# All Saints Weekend



November 1, 2025 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Campus All Saints Weekend November 1, 2025

Musician: Adam Schmidt





# Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be God, the Holy Trinity + the giver of all good, the source of all joy. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- God of all, You have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance. We confess that we have not responded to your call to be open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for grace toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls, that we may freely give and receive. Amen.
- P Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, + you are forgiven. Your hearts are unlocked; your grasping is unbound. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace.
- C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: WOV 690

# Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

# 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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen



# First Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

# Psalm 149 (read responsively)

Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

- A Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- C Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- A Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- C For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.
- A Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- C Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

- A to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- C to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
- A to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: TFF 26





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

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- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

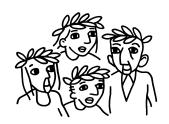
# Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

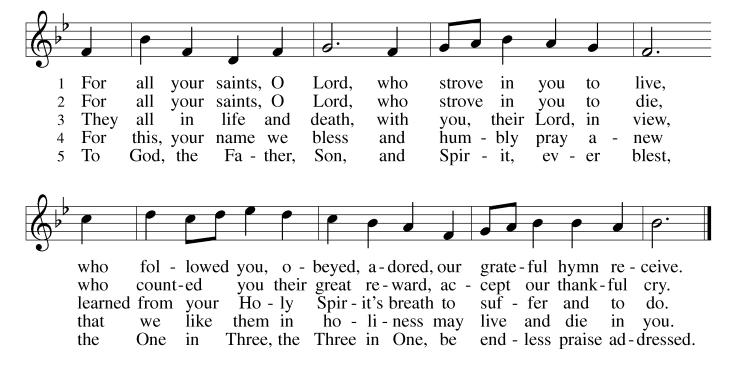
Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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



# For All Your Saints, O Lord



Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

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

# 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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (Please be seated.)
  - God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed, especially those we have lost this past year: Marilyn Quance, Paul Juette, Arthur Toale, Carl & Ethel Beck, Phyllis Wright, Edwina Stubbs, Bernice Smith, Louise Braxton, Rose Saxon, Robert Schumann, Sandra Simet, Richard Elliott, Brigitte Lowe, Ruth Blank, Robert Crocker, Catharine Dohn, Robin Walker, Mickayla Haynes, and Dave Lampe. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# Ways to Give to St. Paul's:

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/



Offering Hymn and Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: WOV Page 35 (on the following page)

- P Let us pray.
- God of life, you have blessed us with every good gift. Through our offerings today and in our planned giving, open us to share all that we have been given and to love the world in Jesus' name. 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:
- 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



# Distribution Hymn: W&P 22

# Bring forth the kingdom



# Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

# Prayer After Communion

- P Abundant God, You have nourished us with life, love, and grace. Fill us to the brim with your care, that we may go into the world with open arms and open hearts to share your peace with the world.
- C Amen.

# Benediction

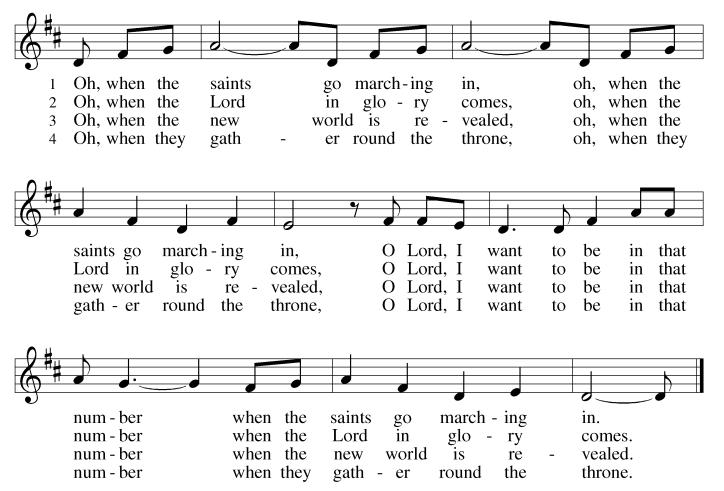
- P And now as you go on your way, may our Lord Jesus go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

Closing Hymn: TFF 180 (on the following page)

# **Dismissal**

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

# Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings, oh, when they crown him King of kings, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him King of kings.
- 6 And on that hallelujah day,and on that hallelujah day,O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 2-9, 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, Sunday School, and Baptisms of

Gracie and Ellie Spoth

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:** 5:30 am-9:00 pm: Voting Location

10:00 am: **NO** Bible Study Today

5:00-6:30 pm: <u>NO</u> We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)

7:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale

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

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

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

Friday: No Events Planned

**Saturday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC 5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC 6:30-8:30 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Concert

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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Eileen Knauth; Tammy Thomas; David Wieczorek; Joyce Chace; Elaine Masman; Lavon Amos; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; David Schunak; Kate Kopasz and Lynda LoTempio (Phyllis Campbell's nieces); Sylvia McLaughlin; 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: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #228, Williamsville, NY 14221

Ira Striejewske: 48 Cornell Avenue, Eggertsville, NY 14226

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 2025 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 November are: Thursdays 11/6 and 11/20 from 3:00-6:30 pm; Wednesday 11/26 from 3:00-6:00 pm, and Saturdays 11/8 and 11/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for November: flour, sugar, and cooking oil.

The Burrito Project could use your help. They are asking for donations of new winters hats, scarves, and socks. Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin in the church vestibule.



We invite you to pray and to journey with us as we discover the generosity of God and how we respond. What is possible for us to do in response to God's lavish generosity? God's gifts come to particular people, in particular places, in particular times. Because we are made in God's image, we, too, uniquely embody God's steadfast abundance, love, and mercy. We are equipped to be generous where we are. Drawn more deeply into the body of Christ, we are reminded of our belovedness, and we can respond with generosity, love, and service



# On this All Saints Day, we remember those whose cremains were recommitted to Parkside Lutheran Church Columbarium

Elizabeth Geyer

Roy Geyer

Barbara Breutzmann

Ralph Breutzmann

Marjory Maitre

Joseph Maitre

Stephen Dohn

Catharine Dohn

Norbert Dohn

Elizabeth Fischer

Eleanor Simet

Ethel Schmidt

William Schmidt

Adeline Conrad

Herbert Conrad

Grace Jensen

Omar Jensen

Eleanor Molnar

Elizabeth Argus

Donald Argus

Donald Radtke

Glenn Simet

# Time for the 2026 Adult Retreat at LCLC

Our adult retreat weekend at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is on the calendar for January 23rd-25th 2026. Come join us for a faith filled, fun, relaxing weekend as we discover how God "fills us to overflowing" and keeps us warm with His love! The days are complete with with laughs, smiles, fellowship and lots of fun. Mark your calendars and reserve your spot now on the sign up sheet in the back narthex. The weekend fills up quickly! All are welcome.... hope you will think about joining us...bring a friend or two.... the more the merrier! Any questions...chat with Barb Walter (716-574-8527). Hope to see you there!





# + 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

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