

Fourth Sunday of Lent



WNY Church Unleashed

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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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- P Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.
- C **Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
- P gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- C **Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**
- P They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.
- C **Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**
- P You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.
- C **Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**
- P Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.
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- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd Chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

[Jesus said:] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LBW 320

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727



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 March 14-21, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:40 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
6:00 pm: Burrito Project
7:00 pm: Lenten Adult Forum via Zoom
- Wednesday:** 12:30 pm: Staff Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday:** 3:00 pm-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 36 Offering: \$5,581.00

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

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: Pastor Bill Vanderslice (Marilyn Emerson's son-in-law); Wesley Ries (Sharon Ries' husband); Thomas Maier; Carol Becker and Twyla (David Lampe's cousin and her daughter)

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. ***If you are part of the Zoom Half-Hour meeting following WNY Church Unleashed, please note the time for the Zoom meeting has changed to 10:40-11:00 am.***

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 3/18 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 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: You can still 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. 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.



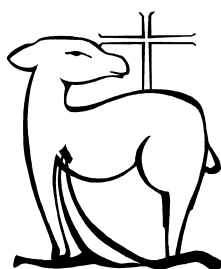
Mark Your Calendar

*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.*



St. Paul's Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday:	10:00 am: In-Person Worship** 10:40-11:00 am: Zoom Coffee 1/2 hour*
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday:	7:00 pm: Zoom Worship Service*
Friday, April 2	Good Friday:	12:00 pm: WNY Church Unleashed Service On MeTV 7:00 pm: In-Person Worship**
Sunday, April 4	Easter:	6:30 am: Sunrise Service Outdoors (location to be determined) 8:00 am: In-Person Worship** 9:15 am: In-Person Worship** 10:30 am: In-Person Worship**

* Link will be sent at a later date

** Reservations are required for in-person worship services. Please contact the Church Office at 716-835-0407 to make reservations.



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

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

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - March 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!

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. Please register by emailing parksidelutheran@gmail.com

PARKSIDE ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7168361361>

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.

4/1 - Maundy Thursday **4/2 - Good Friday** **4/4 - Easter Sunday**

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.

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.

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: Joan's son, Donald Railey who is facing multiple health challenges; 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 - March - What is the Pink Tax?

The pink tax refers to the extra amount of money women pay for specific products or services. Sometimes you'll see or hear it referred to as price discrimination or gender-pricing. A common example of the pink tax is the cheap razors for sale in most pharmacies and grocery stores. The "men's" version is blue and the "women's" version is pink.

That is the only difference, the color. But the women's version is inevitably more expensive than the men's. **Products for women and girls cost 7% more than comparable products for men and boys.**

(Source: Listen Money Matters "The Pink Tax: What's the Cost of Being a Female Consumer this Year?" by Candice Elliott)

- 7% more for toys and accessories
- 4% more for children's clothing
- 8% more for adult clothing
- 13% more for personal care products

The Tampon Tax is one type of Pink Tax that involves taxation of feminine hygiene products. Some U.S. states exempted male-oriented hygiene products such as Rogaine (for hair loss) from state sales tax while not exempting feminine hygiene products.

In addition to contributing to Parkside's collection of feminine hygiene products during Lent there are other ways to help as well. Complain in writing to retailers, manufacturers, and service providers about pink tax markups. Make the decision to not pay more for products marketed to women and shop in the men's aisle. Finally, contact your local, state and federal officials to let them know that something needs to be done to end the Pink Tax.

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

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:

Paul Storfer

Soloist:

Rev. Roger Griffiths

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

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Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING



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