# Holy Trinity

# First Saturday after Pentecost



June 14, 2025 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Campus Holy Trinity First Saturday after Pentecost June 14, 2025

Musician: Adam Schmidt.



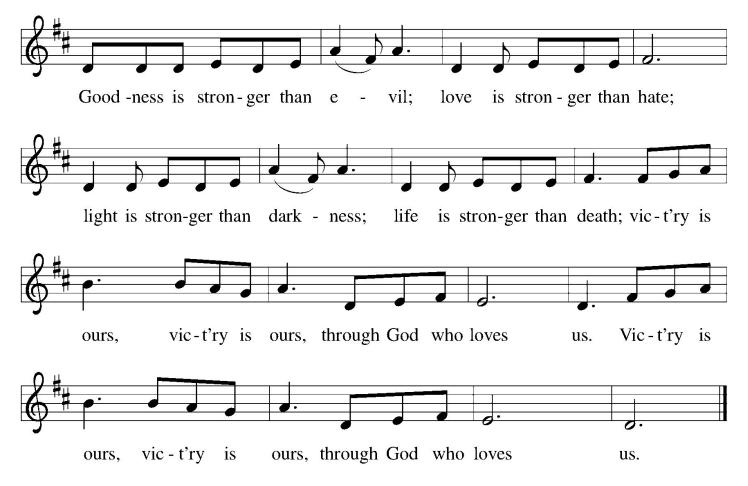
Welcome to St. Paul's!



#### Confession and Forgiveness

- In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.
- Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God, P
- you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own  $\mathbf{C}$ way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life in you. Amen.
- P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

# Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



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## Apostolic Greeting

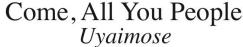
- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

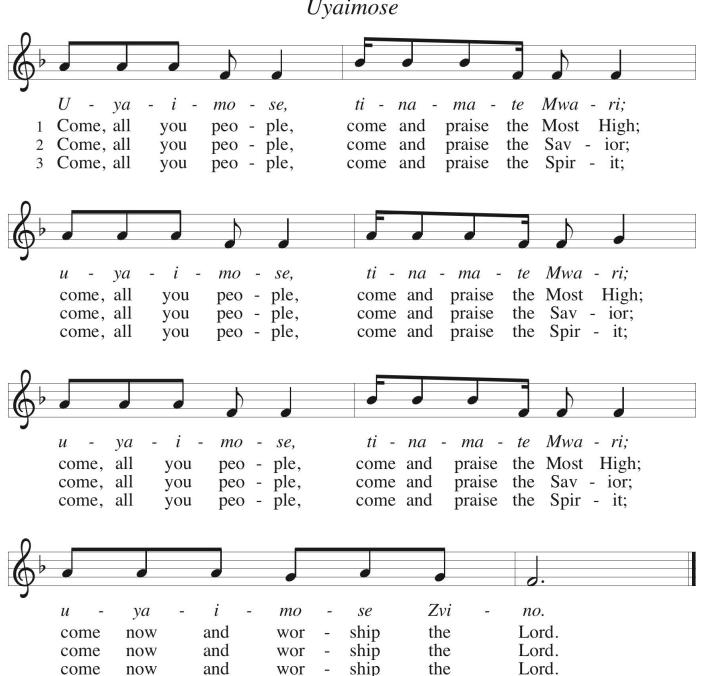
#### Prayer of the Day

P Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three -in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen

#### Praise Hymn: WOV 717





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#### First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

#### Psalm 8 (read responsively)

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

- A O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- C you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- A When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- A Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- C You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- A all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

- C the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- A O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Hymn: TFF 26

# Alleluia



Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana Arr. © Gobingca Mxadana

- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 16th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

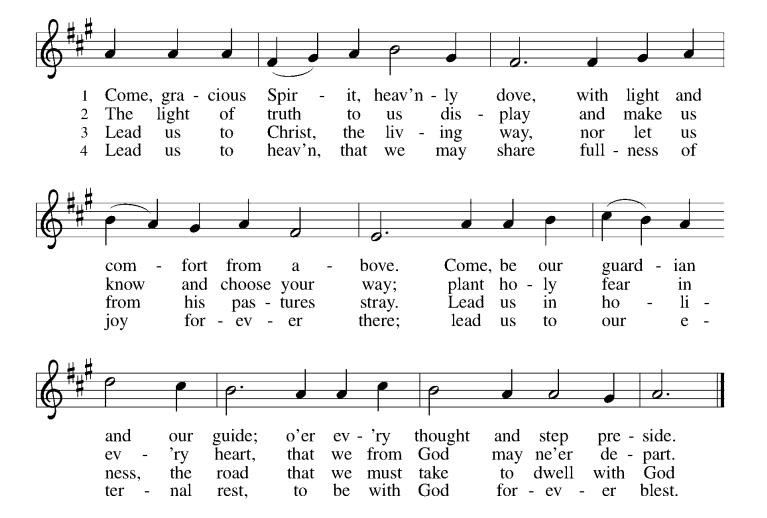
[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

#### Sermon

Sermon Hymn: ELW 404

# Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove



Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINES, German folk tune, 15th cent.

#### 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 Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. (Please be seated.)

  Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. We pray especially for 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 Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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/

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# Offering Prayer

- P Let us pray.
- C Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor. May the gifts we offer here and in our planned giving be used for the good of 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 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

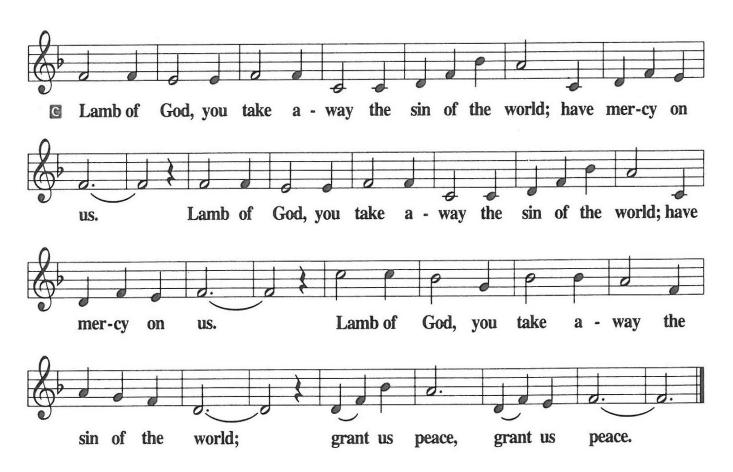
- P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
  - Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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

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 Hymn: WOV Page 39



#### Distribution Hymn: LBW 203

#### Now We Join in Celebration



- Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu-nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil-dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence, of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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#### 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 Fathering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- 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 535 (on the following page)

#### Dismissal

- P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C Thanks be to God.



# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 15-22, 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 and Communion

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

7:00 pm: Waiting in Hope

**Tuesday:** 12:00 pm: 200th Anniversary Committee Meeting

4:30-6:30 pm: Dare to Repair

5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)

6:00 pm: Burrito Project

Wednesday: 12:00 pm-1:00 pm: New Beginnings for Single Ladies

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

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: Juneteenth: Church Office Closed

3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

Friday: 7:00-8:30 pm: Traveling and Trudging Meeting Saturday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC

5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC

5:45 pm: Listening Meeting following 5:00 pm Worship Service at AC

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10:00 am: Worship and Communion

11:00 am: Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:00 am Worship Service

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of David Lampe. A Memorial Service for Mr. Lampe will be held at St. Paul's at a later date.

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Sylvia McLaughlin; Julia Jarvis (Andrea Jarvis' daughter); Michelle Uro-Ramos (Dave Hornung's daughter); Bob O'Brian (Mark O'Brian's brother); Gloria Chaves (Betty Aprile's sister); Sue Epstein

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D127, 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

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

Ira Striejewske: 48 Cornell Avenue, Eggertsville, NY

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 remaining pantry hours for June are: Thursday 6/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 6/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for June: cereal and granola bars.



The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place following the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, June 22, 2025. If you are a St. Paul's member, your vote counts, so please plan on joining your fellow missionaries at the annual meeting. In addition to voting for Council members, the following Motions will be voted on:

Motion 1: Resolved, that St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church sell the Amherst Campus property, in recognition of increasing administrative and financial burdens, in order to focus and strengthen our ministry presence and mission in the Eggertsville community.

Motion 2: Resolved, that the net proceeds from the sale of the Amherst Campus be designated for the expansion of the Eggertsville Campus, specifically for the construction of a coffee house and gathering area to support the Daily Bread food ministry and enhance our capacity for community outreach and relationshipbuilding.

Why on earth would we ever celebrate Christmas only ONCE a year? The good news that God has become incarnate (tangibly shown up!) in our world is too good to only celebrate mid-winter.

So, let's do it again in July!

And with Christmas at St. Paul's comes our Angel Tree, where so many of you pick up gift tags to help bless so many families in need.

You help them see God showing up!

This summer, we'll do it again with locker ladders and food gift cards.

The social work staff at the Amherst Family Support Center have started to raise donations of locker ladders for Amherst students with significant financial barriers who may have special needs and/or struggle organizing their schedule and needed class supplies. When students are unorganized, take the wrong books from their lockers or are delayed to class, their learning is impacted negatively.

Locker ladders have historically helped students to better organize their supplies and books and set them up for success in school. You can take a gift tag for one of these lockers and purchase locally

or buy on the Amazon link-<u>https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001977S8U?ref=fed\_asin\_title&th=1</u> to have delivered straight to St. Paul's. You can also grab a gift card for \$25 for Tops to help out Tiger's Den families.

Either way, bring them all back or have them delivered by July 6<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate Christmas in July.

And as always, thanks for continuing to show our local families in need that God continues to show up!









St. Paul's is starting a women's ministry for Single Ladies: widows, divorcée, or never married.

Our purpose is 3-fold:

**Social** - luncheons, plays, day trips, games

Support - do you need a car ride, a Mr. Fix-it

Spiritual - Seasons change, perhaps this is not how you expected your life right now. You are welcome.

Please join us for lunch and a discussion on how you would like this group to proceed.

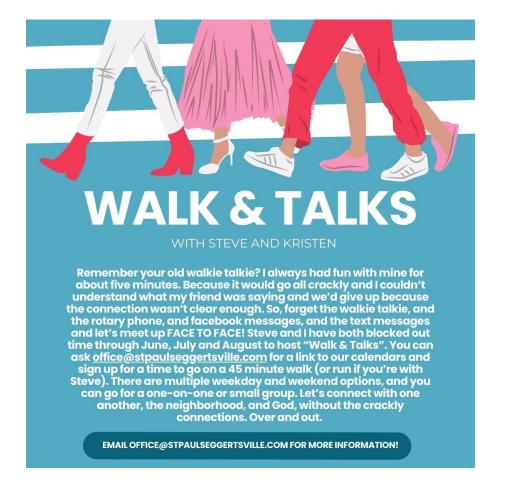
#### Wednesday, June 18th at 12:00 noon

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 4007 Main St. Eggertsville, NY 14226

Email: Joan Keptner

Call: Heidi Ginal







# + 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.

#### St. Paul's Congregation Council

President: Robert Simpson Vice-President: Tim Johnson Treasurer: William Niblock Secretary: Scott Vahue

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