

*Second Sunday  
of Easter*



*WNY Church Unleashed*

*April 11, 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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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 Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- C We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
- P Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

*Opening Hymn: ELW 382*

**Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th Chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 20:19-31***

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

***Sermon***



**When Peace, like a River**  
*It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## *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 Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Let's go in peace, remember the poor, and serve our risen Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 11-18, 2021

**TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion/New Missionary Sunday  
10:40 am: Zoom Half-Hour (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667134122>)  
*Meeting ID: 846 6713 4122*  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Monday:** 4:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Amherst High School

**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 pm-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share

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**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: Easter Sunrise: 22;  
9:15 Service: 48; 10:30 Service: 73  
Good Friday Service: 32  
Total Offerings: \$5,664.00

***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; Thomas Maier; Our sincere sympathies go to the Vanderslice/Emerson/Piette families on the loss of Pastor William A. Vanderslice. Pastor Bill was an intern at St. Paul's with Carl Olin back in 1981/82, where he met and married Marcia Emerson Vanderslice.

## **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 April Pantry hours are Thursday 4/15, and 4/29 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 4/24 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for April are: canned fruit and canned vegetables.

***Daily Bread Food Truck News:*** Beginning Monday, April 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm, the DBFT will be parked in front of the Amherst High School to hand out free meals to the community. With April 12 designated as "National Grilled Cheese Day," Cheesy Chick will be working with the DBFT to provide grilled cheese sandwiches and macaroni and cheese to families in our area who continue to face food insecurity issues. The DBFT will be parked in the front parking loop at Amherst High School every Monday from 5:00-7:00 pm.



***New Missionary Sunday:*** Join us today in welcoming these New Missionaries to St. Paul's:

***Shirley and Will Barnes and Their Family***  
***Michelle and Lauren Biegner***  
***Heidi Ginal***  
***Kevin Koestler***  
***Judy and Jim Meyer***  
***Sharon and Wesley Ries***  
***Vanessa and Cortez Solomon***



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



*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 Shamrock

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Kevin Harmon

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