

First Sunday of Lent



WNY Church Unleashed

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner
Parkside Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeremiah Smith
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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, ✚ one God, who is present, who gives life, who gives us this gift of Lent.
- C Amen.
- P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet you promised forgiveness, and so we confess.
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.
- P Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.
- C Amen.

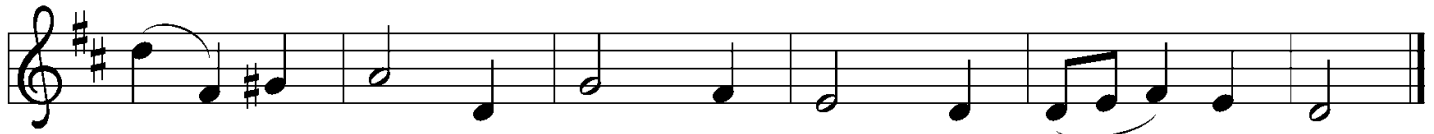
God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Psalm 25:1-10

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

P Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

P Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

P You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

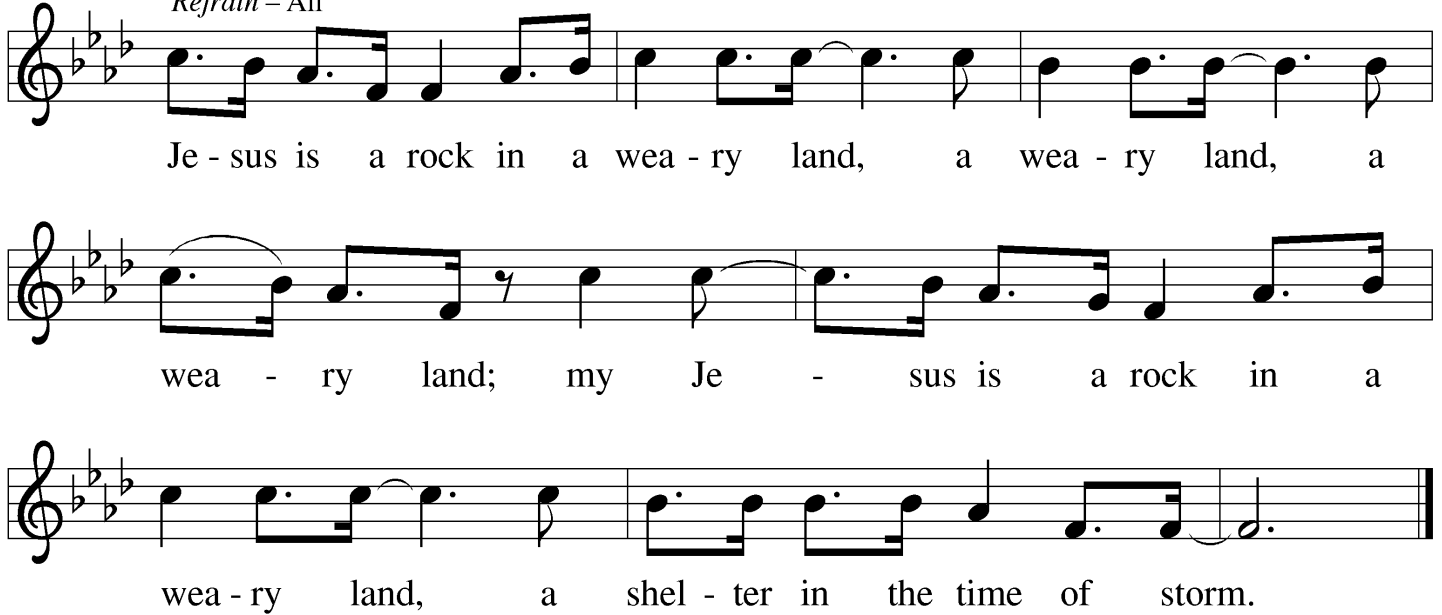
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

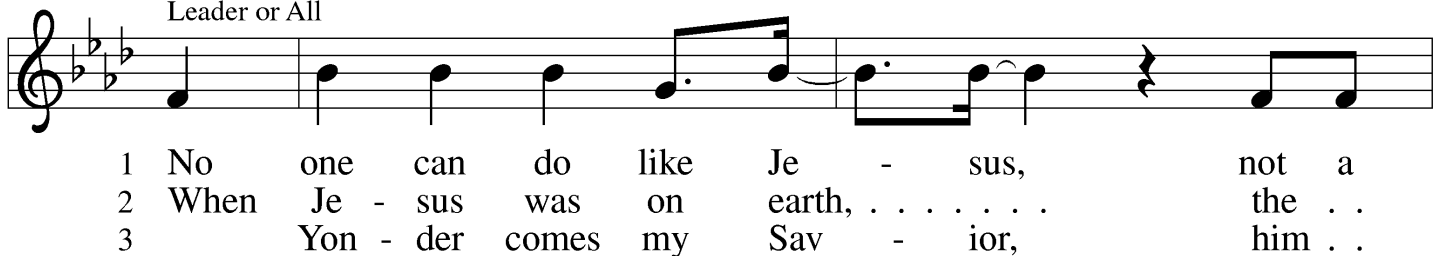
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

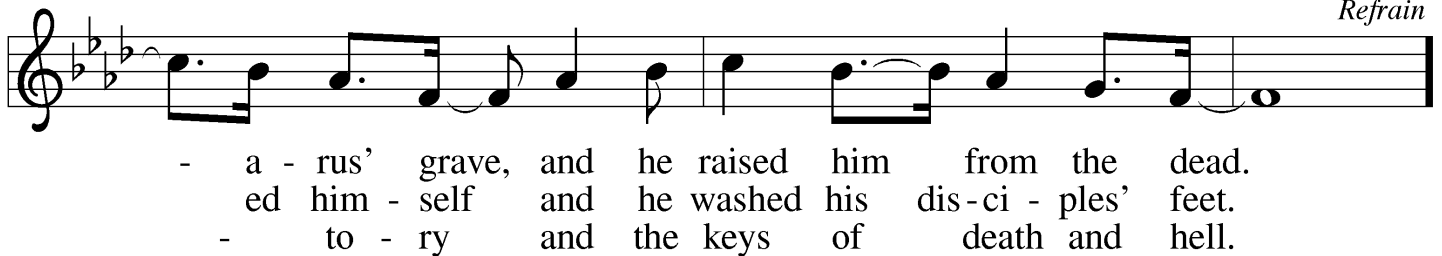


1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

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 21-28, 2021

TODAY: 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and communion
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
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share

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Windermere Elementary

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$7,461.00

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: Carol Becker and Twyla (David Lampe's cousin and her daughter); the family of Norma Stevenson; Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: Sunday in-person worship will begin on Sunday, February 21 at 10:00 am. As we previously handled in-person worship, reservations are requested if you plan to attend any of the in-person services. You will still need to wear face masks, maintain limited capacity in church, and adhere to all Covid-19 protocols. 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 during this difficult time.

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

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 1-5 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.



ST. PAUL'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONT-LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Please remember all of these dedicated people in your prayers:

Ashish Bhatia
Kris DiPasquale
Stephen DiPasquale
Chad and Danielle Israel
Ryan Jones
Amber Krol
Jennifer Leary
Lisa Magin
Amber Mata
Ian Miller
Jill Pogodzinski
Thomas Quatroche




Michael Richardson
John Rodriguez
Michael Ruckdaschel
Kaetlyn Simpson
Angela Stark
Ira Striejewske
Ben Vilonen
Rick Vilonen
Mary Jo Williams
Patrick Wisniewski
Pam Wunderlin
Robert Zielinski

VIRTUAL BEER TASTING

Save the date!
Thursday, March 11th
7:30pm
\$49.00

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, house-made chips, and beer cheese.

Register at www.wnylutherancharities.org.

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www.wnylutherancharities.org



Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – February 21st, 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

3/28 – 1st 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 23rd.

 **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 to allow for shipping time for 3/11 event.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Cheryl Kinsman as she recovers from covid19; 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: Family and friends of Jim C., as they mourn his passing; Family and friends of Ellen Mandris as they mourn her passing; Family and friends 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; 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. 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?

Sign up for our weekly email

on our website - parksidelutheran.org Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram



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.

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Prayer List

Bruce Herman

Beverly Root

Neil Sommerfeldt

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:

Michael Hooker

Soloist:

Theresa Egloff

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING

