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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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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 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

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

First Reading: Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from

heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

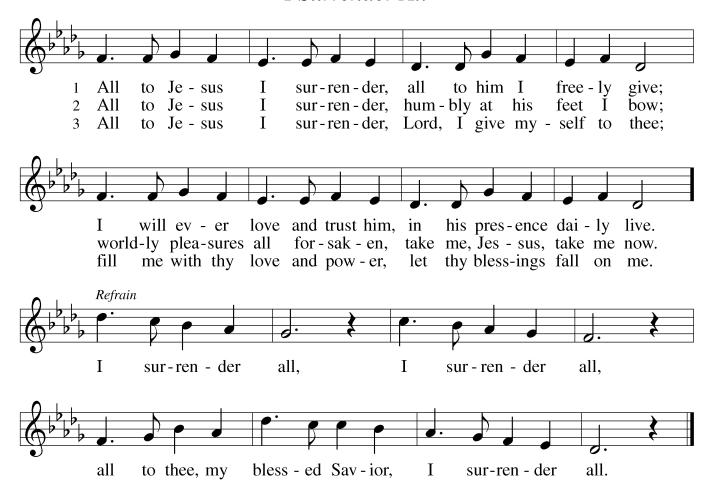
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: TFF 235

All to Jesus I Surrender

I Surrender All



Text: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855–1939

Music: SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weeden, 1847–1908

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:
- 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 May you be unleashed, unleashed into the world, as we go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 8-15, 2021

TODAY: 9:30-11:00 am: Daily Bread Food Truck (DBFT): Pastries with Emilie

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: 10:00 am: 23 Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic at Glen Oak Golf Club

Thursday: 7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

6:00 pm: Wedding of Susan Mintzer and David Szewczyk

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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 59 Offering: \$6,634.80

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

Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

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: Buffalo General Hospital

Grace Mols: Elderwood, 200 Bassett Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Diane Siegel: 636 Evergreen Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105 David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Larry Woodward: Greenfields, 5949 Broadway, Room C119, Lancaster, NY 14086

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Bill Siegel and his family in the passing of Bill's brother, Tom Siegel (a former member, who was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's); Ira Striejewske; Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Reservations are no longer required. With the increase of the Covid variant in our area, we are asking everyone to wear a face mask until they are seated and distanced in church. If you are singing, please make sure you have a face mask on. 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 August Pantry hours are Thursday 8/19 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 8/14 and 8/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for August are: juice, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, and hand soap.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck will be parked outside St. Paul's on Main Street EVERY Sunday from 9:30-11:30am serving yummy coffee and pastries. The original "get one, give one" mission is back in action, so remember that for every meal purchased, one meal is given. There are many opportunities this summer to get involved, as well. We need help in the kitchen! We would love to add you to the team! Contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email dailybread4007@gmail.com

Lutheran Charities Golf Classic: The 23 Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic will be held at Glen Oak Golf Club, 115 Smith Road, East Amherst, NY 14051, on Monday, August 9, 2021.

Memorial Service for Dolores Shearer: There will be a memorial service for Dolores Shearer on Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 9535 Clarence Center Road, Clarence Center, NY.

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/

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - August 8th, 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:

TV: Station METV - channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV Or, view anytime on WNY Church Unleashed Facebook or YouTube

Or, Worship outside at Parkside Lutheran Church 10am

(or inside in inclement weather. Please wear a mask if you are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated. Masks for fully vaccinated people are currently optional, however, this is subject to change, so please bring a mask with you.

Visit our 2 "Chalk it up to God" community outdoor art project (one is on Wallace, the other is on Depew) Add your prayer, message or drawing and "Chalk it up to God"!

Summer Music Raffle – contact the office with your hymn requests (anything goes!) for Sunday worship at Parkside now through August.

Sun 8.8.21 - Parkside LC Congregational meeting immediately following worship.

Save the date: Saturday, September 25, at 11 a.m. a memorial service will be held for Pr. John Buerk at Holy Trinity, Buffalo. Pr. Buerk served Parkside LC for 18 years.

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) Volunteers are needed. Contact Kristen Lenz or the office if you are interested in helping. kristenlenz@gmail.com

Nonperishable food items can be left in our little red "Blessing Box" on the Depew side of the building. Give what you can, take what you need.

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 4th 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 **August 24th**.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Joan Bauer; Stephanie E. Rogers and Ruth DeAeth for healing. Friends & Family: Kelly; Martha, Michael, Roger Moore; Healing prayers for Pastor Morse; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne; Prayers for all who grieve including Kim, Stacie, and Shana; 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

Introduction to the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program: "All are Welcome"

What does it mean to be welcoming as a church community? The RIC Program is a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran Church. Parkside is establishing a committee to steer education and opportunities for discussion within our faith community to ensure the welcome, inclusion and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expression as well as continuing to work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work.

An important part of the program involves crafting a more in-depth welcome statement that is welcoming to the LGBTQA+ community and commits to racial justice work. Crafting this statement will be the work of the entire church community. Each month educational programs will be offered around a variety of topics. A survey is being created in order to determine what topics are of interest to all of you. Educational and discussion opportunities will be offered in a variety of ways from in person small group meetings, to coffee hour discussions and Zoom. Our hope is that each program will offer a safe place to ask questions and learn together. More info to come!

If you are interested in being part of the committee to plan monthly programs please contact Alison Smith at alisonmsmith07@gmail.com or Pastor Jeremiah.

Volunteers Needed -

Gardeners -Will you help keep our garden beds tidy (many hands make light work)? Contact Onda Simmons or the office if you can help.

Property Committee is always looking for folks willing to help with small maintenance jobs, minor repairs, etc. on Tuesday mornings. Speak with Fran Ball or Charlie Russ if you can help, or contact the office.

The Care Committee needs volunteers to help support the Parkside Church community by writing cards to members, attendees and a few others during major life events. Cards and Bible verses will be provided, and we are hoping for a one-year commitment by each volunteer. Can you help us celebrate weddings and new babies, and provide sympathy and understanding to those who are hurting in the Parkside family? The plan is to begin in the fall. Please contact Pastor Jeremiah or the office if you are willing to help.

Want more info 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@zionclarencecenter.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@zionclarencecenter.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@zionclarencecenter.com)

Zion Lutheran Church 9535 Clarence Center Road Clarence Center, NY 14032 (716) 741-2656

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