

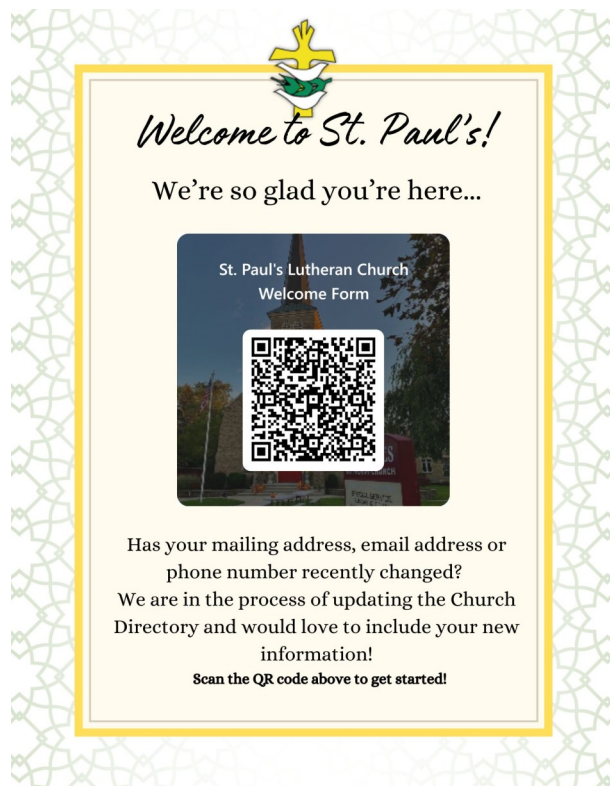
22nd Saturday after Pentecost



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

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Amherst Campus
22nd Saturday after Pentecost
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Musician: Adam Schmidt



Temple Talk: Todd Vahue

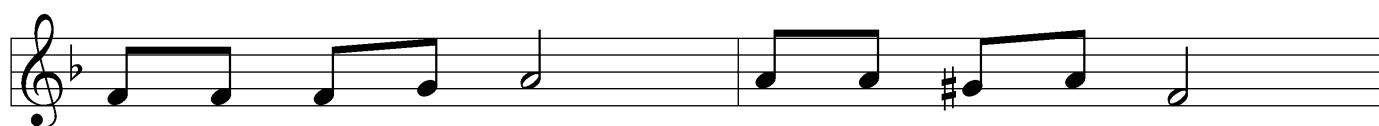
Confession and Forgiveness

- 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.
- C 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.

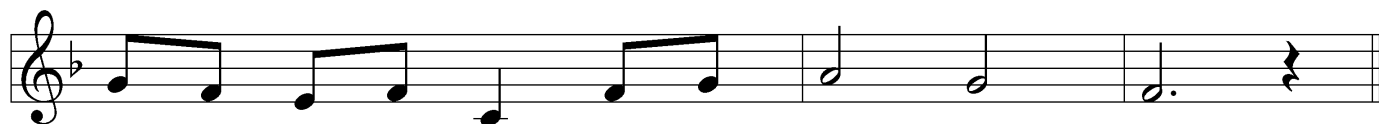
Come and Go with Me to My Father's House *In My Father's House*



1 Come and go with me	to my Fa-ther's house,	to my Fa-ther's house,
2 It's not ve - ry far	to my Fa-ther's house,	to my Fa-ther's house,
3 Je - sus is the way	to my Fa-ther's house,	to my Fa-ther's house,
4 Je - sus is the light	in my Fa-ther's house,	in my Fa-ther's house,



to my Fa - ther's house.	Come and go with me
to my Fa - ther's house.	It's not ve - ry far
to my Fa - ther's house.	Je - sus is the way
in my Fa - ther's house.	Je - sus is the light



to my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!
to my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!
to my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!
in my Fa - ther's house, where there's	joy, joy, joy!

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.

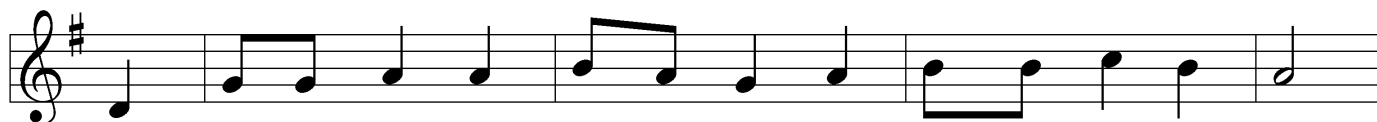
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P God of grace, you seek us when we are lost. Meet us where we are and commit us to a life of generous mercy in you. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

C Amen

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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First Reading Malachi 3:1-12

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, “How shall we return?”

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, “How are we robbing you?” In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-7 (read responsively)

A Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

A While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

A Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

C I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

A Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

C You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana
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P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 19th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said

to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: WOV 699

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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 our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. 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

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.

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/>

QR Code:



P Let us pray.

C 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.

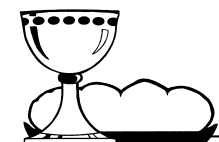
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, 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.

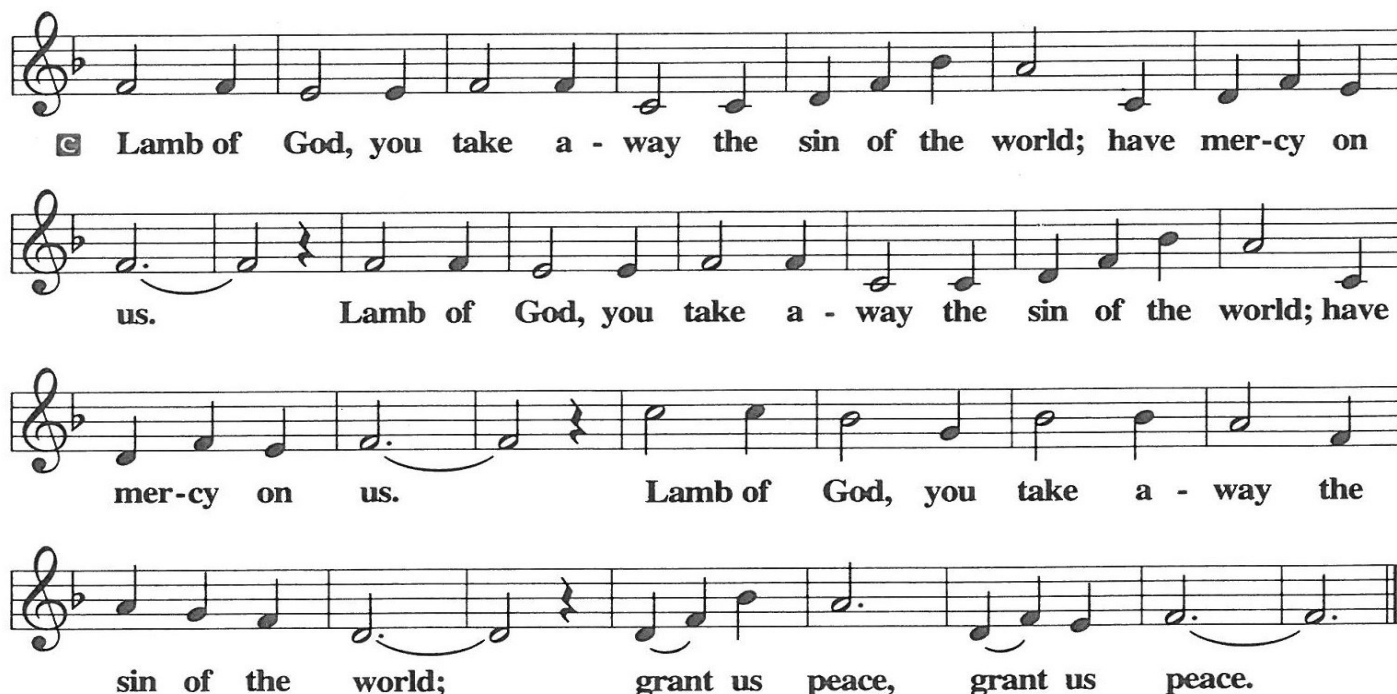
Lord's Prayer

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

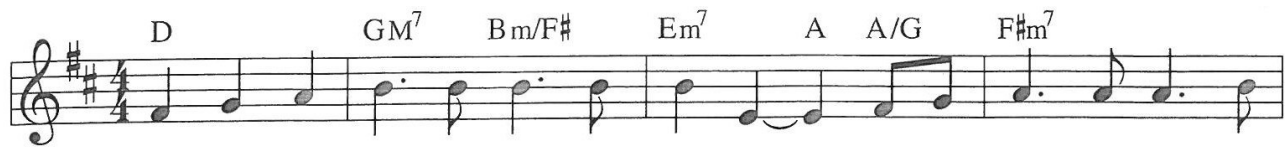
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

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

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

Distribution Hymn: W&P 130

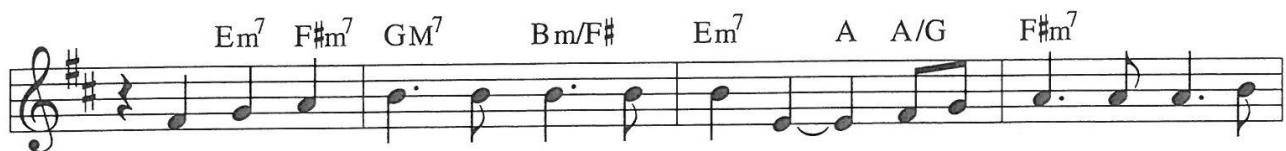
Spirit song



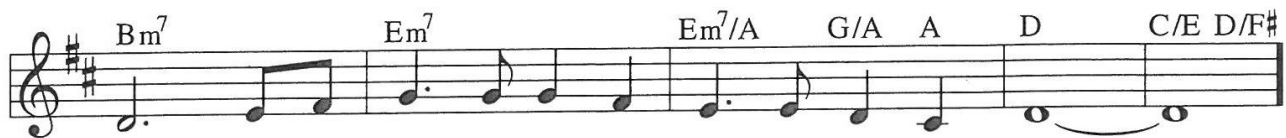
Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his



love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.

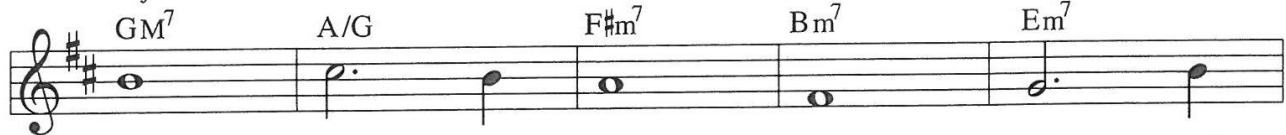


Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a



dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

Refrain



Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and



fill your lambs. Je - sus, O



Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

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: WOV 744 (on the following page)

Dismissal

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Soon and Very Soon



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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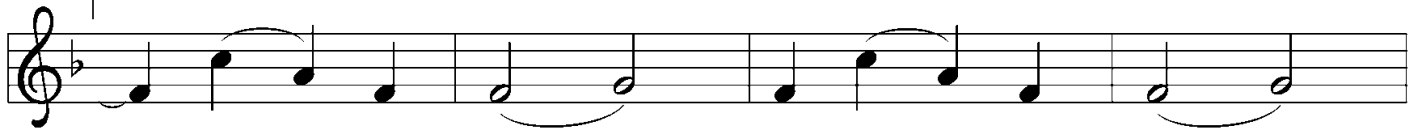


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 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:** 4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
5:30-9:30 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC
- Tuesday:** ***Veterans's Day: Church Office Closed***
10:00 am: Bible Study
5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
7:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale
7:00 pm: Council Meeting
- Wednesday:** 6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 7:15 pm: Book Club at AC
- Friday:** No Events Planned
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm:
9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC
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
10:45 am: New Missionary Orientation Meeting following 10:00 am Service
1:00 pm: Youth Event: Bills Watch Party
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

***Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:** Eileen Knauth; Tammy Thomas; David Wiczorek; 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 remaining pantry hours for November are: Thursday 11/20 from 3:00-6:30 pm; Wednesday 11/26 from 3:00-6:00 pm, and Saturday 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



Angel Tree 2025

Once again we're partnering with the Amherst school social workers to provide assistance for families who need a little extra help this time of year. You may select a tag and purchase the item and return it by Dec 14th. Attach the tag and place the gifts, **UNWRAPPED**, under the tree.

We also need a few rolls of new wrapping paper. The parents enjoy wrapping the presents themselves. There will be a box for gift cards under the tree.

If you don't like to shop, "angels" will do the shopping for you.

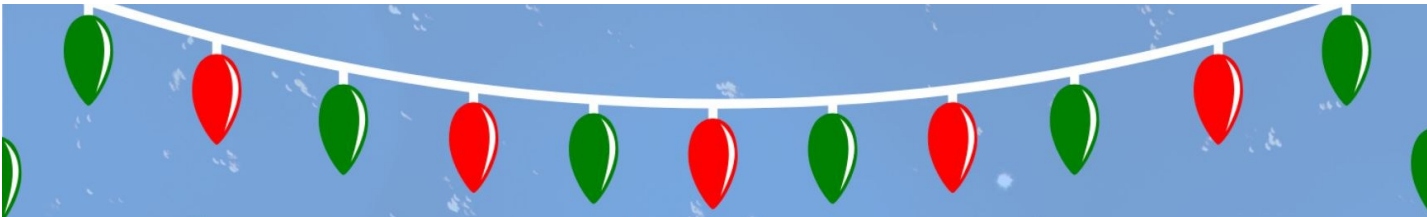
Any questions, Cheryl 716-341-5073

Are you or a friend
thinking about joining
St. Paul's?

Please join us for our next New
Member Orientation:
After 10 am Worship on
Sunday, November 16th.
Please email or call the office to
let us know you're coming!



office@stpaulseggertsville.com
(716)-835-0407



ADVENT

at St. Paul's

2025

**SUN
11/23**

ADVENT POTLUCK & KICK OFF

Bring a dish to pass or just your empty belly and we'll enjoy a meal after worship. All ages are welcome and we will share in an Advent devotion together. Sign up at the welcome center.

ADVENT-IN-A-BOX

These at-home devotional kits designed to help you keep your heart centered on Christ and explore the season of Advent. They can be done with loved ones or individually. Activities, prayers, scripture, and reflections are included. Sign up on by the welcome center or email office@stpauleggertsville.com.

Boxes will be ready by our Advent Kick Off.

**11/30-
12/24**

**11/30
& 12/6**

CHURCH DECORATING

Help decorate our sanctuaries after worship!



*+ 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