

# *Third Sunday of Lent*



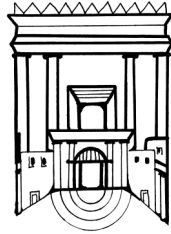
*WNY Church Unleashed*

*March 7, 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.

## In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

### *Children's Time*

#### *Psalm 19*

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

C One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

P Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

C their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

P It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

- C** The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- P** The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- C** More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- P** By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C** Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- P** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.
- P** The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd Chapter.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 2:13-22***

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

*Sermon*



*Hymn of the Day: LBW 341*

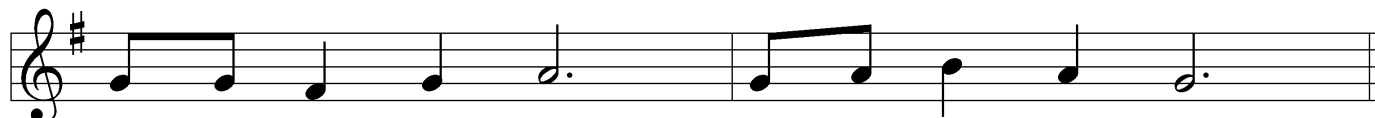
## Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

## *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 7-14, 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://uso2web.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
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5:00 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share at  
Windermere Elementary

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ Offering:

***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:*** 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 3/13 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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## *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.*

## *WNY Church Unleashed*

### *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 7th, 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.

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 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 - 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](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

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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