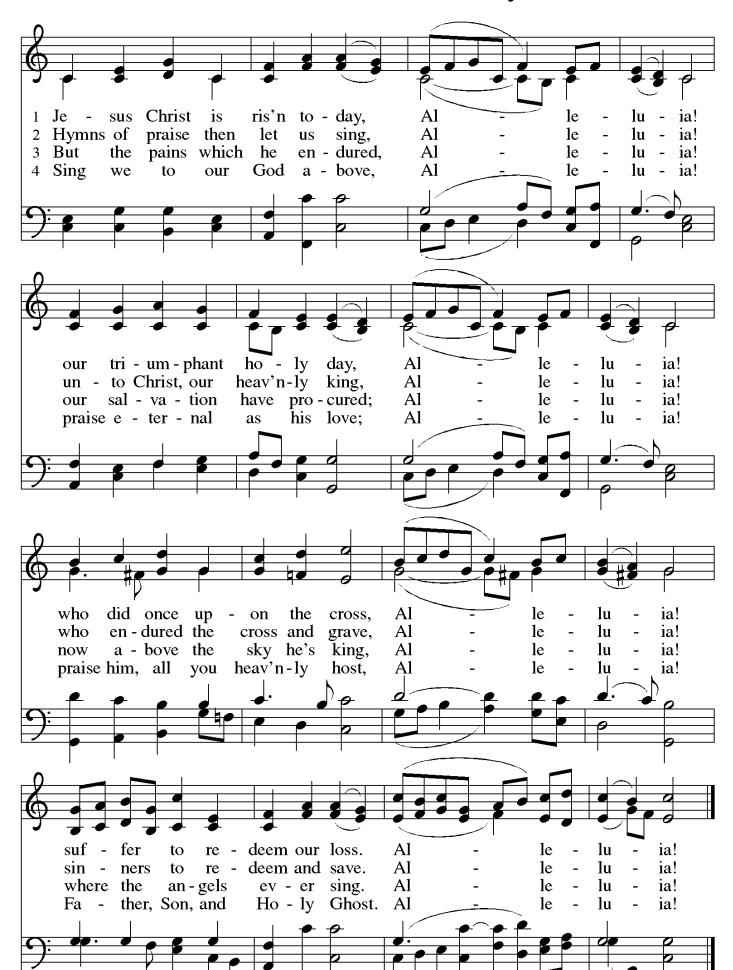
- P This day is not like any other day.
- C Today we slow down. Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.
- P This day is not like any other day.
- C Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be contained.
- P This day is not like any other day.
- C Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know-death does not win.
- P This day is not like any other day because Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace

- P As baptized, loved, and forgiven children of God, the peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

CHORALE INTRODUCTION TO OPENING HYMN: LBW 151

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Confession

- P Family of faith, it is our tradition to have a prayer of confession each week not to harp on ourselves or to drum up guilt, but because we believe God is not done with us yet. So please join me in the prayer of confession, because God is always listening and God's grace is always full to the brim.
- C God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning—to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices. Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here. With hope we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

- P Family of faith, if there is life after death, then you can be certain—there is life after mess. There is life after mistakes. There is life after doubt. There is new life freely given, and that life is for you. You are forgiven, loved, and claimed. May we live full to the brim in response.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise







Prayer of the Day

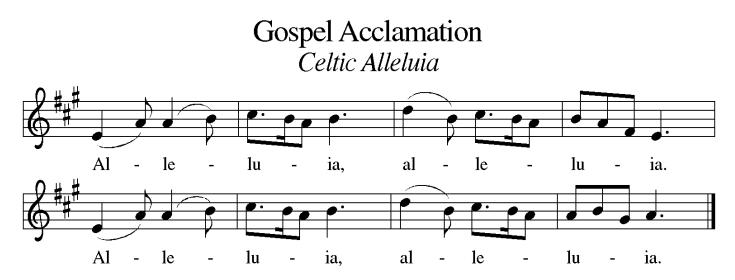
- P Holy God, we so often long for more. We want more than the hamster wheel life of to-do lists and errands, meal prep and alarm clocks. We want more than comparison and competition. We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity. We want more than fear that leads to violence. We want a life that is teeming with alleluias. We want a life overcrowded with hope. We want a life congested with good news. We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness. We want a life bursting with laughter. We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away. So today we pray—break the dam. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly. Speak to us as only you can. It's what we long for. We long for you. Gratefully we pray,
- C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

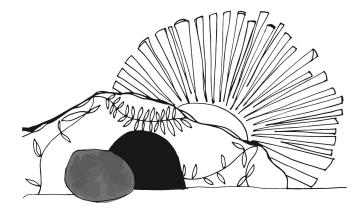
Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Sermon



Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds θ Now all of heav'n re - sounds 1 the vault in praise of love that 2 Ε there - fore ter - nal is the gift he brings. our heart with _ fill us, Lord, with daunt-less heart and will 3 Oh. love: set on dor - ing prais - es bring with the heav'n-ly 4 Α _ now we and θ still "Christ has tri - umphed! He ing!" a - bounds: liv is tri - umphed! He rap - ture sings: "Christ has is liv ing!" con - quer through your things a - bove that we tri - umph; tri - umphed! Al - le lu bless - ed sing: "Christ has ia!" θ choirs of Sing, an - gels, loud clear! Re peat their song and comes to life Now still he give us and by his pres grace suf - fi - cient for life's that lives grant day by our Be the Fa - ther, and Spir - it blest, to our Lord, to θ of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He liv - ing! ence is tru - ly Christ has tri - umphed! He liv - ing! we say: is end - ing! most ho - ly God. all the glo - ry, nev - er Θ Al - le lu al - le lu ia. - lu ia! ia. al - le -

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Apostles' Creed

- A Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

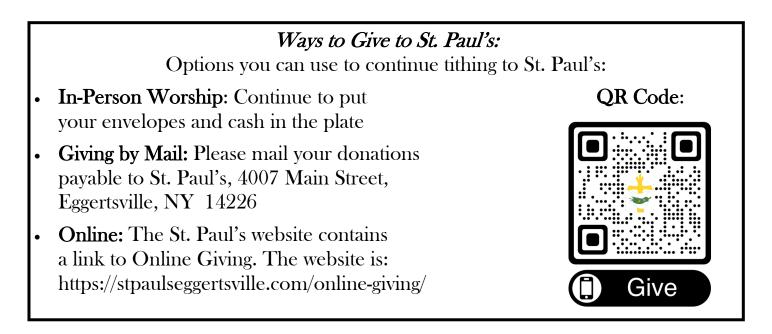
C hear our prayer.

- A Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, 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.

- A Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C Amen.

Offering Music and Prayer



- P Let us pray.
- C Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring before you now and in our planned giving. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen

Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

- P Jesus has always been one to invite. He said, "Drop your nets and follow me." He said, "Let the little children come." He said, "Stand up from your mat, you are healed." Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed. So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each and every one of us with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions—we are invited to God's table.
- C And here we will be met. Here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.
- P So come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come. You are invited. This Table is for you.
- C God who knows us, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up. We wish that we could be more like you in that way.
- P In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking. In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling. In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating. We long for these things. And you gave that to us in this meal. We celebrate that on the night that Jesus was handed over, he took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "This is my body, given for you; Do this in remembrance of me."

And again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for them 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 in remembrance of me."

God, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here.



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 us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

- P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- P As you leave this place, may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious. May you overflow with love for those around you. May you be focused on hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing, and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your life. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

Closing Hymn: LBW 145 (on the following page)

Sending

- P Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Go in peace. Serve our risen Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.



Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759 Easter Flowers Were Given:





In Memory Of

| Phil Blank | by | Marly Blank |
|----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| Mary Elizabeth Stewart | by | Martha Shields |
| Thomas J. Shields | by | Martha Shields |
| Bob Lenz & Louise Lenz | by | William & Diane Bulleigh |
| Clophos Bulleigh | by | William & Diane Bulleigh |
| Jeanette Bulleigh | by | Williams & Diane Bulleigh |
| Bob Bulleigh | by | Williams & Diane Bulleigh |
| Norm & Eva & Carlson | by | Sonja Fernsted & Paul Rokitka |
| Richard Elliott | by | Danielle Crowley |
| Thomas Crowley | by | Danielle Crowley |
| Mildred Newman | by | Diane Millace |
| A Lost Friend | by | Diane Millace |
| Ruth Merrill | by | Thomas & Mary Merrill |
| Rita Zimmer | by | Thomas & Mary Merrill |
| Our Loved Ones | by | Jim & Marsha Glose |
| Jack Miller | by | Susan Miller |
| Mary Renken | by | Susan Szewczyk |
| Helmuth Renken | by | Susan Szewczyk |
| Ella Renken | by | Susan Szewczyk |
| Courtney Brown | by | Kathryn Brown |
| Begley-Brown Families | by | Kathryn Brown |
| Diane Webb, Helen Woods | by | Lisa Priebe |
| Charles & Sylvia Bartholomew | by | Lisa Priebe |
| Charles & Dorothy Herr | by | Lisa Priebe |
| William and Marjorie Bartholomew | by | Lisa Priebe |
| Loved Ones | by | Karen Schoene |
| Art Toale | by | Toale & Dombrowski Families |
| John Pilato, Sr. | by | Betty Pilato |
| My Wife Marilyn | by | Ira Striejewske |
| Bud Schumann | by | Gail & Evan Singer |
| Jim Singer | by | Gail & Evan Singer |
| Bill & Dolores Skinner | by | Gail & Evan Singer |

Easter Flowers Were Given:

In Memory Of

| Our Loved Ones | by | Margene & Ed Weiss |
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| Of Loved Ones | by | Karen & Bob Brown |
| Jennifer Glassman | by | Sue & Jim Gustafson |
| All Our Loved Ones | by | Sharon & Wesley Ries |
| Friends and Family | by | The Walter Family |

In Honor Of

| Ruth Blank | by | Marly Blank |
|--------------------------------|----|----------------------|
| Joan Keptner | by | Diane Millace |
| Emily, Mya & Sabrina | by | Mom/Aunt Beck |
| Jesus | by | Greg & Sandy Spoth |
| Our Beautiful Grandchildren | by | Greg & Sandy Spoth |
| Jennifer, Sarah, Rosie & Kai | by | Adrienne Leary |
| Our Children and Grandchildren | by | Karen & Bob Brown |
| My Son David | by | Ira Striejewske |
| Debbie, Don & Michele | by | Ira Striejewske |
| Sue & Jim Gustafson | by | Sue & Jim Gustafson |
| My Family, Where Love Blooms | by | Heidi Ginal |
| All Our Loved Ones | by | Sharon & Wesley Ries |
| Friends and Family | by | The Walter Family |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 20-27, 2025

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

| Saturday: | Easter Vigil | | |
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| | 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC | | |
| | 5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC | | |
| Sunday: | Easter | | |
| | 8:00 am: Worship and Communion (St. Paul's livestream) | | |
| | *Easter egg hunt following worship | | |
| | 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 (St. Paul's livestream) | | |
| | *Easter egg hunt following worship. | | |
| | 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC | | |
| Monday: | 4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share | | |
| | 5:30-9:30 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 | | |
| Wednesday: | 6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group | | |
| | 8:00 pm: AA Meeting | | |
| Thursday: | No events scheduled today | | |
| Friday: | 7:00-8:30 pm: Traveling and Trudging Meeting | | |
| Saturday: | 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC | | |
| | 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open | | |
| | 5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC | | |
| 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 | | |
| | 10:00 am: Welcome New Missionaries | | |
| | 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC | | |

Deacons: 4/20: 8:00 am Barbara Walter, 10:00 am John Schunak; 4/27: Sara Gallagher *Ushers:* 4/20: Karen & Bob Brown, Michele & Mike Degen; 4/27: Mimi & Scott Fierle

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Julia Jarvis (Andrea Jarvis' daughter); Michelle Uro-Ramos (Dave Hornung's daughter); Bob O'Brian (Mark O'Brian's brother); Aaron Torres (friend of Sandy Hoehn); Gloria Chaves (Betty Aprile's sister); Sue Epstein 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
Joan Maefs: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #136, East Amherst, NY 14051
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
Charles Scofield: Beechwood, 2235 Millersport Highway, #706, Getzville, NY 14068
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 4:15-5:15 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 remaining hours for April are: Saturday 4/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. April donations: soup (other than chicken noodle or tomato) and fruit juice.



+ 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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St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus 4007 Main Street Eggertsville, NY 14226 Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am

St. Paul's Amherst Campus 5125 Main Street Williamsville, NY 14221 Worship Service: Saturdays at 5:00 pm