

*Fifth Sunday
of Easter*



WNY Church Unleashed

May 2, 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.

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

- P From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C **For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**
- P Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- C **Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- P They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"
- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

Sermon

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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: May 2-9, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:40 am: Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following In-Person service
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:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
12:30 pm: Staff Meeting via Zoom
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
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- Saturday:** 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 58 Offering: \$3,111.00

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

*Chad Israel

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

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

*The family of Mary Elizabeth Stewart who passed away April 26

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.

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 today following the In-Person 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.”

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.

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Prayer List

Bruce Herman

Beverly Root

Neil Sommerfeldt

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - May 2nd, 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.

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**" on the Depew side of the building.

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 May 25th.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: 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;

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 Over the past year Parkside for Social Justice has tried to highlight issues of inequality related to race, gender and sexual orientation. It is not possible to address inequality without also focusing on how inequality affects the community of people living with disabilities. About 1 in 4 American adults are living with a disability. Many people think first about physical disabilities that impact mobility because they are visible such as walking with a cane or using a wheelchair. Many disabilities, however, are not visible such as mental health

issues, hearing and vision loss, cognitive and learning disabilities, memory loss and chronic health issues. Like discrimination against people because of race and gender, **ableism** is defined as the discrimination and social prejudice against people with disabilities. **Ableism** includes harmful stereotypes, misconceptions, and generalizations of people with disabilities.

How can we as a community make sure everybody has the same opportunity to participate in worship and other activities here at Parkside? Barriers happen when places and activities that all people should have access to are designed in ways that limit this access.

Barriers limit the things people with disabilities can do, the places they can go, or the attitudes of others toward them. For example, heavy doors are barriers for people with limited upper body movement. These types of doors prevent people from entering buildings. Other barriers facing people with disabilities include negative stereotypes such as viewing a disability as a personal deficit or shortcoming. It is important to recognize and address challenges that all people—including those with disabilities—experience and work to remove barriers so that all will feel welcome at Parkside.

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?

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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 Hooker

Soloist:

Theresa Kosmowski

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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