

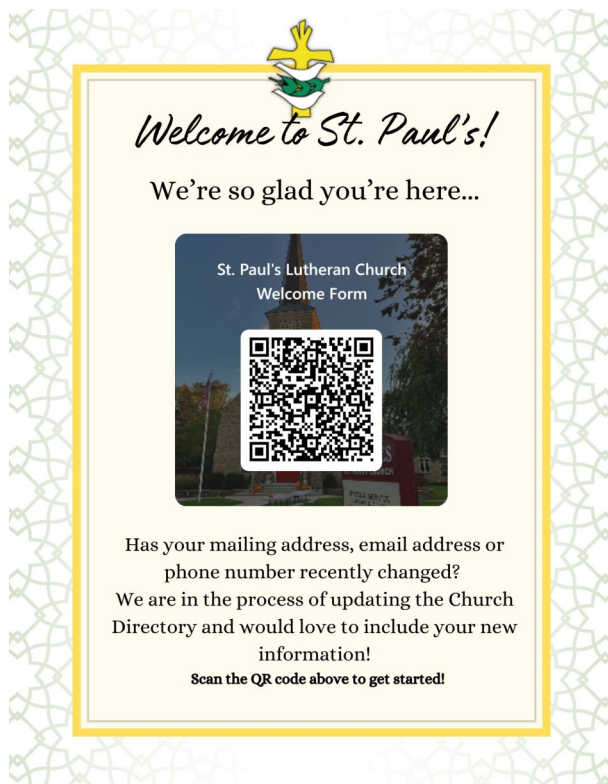
*Second Saturday
after Pentecost*



*June 21, 2025
5:00 pm
St. Paul's Amherst Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst Campus
Second Saturday after Pentecost
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Musician: Adam Schmidt



Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own 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.

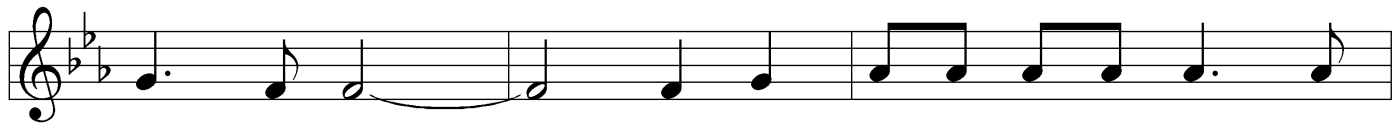
P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

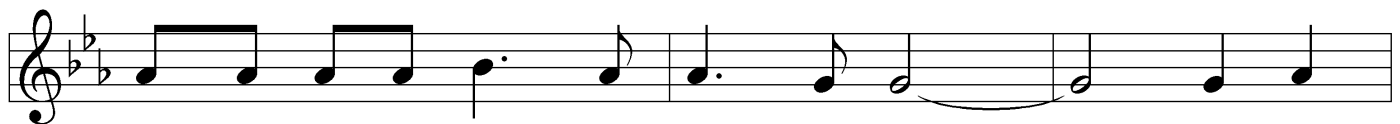
We Have Come into This House



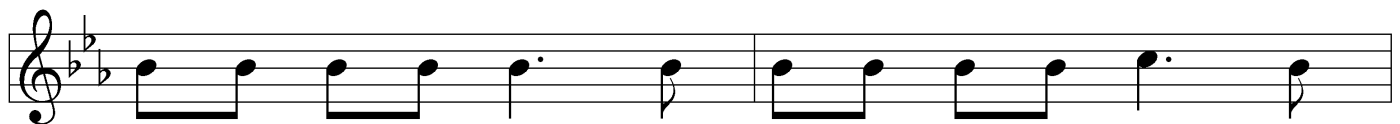
1 We have come in - to this house and gath - ered in his name to
2 So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on him and
3 Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy his name and



wor - ship him. We have come in - to this house and
wor - ship him. So for - get a - bout your - self and
wor - ship him. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and



gath - ered in his name to wor - ship him. We have
con - cen - trate on him and wor - ship him. So for -
mag - ni - fy his name and wor - ship him. Let us



come in - to this house and gath - ered in his name to
get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on him and
lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy his name and



wor - ship Christ, the Lord; wor - ship him, Christ the Lord.

Text: Bruce Ballinger. b. 1945

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 O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: W&P 77

Jesus, name above all names

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: D, F#m7, Em7, A, D, F#m7, Em7, A7, D (with a fermata), and G/A A.

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,

Em - man - u - el, God is with us,

bles - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

Text and music: Naida Hearn

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First Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

A But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

C Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

A Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

C I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

A You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

A From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

A All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Spirit of the living God

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Sermon

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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.)

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from

discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. 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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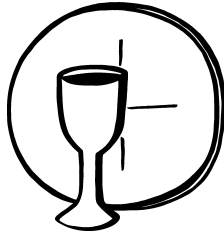
Offering Hymn: WOV Page 35

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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, 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.

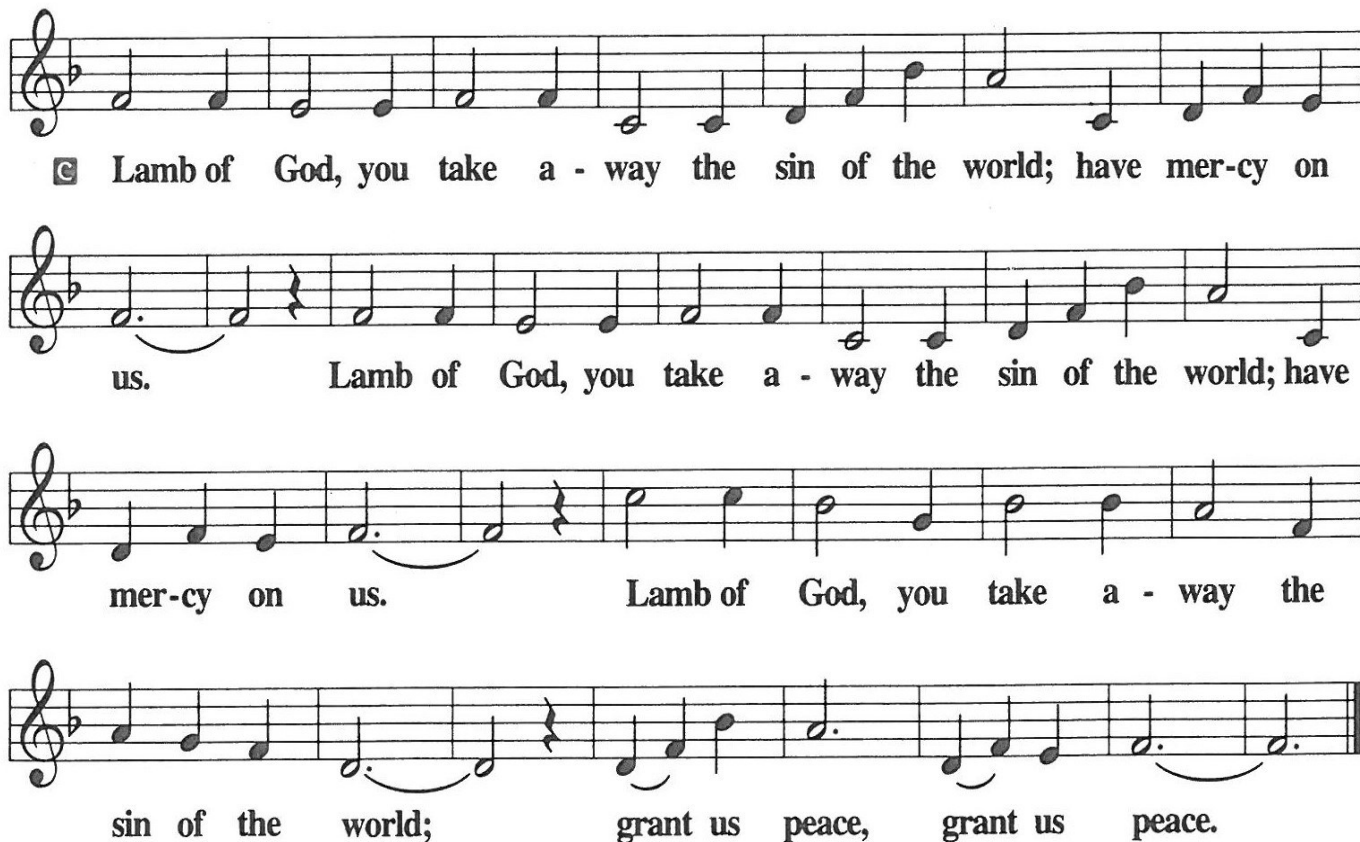
Lord's Prayer

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

***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



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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 Mothering 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: ELW 798 (on the following page)

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: June 22-29, 2025

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

- Sunday:** 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
11:00 am: Annual Congregational Meeting following 10:00 am Worship Service
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
7:00-8:30 pm: Waiting in Hope
- Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
- Wednesday:** 6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** No Planned Events
- Friday:** 7:00-8:30 pm: Traveling and Trudging Meeting
- Saturday:** 9:00-12:30 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
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Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Kate Kopasz and Lynda Lotempio (Phyllis Campbell's nieces); 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 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 relationship-building.



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-https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001977S8U?ref=fed_asin_title&th=1 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 6th 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 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: Saturdays at 5:00 pm