

*Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost*



*August 2, 2026
10:00 am
St. Paul's Lutheran Church*



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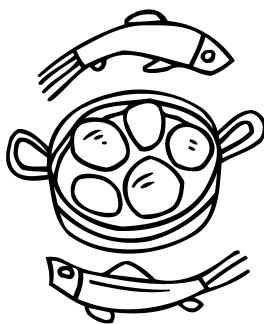


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Musician: Paul Storfer



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,

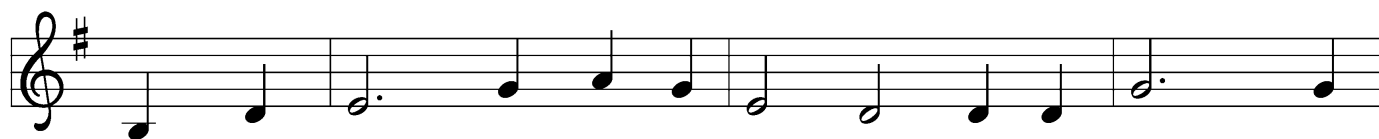
C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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: WOV 703

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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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 Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively)

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

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 The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

A You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

A You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

C You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

- A You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
C My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.
A This is the Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed

and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

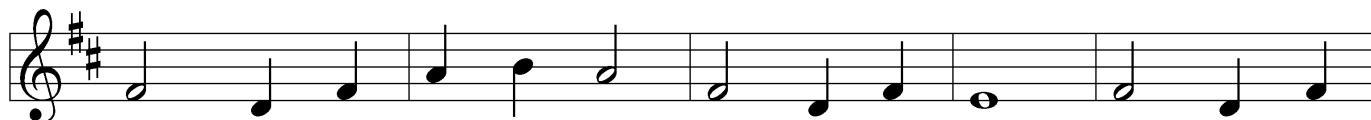
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

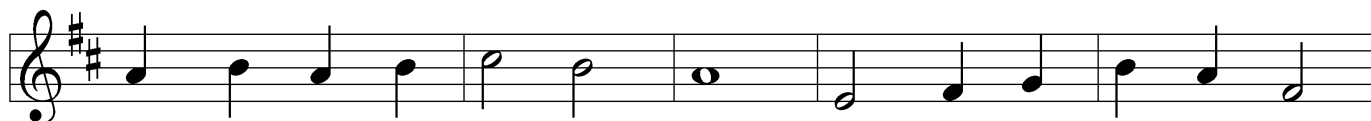
Sermon

Hymn of the Day: WOV 783

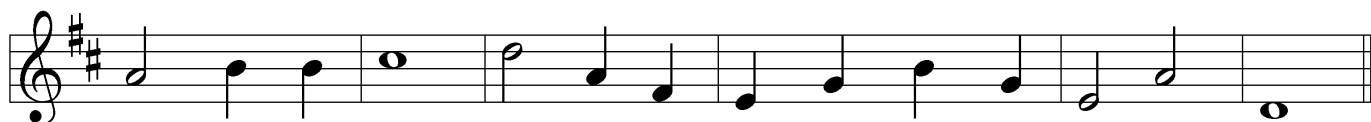
Break Now the Bread of Life



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
- 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

Apostle's Creed

A 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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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/>

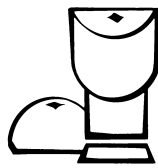
Last Week's Digital and Service Offerings: \$3,723.41

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.

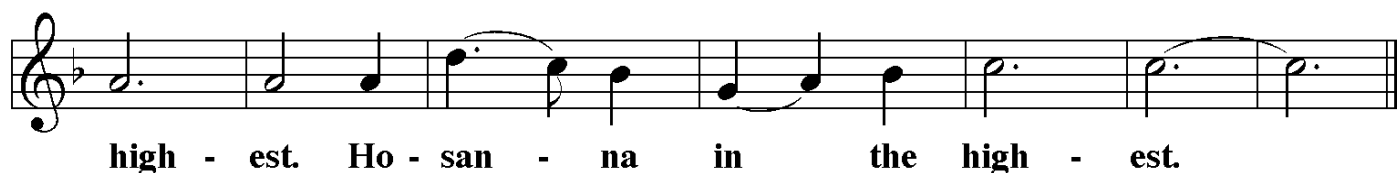
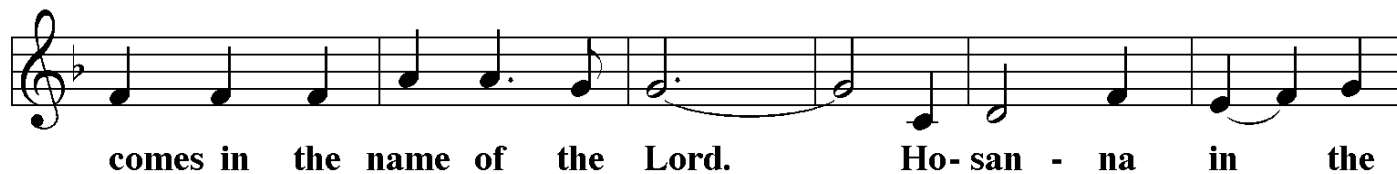
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



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 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.

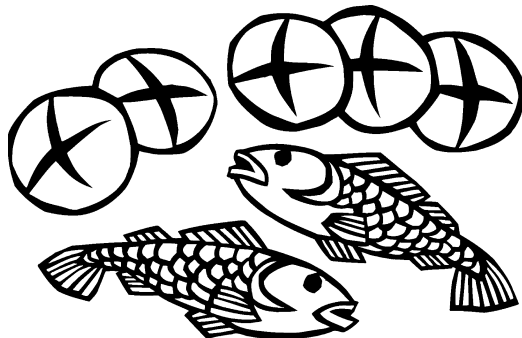
Benediction

- 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: LBW 212 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

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



Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 2-9, 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: 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: 8/2: Barbara Walter; 8/9: Sara Gallagher

Ushers: 8/2: Mike & Michele Degen; 8/9: Robin Miano & Sharon Adimey

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, C115, 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

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.

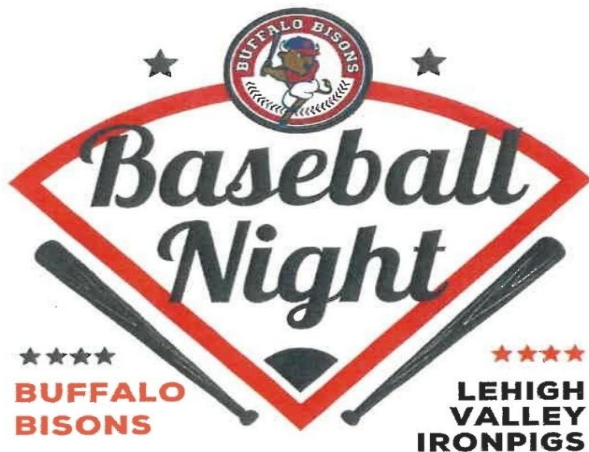
NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, or by referral. Please note the change in the pantry Thursday dates. The pantry hours for August are: Saturdays 8/8 and 8/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; and Thursdays 8/13 and 8/27 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for August are paper towels and tissues.



The Daily Bread Food Truck could use your help: They are looking for volunteers 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





@ SAHLEN FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

6:35 PM Game Time

How to Get Your Tickets...

Buy **ONLINE** at 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 18th

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

COST:

Individual Tickets: \$15

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Tuesday, August 18th!

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.



*+ 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