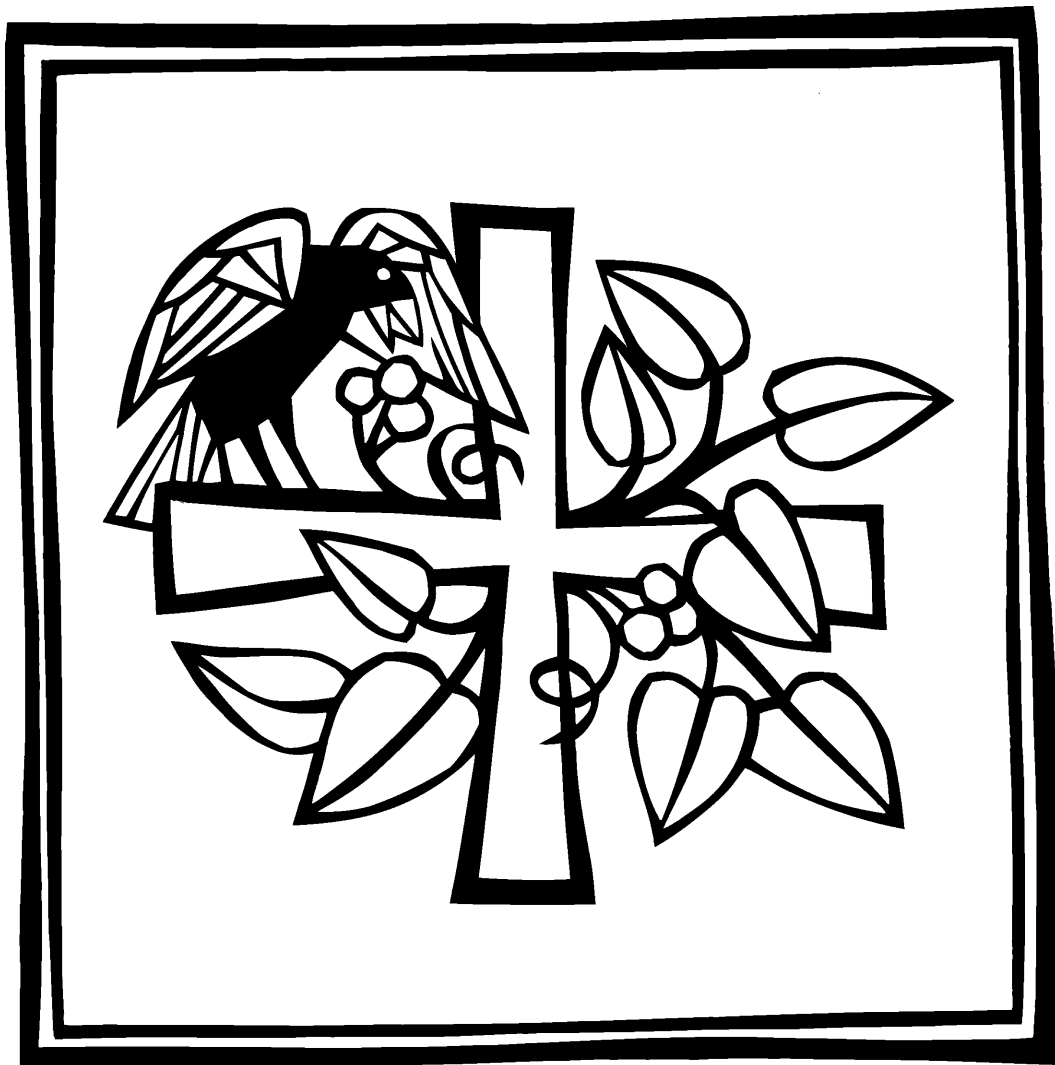


*15th Sunday
after Pentecost*



*September 6, 2026
10:00 am
St. Paul's Lutheran Church*



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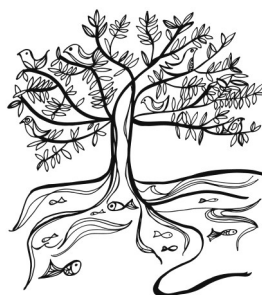


Do you have:
Prayer requests?
A need to speak to a Pastor?
Questions about joining St. Paul's?

For this and more,
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your needs with us!

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost:
Creation in Christ Sunday
September 6, 2026

Guest Musician: Billy Brandau



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

C we are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.

P All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you: God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of + Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the world as you have been loved. God is still recreating all of us! When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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 O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.



First Lesson: Genesis 1:1- 2:2 - Biegner Translation

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second day - Evening and morning

Third - Dry Land

Fourth Day - Sun, Moon and Stars

Fifth Day - Animals - Fish - Beasts -

Sixth Day - Humans!

Seventh Day - And then rested and maybe watched the Bills.

But every time - every single time - what was created is named as “good.”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson - Creation Litany

A Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world.
We praise you, O God:

C **We praise you, O God.**

A For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos,
and for light and dark, we bless you, O God:

C **We bless you, O God.**

A For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, and for the
cycle of evening and morning, we exalt you, O God:

C **We exalt you, O God.**

A For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and
plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God:

C **We magnify you, O God.**

A For the sun to rule the day, for the moon to brighten the night, and for the
shining stars, we extol you, O God:

C **We extol you, O God.**

A For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air, and for the monsters in the
deep, we glorify you, O God:

C **We glorify you, O God.**

A For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock, and for
everything that creeps on the earth, we adore you, O God:

C **We adore you, O God.**

A For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth, and for
providing us food to eat, we worship you, O God:

C **We worship you, O God.**

A Bless us, your creatures. Accept our praise, and make us worthy of your
marvelous creation. We praise you, O God:

C **We praise you, O God.**

A Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and
might be to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

C **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



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

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P The Holy Gospel according to John the First Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:1-5

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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

Sermon

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.

5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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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 We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray: that churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that all the baptized nurture a passion for the care of your creation. Hear us, O God, source of life

C Your mercy is great.

A For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plentiful and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed. Hear us, O God, our creator:

C Your mercy is great.

A For the laborers we pray: that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Hear us, O God, our stronghold:

C Your mercy is great.

A For our country we pray: that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian:

C Your mercy is great.

- A For those in need we pray: that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names are on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain and we call out to you either silently or aloud at this time. Hear us, O God, our healer:
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth and passed on to us a love of Creation. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever. Hear us, O God:
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Offering Music and Prayer

Ways to Give to St. Paul's:

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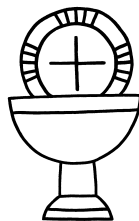
- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

Last Week's Digital and Service Offerings: \$4,266.51
Budgeted Weekly Service Offering: \$7,488.00

QR Giving Code:



- P Let us pray,
- C God of creation, all our blessings are from you. Make us generous with what we have as we share our gifts here today and through our online giving. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.



Dialogue and Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

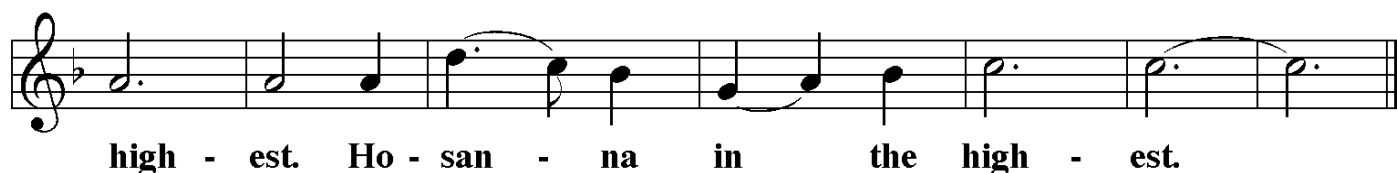
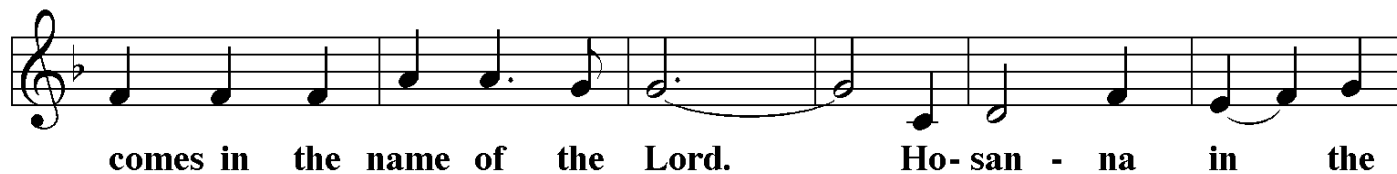
P Lift up your hearts.

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 Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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 790 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.



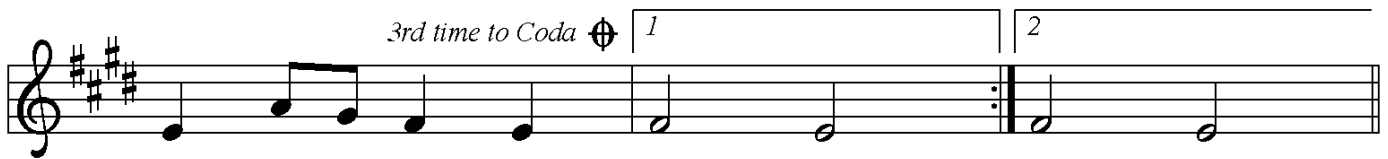
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



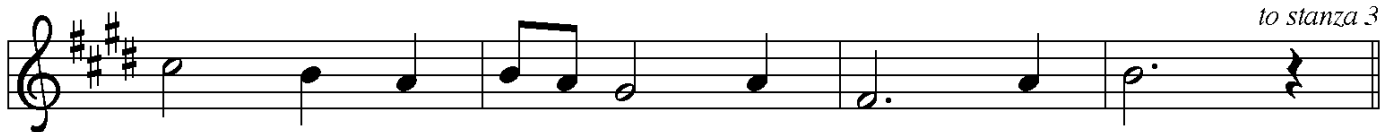
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

 Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: September 6-13, 2026

Sunday: 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion
10:45 am: Altar Guild Volunteer Meeting

Monday: Office Closed for Labor Day

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

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 7:15 pm: Book Club

Friday: No Events Planned

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
4:00-7:00 pm: Intersections
6:30-8:30 pm: Youth Night

Sunday: 9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Worship and Communion
10:45 am: Altar Guild Volunteer Meeting
11:00 am: Safe Sanctuary Meeting

Deacons: 9/6: Sara Gallagher; 9/13: Martin Troutman

Ushers: 9/6: Mimi & Scott Fierle; 9/13: Michele & Mike Degen

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Becky DiNunzio (Lynda Ruhland's friend); 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

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 September are: Thursdays 9/3 and 9/17 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturdays 9/12 and 9/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for September are: spaghetti sauce and tomato paste.

Starting/Restarting in September: Monday, 9/14: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share 4:15-5:15pm; Tuesday, 9/15: Bible Study 9:00 am and Lutheran Chorale 7:00-9:00 pm; Sunday, 9/20: Sunday School 10:00 am.

***Be an Altar Guild UTV
(very important volunteer)***

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
WEEKLY, MONTHLY, SEASONALLY,
OCCASIONALLY**

Interested?

**MEET JUDI GERSIC AFTER WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 6 OR 13 IN THE CHANCEL (WHERE
THE CHOIR SITS) FOR 15-20 MINUTES**

Can't do either date?

TALK TO JUDI ANY SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP



message regarding church envelopes:

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ST. PAUL'S HAS
CANCELLED ITS ACCOUNT WITH CATHEDRAL
GIVING ENVELOPES. THE OFFICE CAN STILL
MAIL/DELIVER ENVELOPES TO THOSE WHO
NEED THEM.**

If you were using the church envelopes that were coming in the mail and would like more, we will be offering packets of envelopes for you to take at the next few church services (to continue giving by cash or check). You are welcome to use the envelopes we're issuing (available beginning 9/12), ones you already have, envelopes in the pews or just a blank envelope you have at home. If you would like information regarding how to set up an online giving account on our new platform, Tithely, please email or call the Church Office.

716-835-0407

office@stpaulseggertsville.com

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TO PAINT?

**COME HELP US PAINT THE
KAHLE HOUSE!**

WE NEED HELP

9/12: 3PM

9/15 & 9/16: 10 AM

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO JOIN US OR WITH ANY
OTHER TIMES YOU'RE ABLE TO PAINT!**



*+ 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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