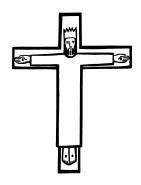
Christ the King Saturday



November 22, 2025 5:00 pm St. Paul's Amherst Campus Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Amherst Campus Christ the King Saturday November 22, 2025

Musician: Adam Schmidt

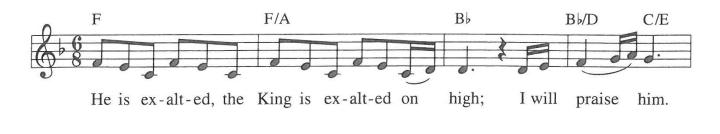


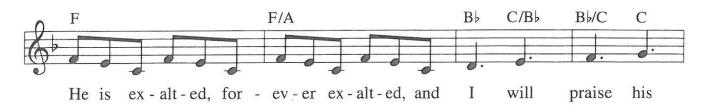


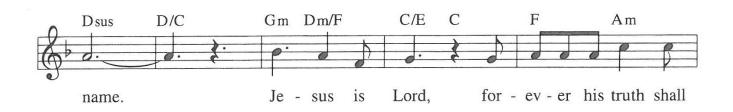
Confession and Forgiveness

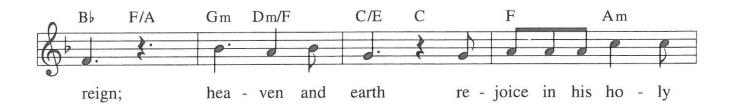
- P Blessed be God, the Holy Trinity + the giver of all good, the source of all joy. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- God of all, You have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance. We confess that we have not responded to your call to be open 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: He is Exalted, W&P 55











Apostolic Greeting

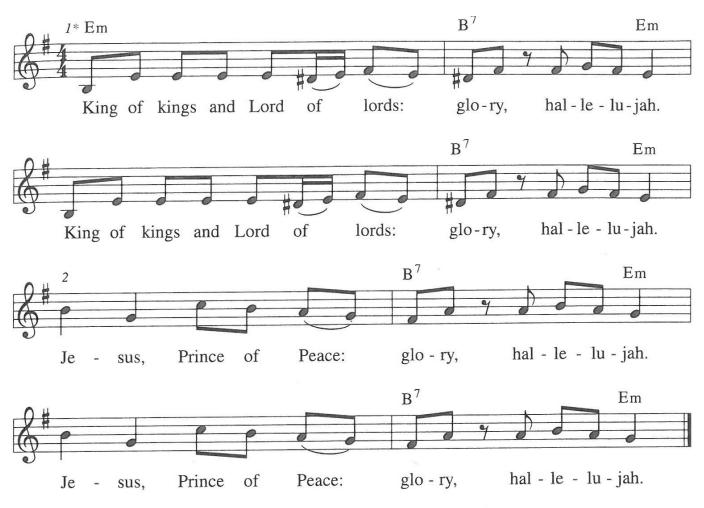
- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Praise Hymn: King of Kings, W&P 80



^{*}may be sung in canon

First Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 (read responsively)

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior. (Lk. 1:69)

- A Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.
- C You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.
- A Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
- C to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.
- A This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- C free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
- A And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
- C to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

- A In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- C to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 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 23rd Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

Sermon



Beautiful Savior



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th 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.

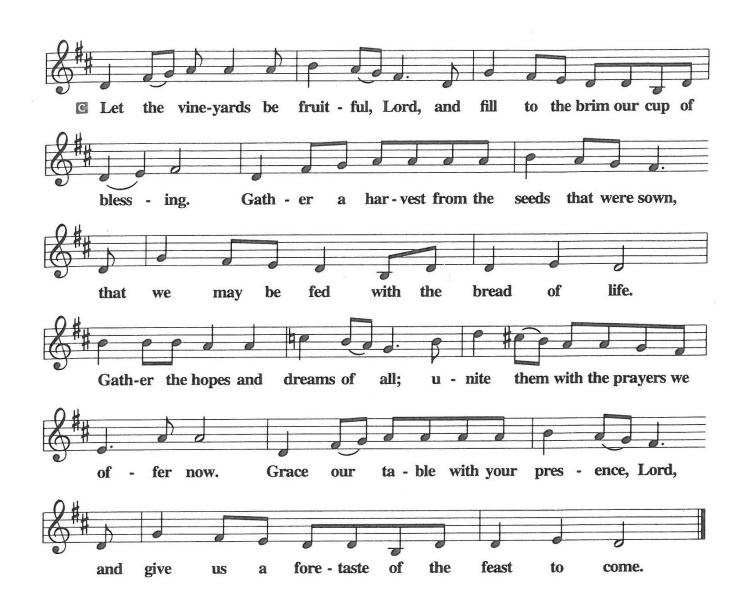
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Church

- P Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (Please be seated.)
 - We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- P We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. 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



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/



- 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 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.

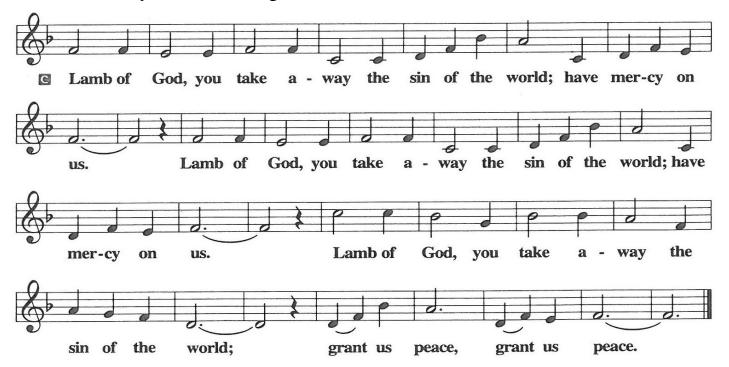
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

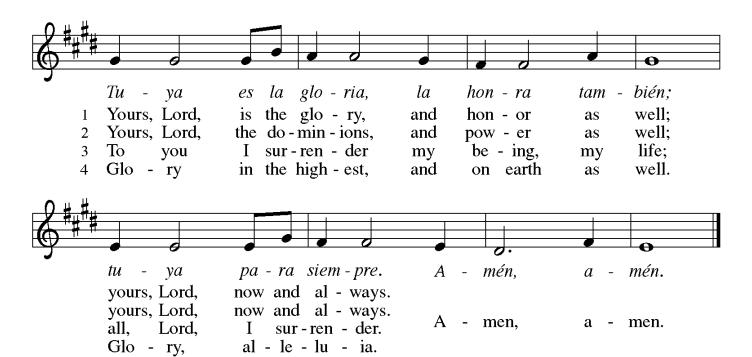
Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the 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: ELW 849

Yours, Lord, Is the Glory



- 2 Tuyos los dominios, los tronos también: tuyos para siempre. Amén, amén.
- 3 A ti yo me rindo, te adoro también, amo absoluto. Amén, amén.
- 4 Gloria en las alturas y en la tierra también; gloria aleluya. Amén, amén.

Text: Traditional; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

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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 God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's 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 170 (on the following page)

Dismissal

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave



an - them drowns all hark, how the heav'n-ly mu - sic but tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn: whose arm those crim-son rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a bove, in beau-ty glo-ri-fied. and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.





and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. root whence mer - cy the but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies SO bright. who died. e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 6 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: November 23-30, 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, Middle School Sunday School, and

New Missionary "Welcome to Worship"

11:00 am: Advent Potluck and Kick-Off following 10:00 am Worship Service

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC

Monday: 4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share

5:30-9:00 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

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

7:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale

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

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

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed

Friday: Church Office Closed

Saturday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC

5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at AC

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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 Baptism

11:00 am: Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas

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 remaining pantry hours for November are: Wednesday 11/26 from 3:00-6:00 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.



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



11/22 & 11/30

CHURCH DECORATING

Decorating will take place after worship on Saturday, Nov 22nd at the Amherst Campus & Sunday, Nov 30th at the Eggertsville Campus.

ADVENT POTLUCK & KICK OFF

Bring a dish to pass or just come hungry!
All ages are welcome as we enjoy a meal
together after worship and kick off the
Advent season with devotions.



11/30-12/24

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.

Annual Poinsettia Dedications

Poinsettias are \$11 per plant

Dedications for Poinsettias will be noted in the Christmas Eveloulletin. Please indicate how you wish the dedication to read on the form below. Please return order form with cash or check payable to St. Paul's by mail or on the offering plate.



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