# Third Sunday of Easter



April 26, 2020

Welcome to St. Paul's, Parkside, and Zion Lutheran Churches Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020



Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV. MeTV will broadcast Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m. on the following channels:

> For DirecTV –Ch. 67 For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5 For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1

## Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God,
- C we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.
- P Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

#### **Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

#### Children's Time: Pastor Steve Biegner

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eves were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying,

"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- Р This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- С Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon: Pastor Jeremiah Smith

Hymn of the Day



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# Apostle's Creed

- A Let's join to proclaim our faith in the Apostles' Creed:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit, especially the people on our Prayer List and those we name either silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

- A Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists, first responders, and essential workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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

# 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

- A Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 26-May 3, 2020

TODAY:	10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
	4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere Elementary
Thursday:	3:00 pm-7:00 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
-	4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at St. Paul's
Sunday:	10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
-	4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 170

Offering: \$5,115.63

#### Prayer List: In our congregational family: (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit (check in at desk to enter Unit), Williamsville, NY 14221 Betty Arbogast: Weinberg Dosberg Campus, #200, Getzville, NY 14068 Louise Duethorn: Elderwood, 5775 Maelou Drive, #329, Hamburg, NY 14075 Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 John Schunak: 193 E. Pinelake Court, Williamsville, NY 14221 Dolores Shearer: Beechwood Rehab, Room 740, 2235 Millersport Hwy., Getzville NY 14068 Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105 Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

**Prayer List:** In our and extended family: Barbara Livingston (Joan Cote's sister); Vincent Delgato (Dolores Shearer's son-in-law); Johnny Eggleston (Lynda Ruhland's son); Thomas Maier; Scott Greeneawalt (June Piette's first cousin); Pastor Bill Vanderslice (former St. Paul's intern and June Piette's brother-in-law)

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings at St. Paul's have been canceled until further notice. The Daily Bread Food Truck, the Burrito Project, and the Tiger's Den Food Pantry will continue to operate. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office: 716-835-0407.

*Tigers Den Food Pantry:* The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The May Pantry hours are: Thursday 5/7 and 5/21 from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, and Saturday 5/9 and 5/23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pantry items for May are: spaghetti sauce, pasta, and tomato paste.

The Upper Room for May-June 2020 and The Word in Season for April, May, June 2020: If you normally take one of these devotional booklets, please let the office know and we will mail the current booklet out to you.

## Message from St. Paul's Finance Committee

With COVID-19 upon us, we are dealing with unprecedented amounts of uncertainty. News is fast developing and every day brings a new change to our lives like we never imagined.

We are writing this letter to remind you that St. Paul's still needs your ongoing financial support. For those who have had their employment altered or eliminated, our prayers and support are with you. We are writing this letter for those who can still provide, as a friendly reminder that your weekly offerings continue to be a very importance source of income to support not only St. Pauls' ongoing expenses, but our ministry activities. Please prayerfully send your gifts via mail to the church office, or it is easy to set up on-line giving use the following link. If you need any assistance please give the office a call.

https://stpaulseggertsville.org/online-giving/

We sincerely hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy. Together in Christ, we are strong, and if we all do our part, we'll get through these difficult times. Don't forget to laugh every now and then, and go wash your hands!

The Finance Committee

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements for shared bulletin April 26 2020 At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus – Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All

Parkside Lutheran Church 2 Wallace Ave (corner of Wallace & Depew) Buffalo, NY 14214 (716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com Like & follow us on Facebook!

You are not alone in this. We are not alone. We will meet digitally Wednesdays & Sundays as follows:

Wednesday evenings 8pm - we meet with Pastor Jeremiah on Zoom\*

Sundays at **10am** – Please watch our recorded services on Facebook, YouTube, or TV (info below) and then join our interactive "coffee hour" on *Zoom* \* at **10:45am** 

\*This is the updated Zoom link for all meetings!

Join Zoom Meetings on your computer or smartphone: https://zoom.us/j/7168361361?pwd=b3pxamRnN09UbGNuVXg2MUhOM1JtUT09 Meeting ID: 716 836 1361

Or, for phone access only, dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 716 836 1361 Find your local number: <u>https://zoom.us/u/ab2v1ql9Ui</u>

For folks new to *Zoom* check out our weekly e-newsletter for tutorial link, or watch one of the many *Zoom* tutorials on YouTube.

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service at 10am on Sundays:

1) Parkside's Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ParksideLutheranBuffalo/

- 2) YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoLpmPx1ZT35RLffcdVoRJA</u>
- 3) Watch on your TV: Station METV channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV

Look for links to the bulletin in emails and on our Facebook page. You may want to print it out and follow along with service.

You are living proof the church is not a building and we give thanks to God for each of you! **Food Pantry** – regular hours are Saturday 9am-1pm – enter on Depew side of building. In emergencies, people can call the office to see if there is someone here to assist (716)836-1361. Donations are needed- especially crackers, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, sauce, canned fruit. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.

**Blessing Box -** You are welcome to take what you need & encouraged to leave what you can! (Nonperishable foods & other essential supplies). The Blessing Box (Red box that looks like a "little library") is located on the Depew side of PLC.

Meals on Wheels is in great need of volunteers. If you can help, please contact Meals on Wheels of Western New York <a href="https://mealsonwheelswny.org/volunteer/?">https://mealsonwheelswny.org/volunteer/?</a>
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• Please note that all events and services, other than what has been listed above, are cancelled until further notice. For groups that meet regularly at Parkside, such as AA, please contact your group directly for more information. Parkside is now closed to groups (except the Food Pantry & Meals on Wheels) until further notice. For your health and welfare of our community, if you can stay home, please do!

**Parkside's Online Church Directory -**has been temporarily disabled. If you'd like a hard copy, please contact the office. Thank you!

## Prayer Tree:

**Congregation:** Yohe family; prayers for health for Melanie's son, Nick; Cheryl Steffan; Fran, Pat & Annie; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Terry; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Sean White; Joan; Eileen & Ken Moser; Hazel & Onda; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll; Marlene & Andrew; Grace offers prayers and gratitude for her Mommy & Daddy & Brother! Gratitude for the technology that allows us to be together for Church Service & for Fellowship!

Friends & Family: Kristin & Christopher, who have coronavirus & for their family to remain well; Don & Sue & Kevin & Catherine; Placido; Alina & Bella; Alex; Veronica & Logan; Adam; Mewith & Deen; Deej; Ed; Deb & Ed, Sr.; Alan; Gia, Nancy & Christopher; Celeste; Lisa T.; Georgianna; Amy; Martha S; Roger Moore; Solomon & kids; Diane; Michael C; Alan; Pastor Morse; Kelly; Ivy's family; Pastor J's Grandma; Ben; Brenda; Erica & Fred Marshall; Cooperwood & Price Families; Bill; Stephen; Jess; Jameson Railey; John & Sharon Stevens; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski) and their cousin Gail; Bobby Amann; John Gettes; Baby Carson; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need. We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals who have been gifting their services to help bring you the Sunday MeTV productions:

Musician/Videographer: Michael Hooker

Soloist: Theresa Kosmowski

Sound: Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

Video and Editing: Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

DJs/MCs, Sound & Lighting

