

*This Changes
Everything*



WNY Church Unleashed
October 31, 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. Roger Griffiths, Jr.*

“ TRUTH CHANGES EVERYTHING ”

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For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For “Rabbit Ears”: Ch. 67-1*

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

C God, you see us and you know us better than we know ourselves. You see those places in our lives we are holding back from you. All the ways our greed stops us from sharing the gifts you have given us; all the ways our selfishness has blocked us from knowing your love; all the ways our fears keep us living life in all its fullness. God, for Jesus sake, forgive us. Help us to trust you so that we can let go of all that holds us back from you.

P People of God, remember this truth. Jesus will never hold back his love, grace, or mercy from us. He has gone all in for us on the cross. People of God, hear this promise again. You are forgiven and you are unconditionally loved by God. So let go of everything holding you back, be changed by grace, and live life in all its fullness.

C Amen

Opening Hymn: LBW 229

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



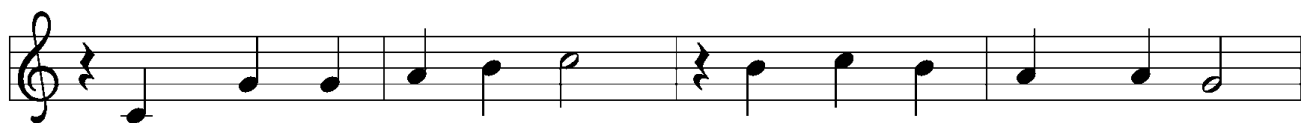
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Children's Time

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Sermon: Reformational – Revs. Smith, Griffiths, and Biegner

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 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: October 31-November 7, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Reformation Sunday: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School
*** Remember to wear a costume ***
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 6:00 am-9:00 pm: Election Day/Polling Location
10:00 am: Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
3:00-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck—Meal Share
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Commitment Sunday: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School
11:15am: Baptism of Elliana Madeline Whittemore
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 88 Offering: \$4,068.80

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

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

David Lampe: 73 Crescent Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214

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

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Betty Venator: PO Box 386, Williamsville, NY 14231

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

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

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Norma Wehrung.

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Lanny Repman and Norm Kreuzer (friends of Sharon Ries); Aurora Miano (Robin and Joseph Miano's granddaughter); Ira Striejewske; Thomas Maier

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/>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Pantry hours for November are: Thursday 11/4 and 11/18 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 11/13 and 11/27 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for November: tomato soup, canned yams, canned collard greens, Spam.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck has finished their "Get One" season, and is now transitioning into their "Give One" season. There are many opportunities 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

Amherst Family Support Center: Parent Network of WNY is a not-for-profit agency that provides 1-on-1 support and education through resources, workshops, and support groups to assist families of individuals with disabilities (birth through adulthood) to understand their disability and navigate the support service system. Families and Caregivers: We want to hear from you! Come and learn about the Parent Network of WNY and join the discussion! We want to know what topics you would like to learn more about for your children with learning differences. In person November 3, 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 PM Amherst Central Family Support Center 4007 Main Street Amherst, NY. Use back parking lot entrance.

God On Tap: Will resume at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 22.

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – October 21st, 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, at Parkside Lutheran Church 10am Masks are required indoors for everyone.

Visit our 2 “Chalk it up to God” community outdoor art project in front of church. Add your prayer, message or drawing and “Chalk it up to God”!

Sunday, November 7th – All Saints Sunday

North Buffalo Food Pantry Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm – enter on Depew.

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 **November 23rd**.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Jean Czora; Family & friends of Pastor Jeremiah’s grandfather, as we mourn his passing; Chelsea, John, and Haleigh; Kristen Lenz; Joan Bauer; Stephanie E. Rogers and Ruth DeAeth for healing.

Friends & Family: Jermaine; Ken for healing; Tina (Jim Budny’s sister) for healing from a fall; Florence Lennert & Family; Rebecca; Stephen; Kevin; Jamison; Don; Lysander; Kelly; Martha, Michael, Roger Moore; Healing prayers for Judi’s sister, Jo Anne; Pray for Haiti and Afghanistan; 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.

Altar Guild Committee needs volunteers to help with communion set up on Sunday mornings & cleaning up afterwards. Each committee member assists with eight Sundays per year and if we have enough volunteers, you would be partnered with another member. Please speak with Becky Amann or Kim Walek if you can help, or contact the office.

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@zionclarencelcenter.com) *for the schedule.*
- + **Sunday Adult Bible Class @ 10:30am:** *contact Pastor Roger Griffiths*
- **Interested in helping the folks at Zion expand Zion's digital 'footprint'?** *Contact Pastor Roger Griffiths*

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Clarence Center, NY 14032
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