

*Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



*July 19, 2026  
10:00 am  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church*



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We're glad you're here!

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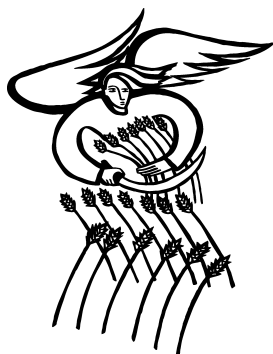


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your needs with us!

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*July 19, 2026*

*Musician: Paul Storfer*



### *Confession*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

## Come, You Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,  
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

### *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** Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### *First Reading: Romans 8:12-25*

*For Paul, true spirituality means we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

### *Psalms 86:11-17 (read responsively)*

**A** Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**C** I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

- A For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.  
C The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.  
A But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.  
C Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.  
A This is the Word of the Lord  
C Thanks be to God.

### *Gospel Acclamation*

#### Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th Chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43***

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

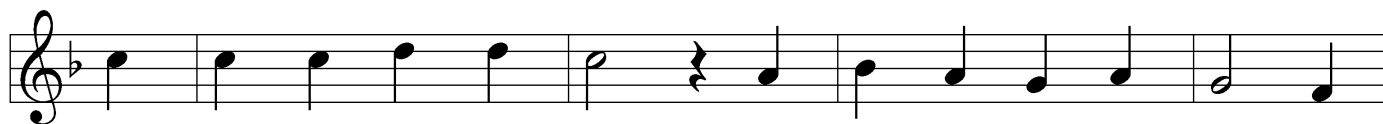
[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

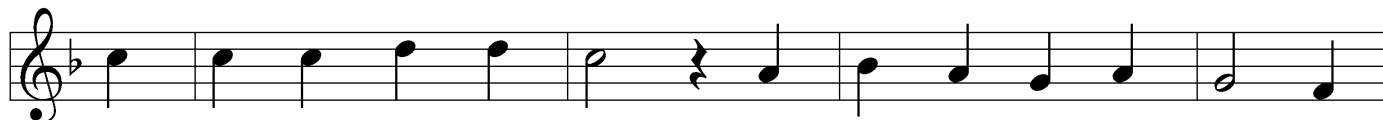
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## Now Thank We All Our God



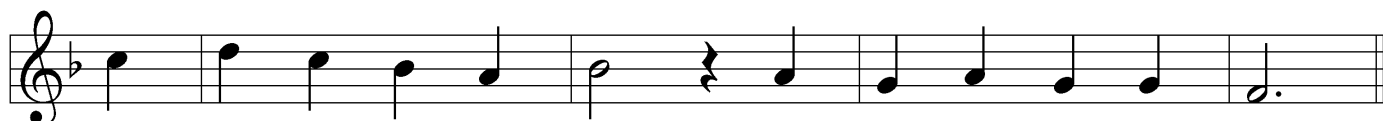
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re-joice-es;  
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav-en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

## *Apostle's Creed*

P Together we say what we believe using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

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*

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (Please be seated.)

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

## *Offering Music and Prayer*

### *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/>

**Last Week's Digital and Service Offerings: \$6,959.94**

**Budgeted Weekly Service Offering: \$7,488.00**

QR Giving Code:



P Let us pray,

C Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered here today and through our online giving. You have set a table before us, nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. 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 sing their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *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

### *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 Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
- C Amen.

### *Benediction*

- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord 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 760 (on the following page)*

### *Sharing the Peace and Sending*

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

## For the Fruit of All Creation



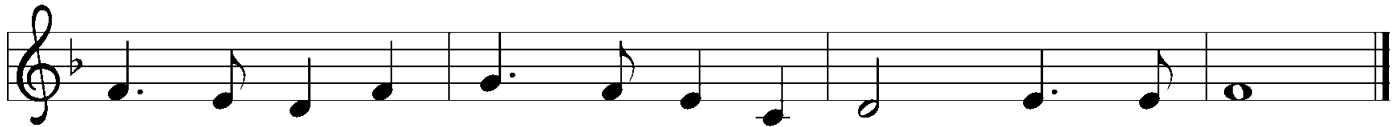
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 19-26, 2026

**Sunday:** 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: Outdoor Worship and Communion followed by Lunch and Gathering  
at St. John Lutheran Pavillion, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221  
11:00 am: Hindu Gathering in the Parish Hall  
**Monday:** No Events Planned  
**Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)  
**Wednesday:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting  
**Thursday:** No Events Planned  
**Friday:** No Events Planned  
**Saturday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
**Sunday:** 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: Worship and Communion

**Deacons:** 7/19: Martin Troutman; 7/26: Sara Gallagher

**Ushers:** 7/19: Lonny Walter & Jerry Keppel; 7/26: Gerri Horton & Helen Gibson

***Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Mark Silsby; Claudia Staines; Maurice Saxton; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; Sue Epstein***

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

Roslyn Bauman: Greenfield Manor, 5953 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Jack Gallagher: Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, #183, Williamsville, NY 14221

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

Sylvia McLaughlin: 44 Sherwin Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Charles Scofield: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #61, Williamsville, NY 14221

David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

## PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

***In-Person Worship:*** St. Paul's has one worship service on Sunday morning at 10:00 am at 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](mailto:Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com)

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** The 2026 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](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, or by referral. The remaining pantry hours for July are: Thursday 7/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturday 7/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for July: spaghetti sauce and pasta.



***Tiger's Den could use your help:*** After several years of tents and carports that could not withstand Buffalo weather, we decided to look for a more permanent solution to cover the outside area we use for the pantry. If you know which end of a hammer is used to hammer a nail or which screwdriver is used on a Phillips head screw or what an Allen wrench is, then we could use your help. Our Arcadia 20' x 9.5' Cedar Wooden Carport kit was delivered last week. Can you help us build it? We expect it will take two days to build, and are looking at the weekend of August 1-2. If you can help us "raise the carport," please contact Adrienne Leary at 716-835-0407 for additional information.



***The Daily Bread Food Truck could use your help:*** They are looking for two people from 3:00-4:00 pm every Monday to help carry food from the Gathering Area and/or kitchen out to the truck parked next to the church. The food will be distributed that afternoon beginning at 4:15 pm, and you are also welcome to stay if you want to help with the "meal share." If you are interested, please call Leslie Boynton at 716-525-2443

# 250 For 250

*Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> by Supporting Our Students!*

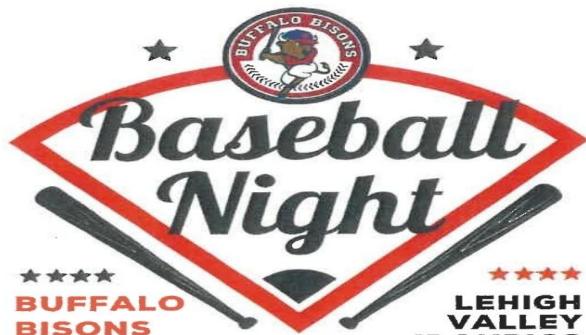
As our nation marks 250 years, we're honoring the milestone with a goal that reflects the spirit of community: Collecting 250 school supply items for Amherst Central School students.

You can purchase any of these items on Amazon (or Amazon gift cards to be used for listed items) and have them sent to the Church, (4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226) OR you can purchase from local stores and leave items in designated bin in Main Entrance hallway.

**Items Requested:**  
 Locker Ladders : amazon link-  
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 Polyester folder with prongs and pockets any color  
 (Needs to have pockets and prongs)

**THANK YOU!**

[1 1/2 inch binders](#)  
[2 inch binders](#)  
[dry erase markers thick](#)  
[dry erase markers thin](#)

@ SAHLEN FIELD

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

**6:35 PM Game Time**

**COST:**

Individual Tickets: \$15

Tickets WITH Discounted Concessions: \$25  
(includes 1 hot dog & small soda)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Tickets will NOT be mailed.

Pick them up on game day from Jessica,  
the Office Administrator,  
after 5 PM to the right of the Swan Street entrance  
to the ballpark  
near the tree grove @ Washington Street.

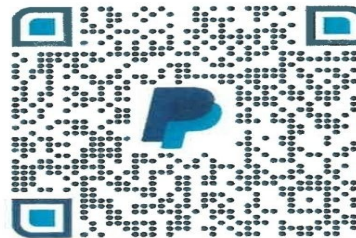
**How to Get Your Tickets...**

Buy **ONLINE** at [www.WNYLutheranCharities.org](http://www.WNYLutheranCharities.org)  
or

Buy with **PayPal** – Use the QR Code

Note the # of Individual Tickets and/or Tickets w/ Concessions  
& Any Seating Preferences (group, who with)

or Mail in a Check with the Form Below.



**\*\* Tickets Must be Purchased Together to be Seated Together \*\***

**Lutheran Charities Bisons Night RSVP: DUE IN the OFFICE by 10 AM, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of individual tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets WITH discounted concessions \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Form with Payment to: Lutheran Charities, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville NY 14221**



*+ 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: Sundays at 10:00 am*