

*Getting Ready;
“Love” !!*



WNY Church Unleashed

December 12th, 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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*Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.
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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, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

C God for whom we wait, as church together, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

P God's love is unleashed into this world for all of us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven and through the grace of Jesus, you are set free from the burdens of fear and shame. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Children's Time

Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Sermon - Pastor Rebecca Mentzer

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: December 12th-19th, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-6:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal-Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3-7 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry is open
7:00 pm: Alanon
7:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday** 9:00 am –3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, and Children's Christmas Pageant
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 108

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: PO Box 2371

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

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Kevin Dennis (friend of Scott Vahue), Judy Brown (Daughter of Kathryn Brown and sister 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 Pantry is hours for December are Thursdays 16th, 23rd and 30th from 3-7 pm AND Saturday the 11th from 9am-1pm.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck is in the swing of their "Give one" Season. They are outside St. Paul's every Monday giving out free hot meals from 4:30-6:30 pm. They are also partnering with the Tiger's Den Food Pantry on the Saturdays they are open, giving meals from 9-11:30 am. There are many opportunities to get involved, as well. We would love to add you to the team!

Contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email dailybread4007@gmail.com.

Donations for Vive Shelter in Ile A Vache, Haiti

Due to the ongoing unrest and safety concerns in Haiti, we have not been able to send any mission teams to Ile A Vache, Haiti in over two years. We are hoping and planning to resume when it is safe to do so. In the meantime our hearts are heavy with a desire to help our Haitian friends. We want to remind you that Caribbean Children's Foundation is seeking donations for their ongoing work at Grace school and orphanage and you can donate to them at <https://www.caribbeanchildrensfoundation.org/donate>. Closer to home, we are collecting donations for Vive shelter, a program of Jericho Road Community Health Program in Buffalo. According to a recent Buffalo news article people from Haiti and Colombia are among the largest groups of refugees seeking asylum in the US and Canada and being housed temporarily at the shelter on Wyoming Ave. Michelle Biegner is facilitating a collection of items on their wish list to assist with the influx of these families. Please consider making a donation of one of the following items between Thanksgiving and Christmas and they will be delivered to the shelter for use at the shelter.

Vive Shelter Wishlist: Donation box at church entrance.

Warm sleep sacks for infants 0-12 months (fleece, long-sleeved preferred), Baby Bottles, Diapers Sizes 4, 5, and 6

Towels, Shower flip flops (all sizes), Shampoo (especially for Black/African hair), Sanitary/ menstrual pads, Nail clippers, Women's and children's underwear

Tissues (required back to school supply), Disinfectant wipes (required back to school supply)

Twin sheets, Pillows

Kids' snacks (Goldfish, granola bars, animal crackers, fruit snacks, dried fruit chips)

Gift cards to Walmart, Target for needed supplies (can be given to Pastor Steve or Michelle Biegner)

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – December 12th, 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.

Important Dates:

Sat. 12/11 – Holiday Carriage Ride - Parkside Lutheran Church 6:30-8:30pm volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up, as well as folks willing to donate cookies.

Sun. 12/12 – St. Joe's Swing Choir will join us in Worship 10am!

Sun. 12/19 Christmas Pageant (at Worship 10am)

Fri. 12/24 – Christmas Eve AM Service 10am and PM Service 8:30pm Music, 9pm Worship

Feeding our neighbors:

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

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.

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.

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 **December 28th**.

Welcome Home for Afghan Evacuees

Parkside Lutheran Church and Buffalo United for Afghan Evacuees (BUFAE) are welcoming 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

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Jim Aston and family for peace; Strength and healing for Chelsea, John, and Haleigh; Jean Czora; Joan Bauer; Ruth DeAeth

Friends & Family: Prayers for Strength for Jilynn, Eddie, and healing for Evie; encouragement for Norma M; 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 recovery from a fall; Rebecca; Stephen; Kevin; Jamison; Don; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne; Pray for those coping with mental 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 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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Clarence Center, NY 14032
(716) 741-2656*

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