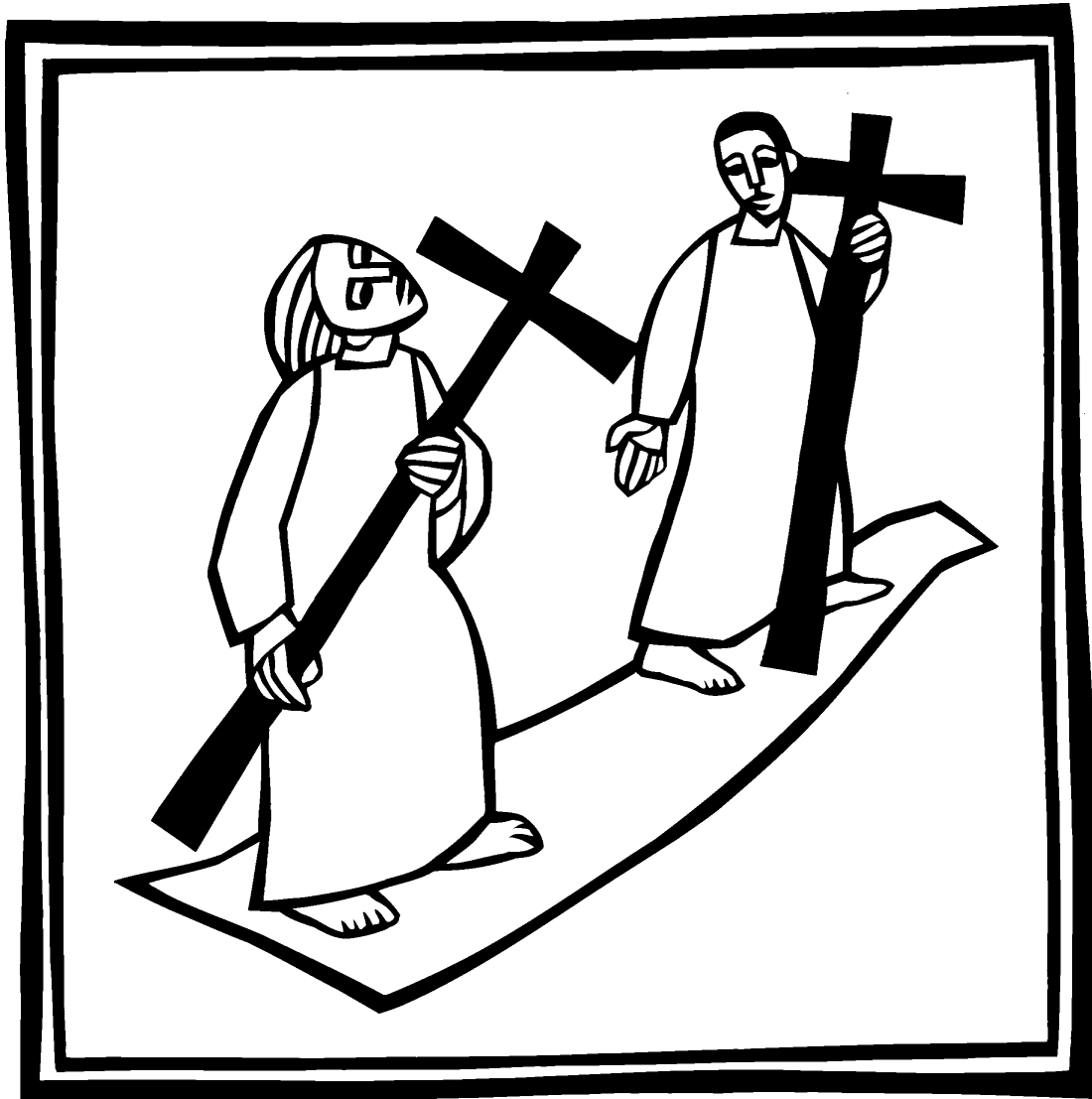


# *Second Sunday of Lent*



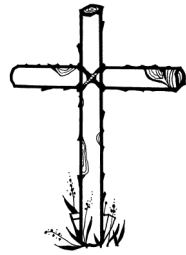
## *WNY Church Unleashed*

*February 28, 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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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.

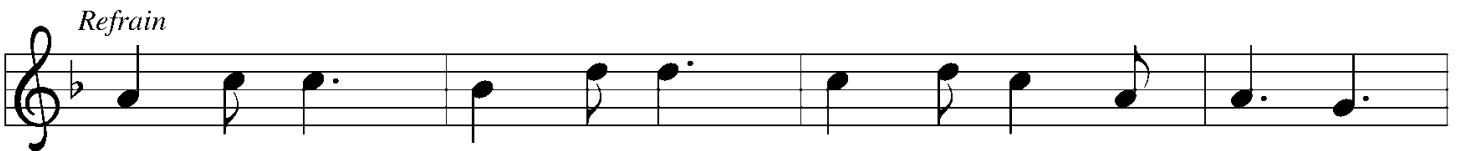
## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



- 1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
- 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

***Psalm 22:23-31***

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)*

- P You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- C For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- P From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- P Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- C Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- P They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Mark 8:31-38***

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this

adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

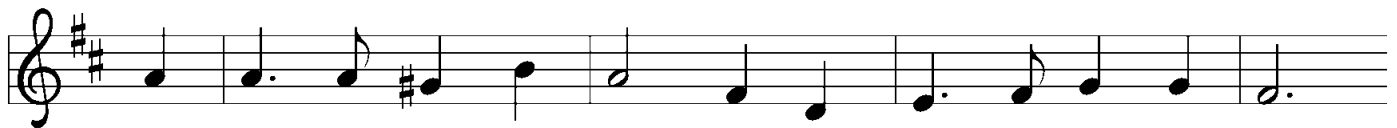
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

### *Sermon*

### *Hymn of the Day: ELW 338*

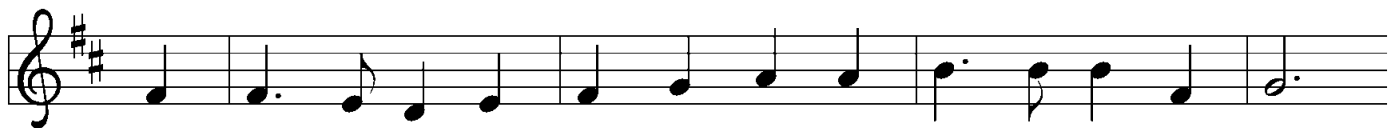
## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

## *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 28-March 7, 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  
5:00 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share at Windermere Elementary
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
7:00 pm: Lenten Adult Forum via Zoom
- Wednesday:** 12:30 pm: Staff Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
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**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 31 Offering: \$4,125.00

***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

\*Brigitte Lowe: 82 Freund Street, Buffalo, NY 14215

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

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

***In-Person Worship:*** We resumed Sunday in-person worship beginning 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 the sanctuary, and adhere to current 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:*** While zone designations (yellow, orange, red) remain in various areas, 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 March Pantry hours are Thursday 3/4 and 3/18 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 3/13 and 3/27 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for March are: cereal, sugar, oil, and crackers.

***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.



### ***Mark Your Calendar***

*There will be an orientation meeting  
for New Missionaries on  
Sunday, March 28 following  
the 10:00 am service.*

*Anyone wishing to join the  
St. Paul's congregation is asked  
to contact Pastor Steve  
by March 21.*

**VIRTUAL BEER TASTING**  
PARTNERED WITH  

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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 (three flagship and three seasonal), house-made chips, and beer cheese.

Register at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org).

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## ***WNY Church Unleashed***

### ***Prayer List***

Bruce Herman

Beverly Root

Neil Sommerfeldt

## **Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - February 28th, 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

**Speaker Series** Parkside's Outreach Committee will be presenting a Speaker Series via Parkside Zoom link. The presentations are scheduled for **Wednesday evenings at 7PM, March 3rd-24th**. The presenters will be woman who are active in their Faiths; they will reflect on their cultural and religious journeys effecting Society and Injustices. All are welcome. **PARKSIDE ZOOM LINK:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7168361361>

**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) for distribution to those in need in our community. Please arrange with office to drop off. Or you may send a check or donate at parksidelutheran.org via Tithely. Please make a notation that your donation is for menstrual care items. We also have a wish list on Amazon:

<https://tiny.cc/PLCWISHLIST>

**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.**


**March request - Crackers, tuna fish & toilet paper**

*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.

 **Burrito Project** - 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 March 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](http://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:** Family and friends of Jim C., as they mourn his passing; Family and friends of Ellen Mandris as they mourn her passing;  
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?**

**Sign up for our weekly email**

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

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Theresa Egloff

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Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

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