

*Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost*



July 5, 2026

10:00 am

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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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.

Opening Hymn: LBW 567

God of Our Fathers



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt.

Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

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 You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14 (read responsively)

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)

A The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

A All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

A that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

- C Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- A The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day

of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

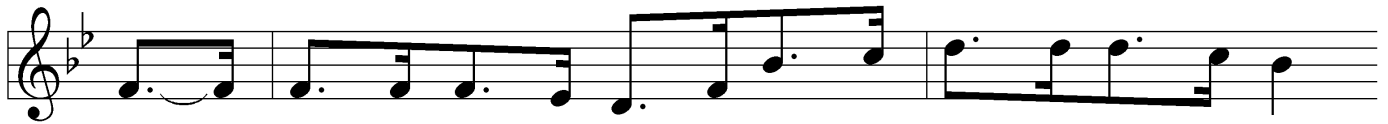
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



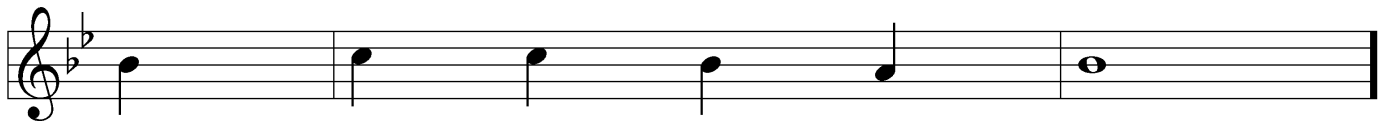
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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 kneel or sit as you are able.)

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need. 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,

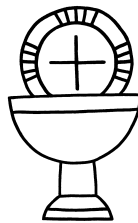
C hear our prayer.

A We remember before you those who have died in every generation and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.



Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

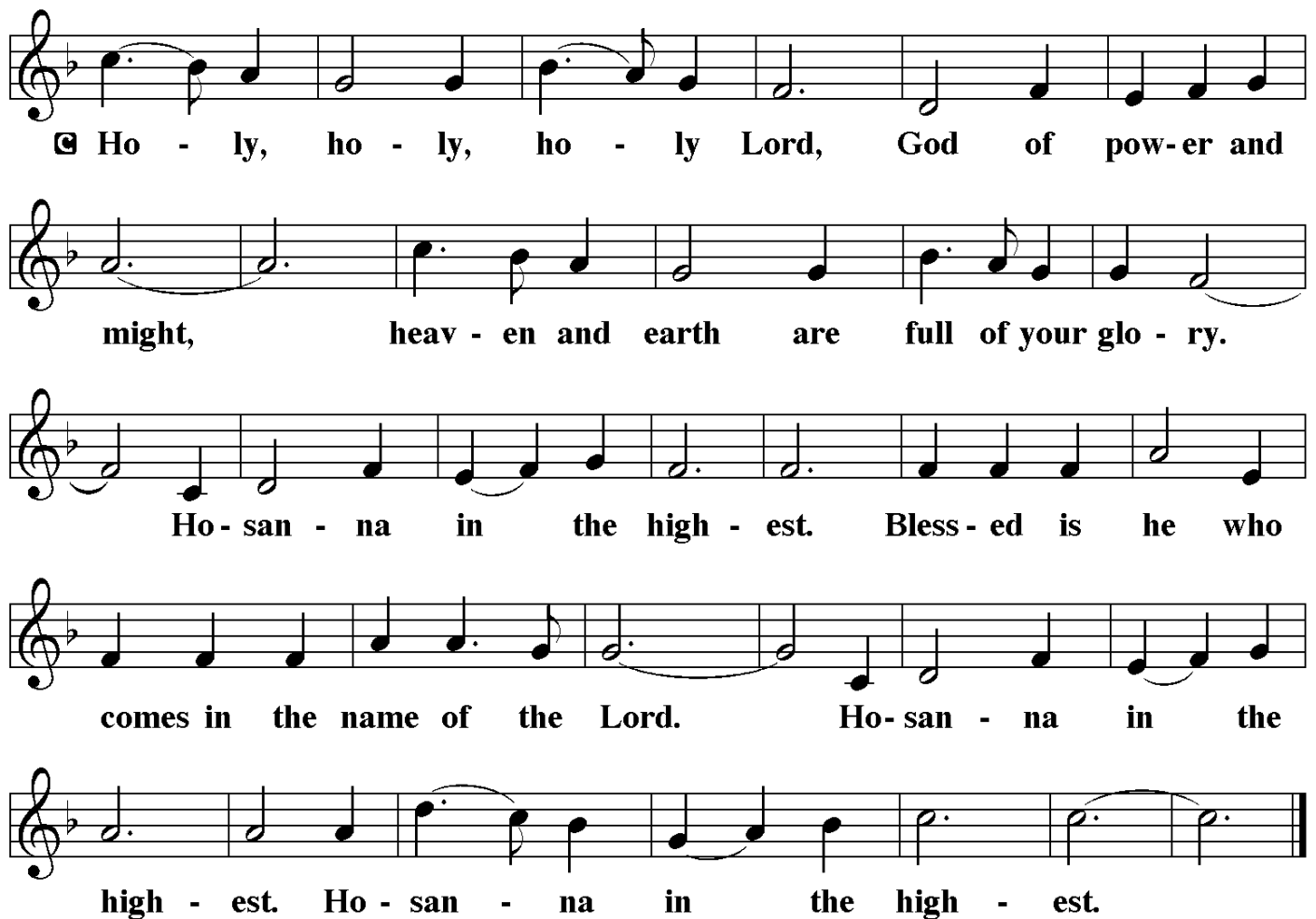
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



G 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

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.

Offering 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: \$
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.

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.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: LBW 566

My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895

Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 5-12, 2026

- Sunday:** 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion
- Monday:** No Events Planned
- Tuesday:** 5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
- Wednesday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Way To Go Tours
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 4:00-8:00 pm: Wheels For Workers Gathering
- 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, Communion, and Baptism of Casey Mirabella

Deacons: 7/5: Barbara Walter; 7/12: John Schunak
Ushers: 7/5: Mimi & Scott Fierle; 7/12: Vanessa Solomon & Todd Vahue

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

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

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

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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, or by referral. The pantry hours for July are: Thursdays, 7/2, 7/16, and 7/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays, 7/11 and 7/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for July: spaghetti sauce and pasta.



EGGERTSVILLE HOUSE
GROUNDBREAKING
CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH AT 11 AM

You are cordially invited to a brief Groundbreaking Ceremony for Eggertsville House on the front lawn after worship on 7/12. After, we hope you'll stay for a delicious meal served by the Daily Bread Food truck!



It's our 1st Anniversary

**New Beginnings for
Single Ladies**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, NOON

**St. Paul's Gathering Space
4007 Main St.**

**Bring a Bag Lunch
Birthday cake & Coffee provided**

Call Heidi 716-480-9227 for info



WANT TO GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE?

Give 716 Day was created as a joint effort between the Buffalo Bills Foundation and the Buffalo Sabres Foundation in response to the urgent needs facing our nonprofit community.

This event will **begin on July 15, 2026, at 7:16 PM and conclude on July 16, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. Our goal is straightforward: to raise both funds and awareness for local nonprofits in one extraordinary day!

The Western New York Impact Foundation will participate in this event to gather donations that will help improve the lives of others in our community through the missions of the Daily Bread Food Truck, Wheels for Workers and Noah's Helping Hands. We have set a donation goal of \$20,000 to fund necessary ongoing costs and supplies.

To participate, scan the QR Code included, or head on over to:
<https://give716.org/give/give716/give716/2026-give-716/charities/western-new-york-impact-foundation>

We are encouraging everyone to give as little or as much as you can. **Give716** is offering **hourly incentives for your giving, including times when they will match your donation!** (Those incentives are listed below or by visiting give716.org) **In addition, an anonymous St. Paul's donor will also match donations up to a total of \$10,000!**

Please remember when searching for the Western New York Impact Foundation within the **Give716** site, that you must spell out Western New York. (It will not load if you type WNY).

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

*Our Annual Summer Outdoor
Worship & Gathering*

**OUTDOOR PAVILLION AT
ST. JOHN'S WILLIAMSVILLE
(6540 MAIN STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, 14221)**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
10 AM-WORSHIP
11 AM-LUNCH & GATHERING**

Hamburgers, Hot dogs, water and coffee will be provided. Please bring any other drinks of your choice! If you are able to bring a side dish or dessert to share, that would be wonderful!

(Please Sign up in Church)

Also, we are going to have games for kids to play-feel free to bring your own too!

**FOLDING CHAIRS PROVIDED. IF YOU'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE,
PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS TO SIT IN!**



250 FOR 250

*Celebrate America's 250th 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-

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B086S2JVKD?](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B086S2JVKD?lv=shuf&redirect=true&social_share=cm_sw_r_cso_sms_apin_shpd_FW967JVRFS84V7KWXC9D&channelId=704&ref_=cm_sw_r_cso_sms_apin_shpd_FW967JVRFS84V7KWXC9D&plpRedirect=mhFallback&th=1)

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Polyester folder with prongs and pockets any color
(Needs to have pockets and prongs)

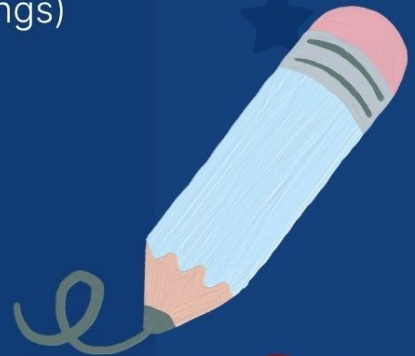
**THANK
YOU!**

1 1/2 inch binders

2 inch binders

dry erase markers thick

dry erase markers thin





GARDEN AVAILABLE FOR USE!

FEEL FREE TO USE THE GARDEN
SPACE OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE
ENTRANCE FOR QUIET TIME,
PEACE, REFLECTION OR PRAYER.

SPECIAL THANKS TO GORDON &
THE FRIENDS OF NOAH'S HELPING
HANDS FOR CREATING SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL SPACE!



*+ 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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Worship Service: Sundays at 10:00 am