

Going All In!



WNY Church Unleashed

November 21, 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.*

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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 from 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. Hear this promise and let it sink in. 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 272

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

Acts 2:38-47

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Sermon

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: November 21-28, 2021

TODAY: 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, First Communion, Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

Wednesday: 8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: **THANKSGIVING**

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

Sunday: 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, and Sunday School
11:00 am: Hanging of the Greens PARTY!
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 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

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

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Reservations are not 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 remaining Pantry hours for November are: Saturday 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

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – November 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.

Feeding our neighbors:

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

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- **Blessing Box:** Nonperishable food items (especially those able to withstand freezing temperatures) can be left in our little red box on the Depew side of the building. Give what you can, take what you need.

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- **Meals on Wheels Parkside LC location is in always in need of volunteers** – if you can help 2 or 3 mornings during the week for an hour or two, please contact the office.

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- **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!

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Next date is **November 23rd.**

Welcome Home for Afghan Evacuees

Parkside Lutheran Church is teaming up with Buffalo United for Afghan Evacuees (BUFAE) to form a Welcome Home team to benefit some of our newest neighbors from Afghanistan. We will be collecting household items and other essentials throughout the month of November. Then, when the family is ready to move into their permanent housing, we will mobilize our moving team to get their apartment all set up. Contact Kristen Lenz at Kristenlenz@gmail.com or 703-307-4050 with any questions. Thank you for helping to welcome our newest neighbors HOME! **For the list of items needed (preferably new or very gently used) and other info, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054EA9AE2FA1FE3-welcome>**

or use the QR code:



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. Our hope is that each program will offer a safe place to ask questions and learn together. Interested in being part of the committee to plan programs? Contact Alison Smith at alisonmsmith07@gmail.com or Pastor Jeremiah.

You are invited to take the Anti-Racism Pledge Here: https://elca.org/racialjusticepledge?_ga=2.38162592.2090941239.1623770446-953195394.1601662931

Parkside for Social Justice invites you to listen to episode 105 of Rev. Nadia Boltz-Weber's podcast called "The Confessional." (CW for adult language) Its tagline is "**Ugly confessions from beautiful people... It's like a car wash for our shame and secrets.**" In this episode Pastor Nadia interviews Eric Thomas, a columnist at elle.com. He shares experiences of growing up in a conservative church that made him feel shame and fear. Even after leaving that church, its influence would ruin his first relationship after he Googled, "how to tell if your boyfriend is a Satan worshiper." This podcast can be found wherever you download your podcasts or you can find a transcript here <https://nadiabolzweber.com/105-r-eric-thomas/>

Questions for reflection: Have you ever been hurt or made to feel shame by a church? Are there ways Parkside might unintentionally be hurting folks? What do we need to "unbuckle" from in order to be free of fear, free of shame, and to build a more inclusive church? Pastor Nadia ends the podcast with a blessing. How can our community be a blessing to those who have been hurt by church?

Join us for a discussion before worship on November 21st at 9:15am or look for conversations to occur on the church Facebook page. Most important of all we hope you will listen and join us in the work of building a community where all can feel affirmed and welcomed.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Jean Czora; Chelsea, John, and Haleigh; Kristen Lenz; Joan Bauer; Stephanie E. Rogers and Ruth DeAeth for healing.

Friends & Family: Prayers for Jen, Tara, and Brett for strength, Healing for Pam and Mike; Family & Friends of Laurence Woodward, Esq. as they mourn his passing; Bill & Mary Beck; Jermaine; Ken for healing; Tina (Jim Budny's sister) for healing from a fall; Rebecca; Stephen; Kevin; Jamison; Don; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne.

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.

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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