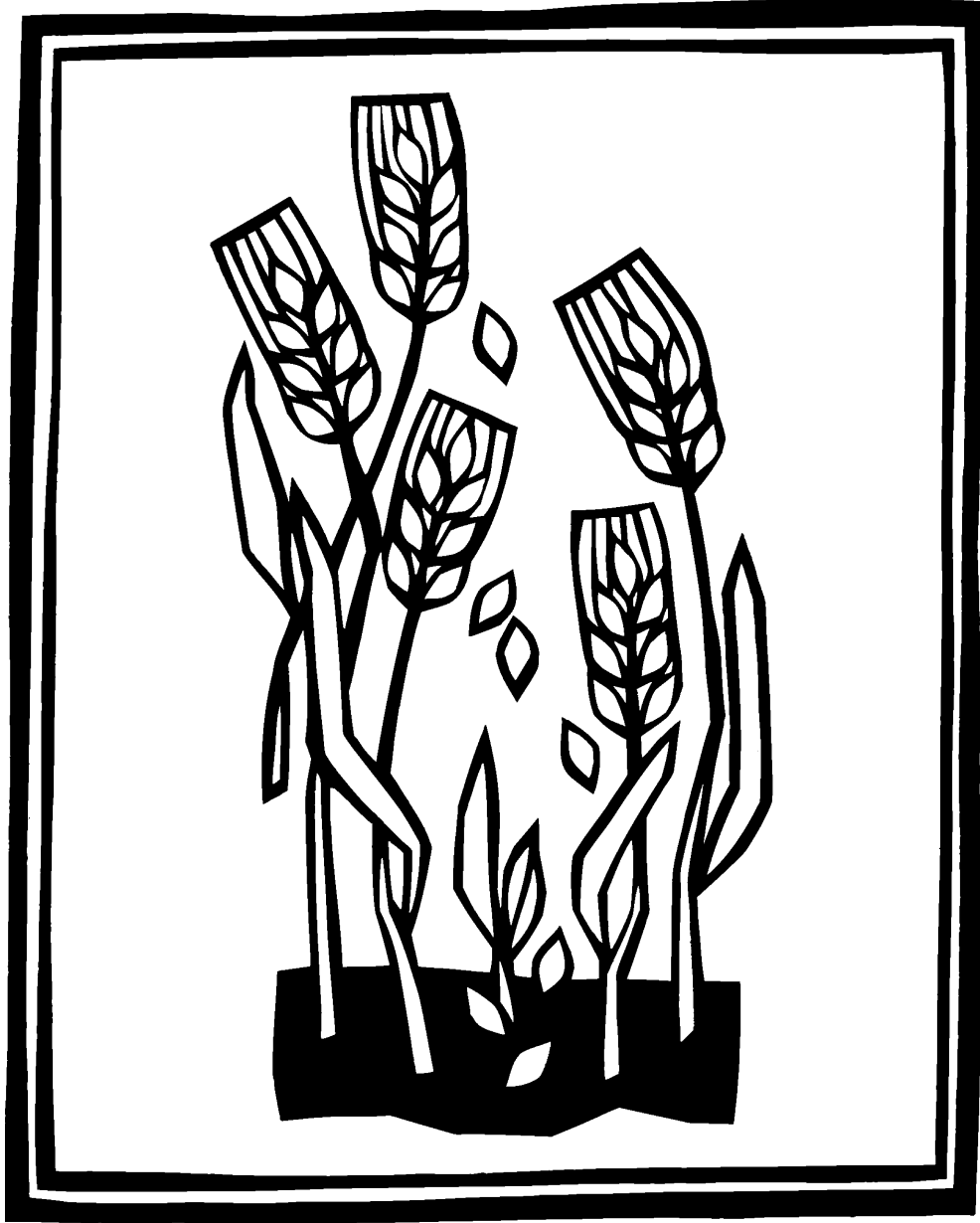


Fifth Sunday of Lent



WNY Church Unleashed

March 21, 2021

*Welcome to WNY Church Unleashed hosted by:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner
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*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, ✚ 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.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

Psalm 51:1-12

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

C Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

P For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

C Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

P Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

C Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

P Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

C Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

C Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LBW 390

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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: March 21-28, 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
7:00 pm: Lenten Adult Forum via Zoom
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
9:00 am-12:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share
- Sunday:** **Palm Sunday**
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:40 am: New Missionary Meeting
10:40 am: Zoom Half-Hour (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667134122>
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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 47 Offering: \$3,486.00

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: Shirley McNamara (Nancy Simon's sister); Ralph Vahue; 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.

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 remaining March Pantry hours 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.



New Missionary Meeting: There will be a New Missionary Meeting on Sunday, March 28 following the 10:00 am worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's congregation, please contact Pastor Steve by Tuesday, March 23.

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

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 at St. Paul's 8:00 am: In-Person Worship** 9:15 am: In-Person Worship** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed* 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.

The logo for WNY Church Unleashed is a dark blue square. Inside the square, the words "WNY CHURCH" are written in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. Below "WNY CHURCH", the word "UNLEASHED" is written in a stylized, orange, uppercase font with a slight shadow effect.

WNY CHURCH
UNLEASHED

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

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - March 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!

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>

Important Dates:

3/28 - Palm Sunday & 1* Communion

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:

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Rev. Roger Griffiths

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Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

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