

# *Transfiguration of Our Lord*



*WNY Church Unleashed*

*February 14, 2021*

*Welcome to WNY Church Unleashed hosted by:  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner  
Parkside Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeremiah Smith  
Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julius Carroll*

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*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. Holy God,
- C you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.
- P How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
- C Amen.

*Opening Hymn: ELW 315*

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## *Children's Time*

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th Chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

### *Gospel: Mark 9:2-9*

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

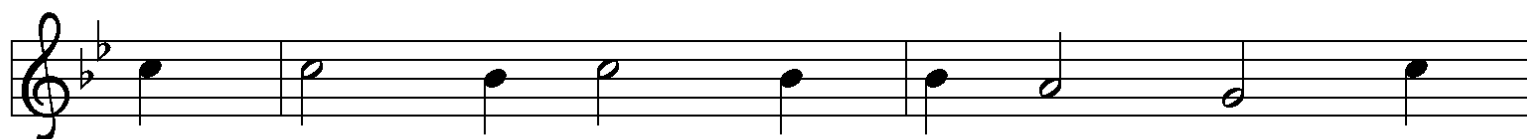
As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

## *Sermon*



## Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

## *Youth Time*

### *Apostles' Creed*

P Let's confess the faith of the Church together using 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*

#### *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*

P Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 14-21, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:30 am: Zoom Half-Hour (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667134122>)  
Meeting ID: 846 6713 4122  
11:00 am: Wedding Vow Renewal  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
6:00 pm: Burrito Project
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday  
7:30-8:30 am: Ashes-To-Go Outdoors in front of St. Paul's  
9:00 am-3:30 pm: Fire Church Ashes on Scene for Amherst Fire Control  
12:30 pm: Zoom Staff Meeting  
4:00-4:30 pm: Ashes-To-Go Outdoors in front of St. Paul's  
4:30-5:00 pm: Indoor Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
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**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$6,789.00

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

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Susan Epstein: 70 Fairlawn Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

***Prayer List: In our and extended family:*** Thomas Maier; Marsha Glose and her family in the passing of her mother, Arlene; Carol Becker and Twyla (David Lampe's cousin and her daughter); the family of Norma Stevenson; Marilyn Emerson and her family in the passing of her nephew Scott Greenawalt

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***In-Person Worship:*** We are looking to return to in-person worship at St. Paul's beginning on Ash Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Sunday in-person worship will begin on Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 am. As we previously handled in-person worship, reservations are mandatory if you plan to attend any of the in-person services. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we still need to limit the number of people in the Sanctuary at one time. Please contact the Church Office at 716-835-0407 to make your reservation. If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

***Covid-19 Restrictions:*** Even though the zone designations (yellow, orange, red) have been discontinued, we ask that you not stop by the Church Office unannounced. If you need to come to the office or meet with Pastor Steve, please call ahead and make an appointment (716-835-0407). This way we can continue to keep you and our staff safe.

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. February Pantry hours are Thursday 2/18 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm, and Saturday 2/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

***Ash Wednesday Services:*** 7:30-8:30 am: Ashes-To-Go Outdoors in front of St. Paul's  
9:00 am-3:30 pm: Fire Church Ashes on Scene for Amherst Fire Control  
12:00-1:00 pm: Ashes-To-Go Outside Parkside Lutheran  
4:00-4:30 pm: Ashes-To-Go Outdoors in front of St. Paul's  
4:30-5:00 pm: Indoor Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's  
7:00 pm: Evening Indoor Service at Parkside Lutheran  
7:00 pm: Evening Indoor Service at Zion Lutheran

***Lenten Devotionals:*** Mary Wolf prepared a Daily Devotional Lent 2021 booklet. Copies are available on the table in the narthex. If you are not able to pick up a copy at church, please call the office and we will send you a copy.

***St. Paul's Lenten Adult Forum:*** Beginning Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm, join Lois O'Brian in a Zoom Adult Forum to discuss race issues based on Debbie Irving's book, Waking Up White. The Forum will run for 6-8 weeks. The Zoom link will be sent out at a later date. Please read Chapters 1-4 prior to the first Zoom meeting. If you would like to participate in the Adult Forum, but are unable to purchase the book, please contact the office and we will mail a copy to you.







*WNY Church Unleashed is a partnership between Pastor Jeremiah Smith from Parkside Lutheran Church, Pastor Julius Carroll from Zion Lutheran Church, and Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church whose mission is to unleash the message of God's good news into every home in Western New York.*

***WNY Church Unleashed***  
***Prayer List***

Bruce Herman

Beverly Root

Neil Sommerfeldt

***\*\*If you watch WNY Church Unleashed and are not affiliated  
with a church of your own, please call 716-939-1909  
to add a name to our Prayer List. \*\****

## Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – February 14th, 2021

*At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus –*

*Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All*

2 Wallace Ave Buffalo, NY 14214 (corner of Depew)

(716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

### **There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:**

- 1) Watch on your TV: Station METV – channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV
- 2) WNY Unleashed Facebook Page    3) WNY Unleashed YouTube Page

### **Indoor Worship at Parkside Lutheran Church has resumed!**

Ash Wednesday service 7pm at Parkside Lutheran Church

**2/17 – Ash Weds** – see info on last page of bulletin

**3/28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – Child and Parent/Guardian are asked to attend 2 classes prior to event. If you're interested in participating, or would like to learn more, contact Pr Jeremiah.

**Lenten Collection** – We are collecting menstrual care items (pads, tampons) please arrange with office to drop off. Thank you!

**Thrivent Members** – looking for folks willing to request \$250 grants for projects like menstrual product collection, little pantry/blessing box supplies, blessing bags, etc.  
Contact Pastor for more info.


**North Buffalo Food Pantry** Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm – enter on Depew. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during regular Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.


Donations requested for February – canned soup & chili

**Backup volunteers** are needed. Contact the office if you are interested in helping on the *occasional* Saturday for 3 hours.

Nonperishable food items can also be left in our little red “**Blessing Box**”. Please only leave foods that can withstand freezing temps, such as granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, etc.

**Meals on Wheels Parkside LC location is in great need of volunteers** – if you can help 2 or 3 mornings during the week for an hour or two, please contact the office.

 Every fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. We also distribute hats, scarfs, gloves, and masks! Donations will be collected now until spring. Contact the office if you'd like to arrange for drop-off or if you'd like to help hand out burritos! Next date is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

 **Lutheran Charities presents:** Beer lovers unite! Give your taste buds a unique and exciting experience! For \$49 join us and a Master Brewer from Community Beer Works for an evening of fun you won't want to miss! Includes six beers (three flagship and three seasonal), house-made chips, and beer cheese.

Register NOW at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org) to allow for shipping time for 3/11 event.

### Prayer Tree:

**Congregation:** Tanya Scaccia, family & friends, as they mourn the passing of Tanya's mother, Priscilla Jane Scott ; The Hagner Family, including Lorri's father, Gary B., who has been very ill; Joan Bauer, who is recovering from Covid19; Friends & Family as they mourn the passing of Ron Arnold; Mike Miller as he heals; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Norra Carroll; Gratitude for the birth of Stephanie & Kevin's baby girl and for the baptism of Lyanna Jones, daughter of Jim & Nicole.

**Friends & Family:** Friends and family of Bobby Amann as they mourn his passing; Catherine, for recovery from a bad fall; John Siuta, for recovery from covid19; Helen Wolfman; Carol & Larry McAteer; Joan's son, Donald Railey who is facing multiple health challenges and other family members, Jameson & Kevin; Melanie's sons Nick and Paul and their families; Jess & Ed Forster; Bailey & Family; Donna Durkin; Beverly & Bob; Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), and cousin Alan; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Pray for Carson to remain cancer-free; 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.

**If you would like to add to the prayer list or share good news, please contact the office.**

### Parkside For Social Justice - February

Amanda Gorman, the first youth poet laureate at age 22, became the youngest inaugural poet in memory reading her poem at President Biden's inauguration. Many have been inspired by her words and the message she shared with all of us. Ms. Gorman was quoted as saying her intention was "to not...in any way gloss over what we've seen over the past few weeks and, I dare say the past few years, but what I really aspire to do in the poem is to be able to use my words to envision a way in which our country can still come together and can still heal. It's doing that in a way that is not erasing or neglecting the harsh truths I think America needs to reconcile with".

Let's take this opportunity to reflect again on the words of "The Hill We Climb".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZ055ilIiN4>

### **Have a suggested resource or question about this Parkside For Social Justice?**

Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith [alisonmsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmsmith07@gmail.com). All are encouraged to sign the ELCA's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>.

**Want more information about all that is happening at Parkside LC?**

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on our website - [parksidelutheran.org](http://parksidelutheran.org) Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

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