

*Third Sunday
after Pentecost*



WNY Church Unleashed

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*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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Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In this season, we worship the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose fire burns in our hearts and lives still today.

C Amen

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin together. God of mercy,

C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another; we forgot to love as we have been loved. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. Many times, we store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, for all that we've messed up, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. So rejoice in this good news: you are brought back to the Father who created you, forgiven by the Savior who died for you, and poured out over again by the Holy Spirit who walks with you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all God's people said:

C Amen

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

- A It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
C to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;
A on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.
C For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
A The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
C Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;
A they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;
C that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Fourth Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

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: June 13-20, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
11:00 am: Baptism of Jack and Hudson Pabst
12:30 am: Baptism of Declan O'Leary
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 5:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Amherst High School
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
6:00 pm: Burrito Project
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
3:00-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Friday:** 5:30 pm: Wedding of Keli Pryn and John Moulin
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 66 Offering: \$7,236.00

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 and Hayley Israel

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

*Dave Metz: Elderwood, 200 Bassett, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

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

We extend our sympathy to the families of Cheryl Gillen, Pam Wunderlin, and Gail Singer in the recent passing of their brother

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Ira Striejewske; Ralph Vahue; Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Reservations are no longer required. Anyone who has received their full dosage of the Covid vaccine does not have to wear a face mask in church, and may sit where they are comfortable. Those who have yet to receive their full Covid vaccination, we ask you wear your face mask in church until you are seated, and continue to sit six feet apart. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also being livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

WNY Church Unleashed: 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.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The June Pantry hours are Thursday 6/17 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 6/26 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for June are: coffee, tea, rice, and canned fruit.

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.

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

With our return to in-person worship, we thought we would let you know about a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** If you are not be able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's to the church office 4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>



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



Drive-Thru Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ to Support Lutheran Charities

Join us for a summer BBQ with Buffalo's favorite Chiavetta's Chicken! This event will be drive through only, and 100% of the funds raised goes directly to the community organizations we support. Dinner comes with chicken, roll and butter, potato salad, and cole slaw. Prices are \$12 for pre-register and \$13 day of. It will take place at St. John Lutheran Church, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 3:00pm to 7:00pm or SOLD OUT.

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - June 13th, 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

There will be a Parkside Lutheran Church CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, June 20th, immediately following service, to vote on proposed window trim painting and emergency organ repair.

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.

June collection-Jelly (16oz or smaller, please) ***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 June 22.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Stephanie E. Rogers for healing; Ruth DeAeth; The Hagner Family, including Lorri's father, Gary B., who has been very ill.

Friends & Family: Tom; Friends and family of Georgie Knight, as they mourn her passing; Stephanie and Austin; Sharon Hill; Continued prayers for Donald Railey as he recovers from major abdominal surgery; We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

If you would like to add to the prayer list please contact the office.

Parkside For Social Justice - June - As the beginning of summer approaches, we also mark the celebration this month for the LGBTQ community with **Pride Month**. For many years now the month of June has been dedicated to celebrating the members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) communities and all that they continue to fight for in terms of rights and recognition. Pride celebrations commemorate the Stonewall riots in Manhattan, which occurred at the end of June in 1969. These riots were a major turning point in the gay rights movement. Prior to the events that June gay people were not even permitted to be served alcohol legally. Over the years many things have changed in this country to expand the rights and recognitions that the LGBTQ community are afforded, but there is still work to do. During the month of June, Pride events often include parades, picnics, workshops, and concerts that attract millions of participants worldwide. Memorials are also held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of this commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally. We hope to celebrate these achievements while also raising up the inequities that still exist.

Have a suggested resource or question about this Parkside For Social Justice?

Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com.

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

OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION



+ **Indoor Worship:**

+ **Saturdays @ 5pm and Sundays @ 9:15am -- ALL ARE WELCOME, WE MEAN IT!**

+ **Sunday indoor Church School ('rolling schedule'):** *contact Elaine Baker*
(elaine@zionclarencenter.com) *for the schedule.*

+ **Sunday Adult Bible Class @ 10:30am:** *contact Pastor Carroll for a referral to Zion's adult education coordinator more information.* (pastorcarroll@zionclarencenter.com)

• Interested in helping the folks at Zion expand Zion's digital 'footprint'? *Contact Pastor Carroll for a referral to Zion's digital coordinator* (pastorcarroll@zionclarencenter.com)

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who have been gifting their services to help bring you
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