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of Easter*



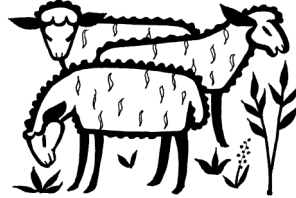
WNY Church Unleashed

April 25, 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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*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 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.

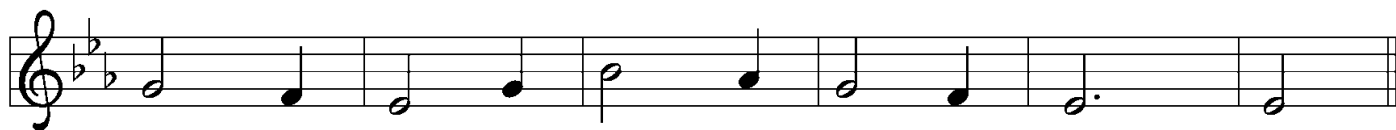
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

P You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Sermon

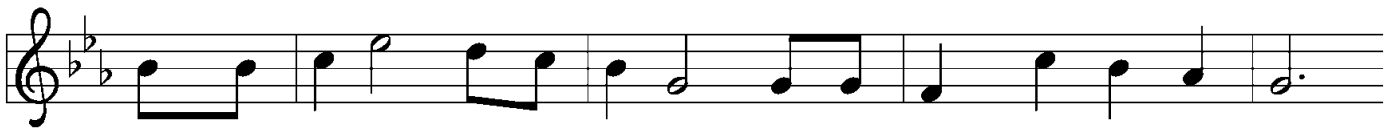
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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 25-May 2, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Amherst High School
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 12:30 pm: Staff Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
3:00-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:45 am: Congregation Meeting following today's service
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 57 Offering: \$3,361.00

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: Ira Striejewske; Shirley McNamara (Nancy Simon's sister); Ralph Vahue; Thomas Maier

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.

Zoom Coffee Half-Hour: Effective April 25, the Zoom Coffee Half-Hour following the WNY Church Unleashed service has been canceled. Plans to restart the Zoom meeting will be decided at a later date.

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 May Pantry hours are Thursday 5/6 and 5/20 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 5/8 and 5/22 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for May are: condiments, rice, and cereal.

Daily Bread Food Truck News: The DBFT will be parked in the Amherst High School front parking lot every Monday from 5:00-7:00 pm, to hand out free meals to the community. A number of neighborhood eateries will be teaming with the DBFT to “host” these meals. If you would like to volunteer to help out on Mondays, please contact Katie at 835-0407.



Annual Congregation Meeting: The Annual May Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, May 2 immediately following the 10:00 am church service. You will be able to attend the meeting in-person or via Zoom (Zoom link will be sent with the May 2 Worship Links.) During the meeting, updates on the building renovations will be given; we will vote for three Council members from the following candidates for 2021-2024: Kathryn Francis, Matt Fricano, Cheryl Gillen, Sharon Hoffman, and Gerri Horton. (Sue Renken-Mintzer is completing her second term, and Vern Stein will not be running for a second term.) There will also be a vote on a Constitutional Amendment at follows: Proposed Constitutional Amendment: C21.05.01. and C21.05. We want to modify C21.05 from, “Endowment funds will consider a percentage of the balance at year-end to be the income for that year. The percentage will be set in the bylaws, but must be between five (5) percent and ten (10) percent.” to “Endowment funds will consider a percentage of the balance at year-end to be the income for that year, as needed. The maximum percentage will be ten (10) percent.” C21.05.01 should be modified from, “The income percentage shall be six (6) percent of the ending balance each year.” to “The income percentage will be as proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by Council at the December meeting.”



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 - April 25th, 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 continues with masks and social distancing

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.

April collection-Canned Fruit & Crackers. May collection-Crackers and 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. Contact the office if you'd like to help!

Next date is April 27th.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Family & Friends of Ruth Neumann as we mourn her passing; 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 Recent petitions at church have focused prayers on the issues of domestic violence and violence against women. Since the beginning of the pandemic there has been a deeply disturbing spike in incidents of hatred and violence against Asians and Asian Americans in this country. This past week's horrific shootings in Atlanta of 8 people including 6 of women of Asian descent further intensify fear and concern among Asian and Asian American communities, particularly women. Parkside for Social Justice is working to educate and raise awareness of these issues as well as condemn harassment, hatred and violence of any kind.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of domestic violence or sexual violence of any kind these are some resources that can help.

Family Justice Center: Safeline 716-558-SAFE(7233) <https://www.fjcsafe.org/>

24-Hour Erie County Domestic Violence Hotline: 716-862-HELP(4357)

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE(4673) <https://www.rainn.org>

Crisis Service: 716-834-3131 <http://crisisservices.org/>

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:

Michael Shamrock

Soloist:

Kevin Harmon

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING



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