

*Fourth Sunday  
of Epiphany*



*January 30, 2022*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
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*Prelude Music*

*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C We confess that we have sinned against you. We put ourselves first and fail to love our neighbors. We worry about the problems of others and we neglect ourselves. We have become stuck in our ways of being. We have become addicted to our own way of thinking. God, we need your grace and forgiveness. We need your help to let go. We need a new beginning. So, for the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and give us a new start, show us the way to follow you and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news: In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. With God everything old has passed away. With God everything has become new. You have been made new. So be unleashed from your worry, fear, and shame. To live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C Amen.

## Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different parts of the hymn. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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### *Apostolic Greeting*

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## *Salutation and Prayer of the Day*

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## *First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10*

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**A** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## *Psalms 71:1-6 (read responsively)*

*From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)*

**A** In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**C** In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

**A** Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**C** Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

- A For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.  
C I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.



***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13***

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the Fourth Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Luke 4:21-30***

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

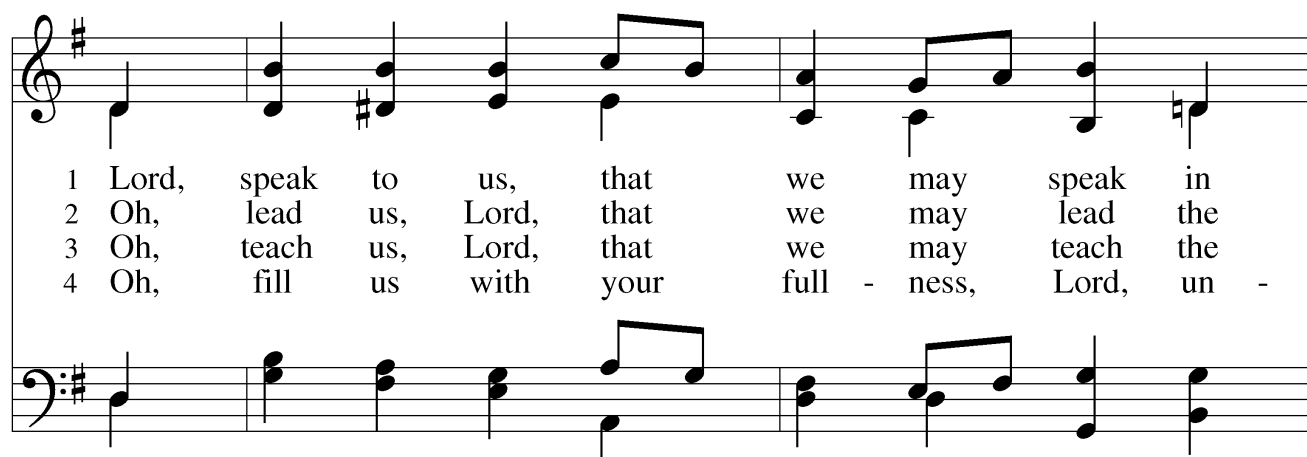
C Praise to you, O Christ.



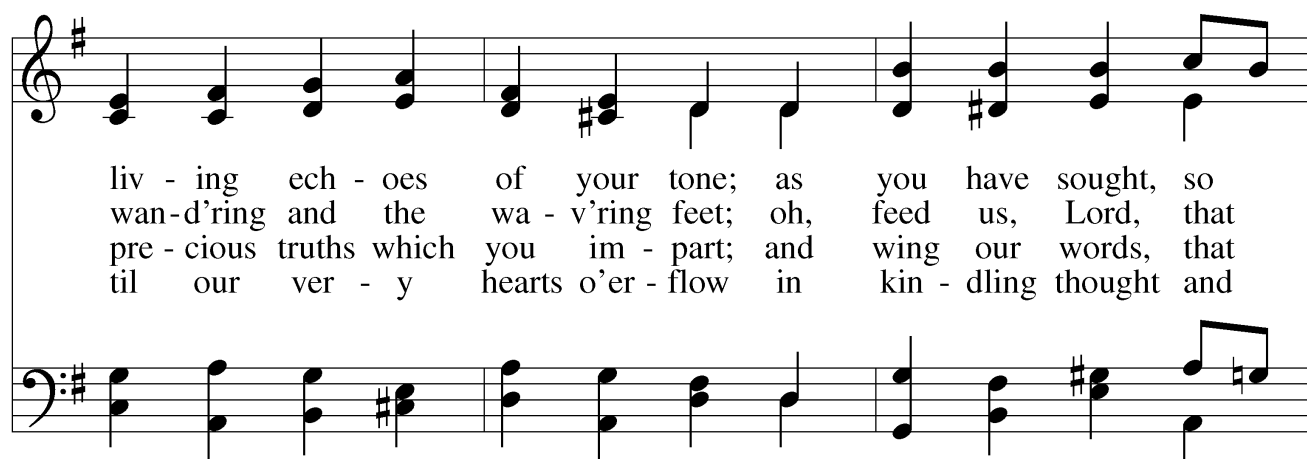
***Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner***

***Hymn of the Day: LBW 403 (on the following page)***

# Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## *Apostle's Creed*

A Let's join to proclaim our faith in 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*

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit, especially the people on our Prayer List and those we name either silently or aloud. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.



- A Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

### *Offering Music and Prayer*

#### *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 - 4007 Main Street, 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/>

- P Let us pray.
- C God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence and your love. Amen

### *Dialogue and Preface*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

### *Sanctus (spoken)*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### *Words of Institution*

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### *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

***Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.***

*Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread, take the wine and return to your seat via the side aisle. \*Or remain in your seat and use the elements you picked up on the way into church. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.*

### ***Communion Blessing***

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

### ***Prayer After Communion***

P We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C 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: January 30-February 6, 2022

**TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School  
10:45 am: New Missionary Meeting  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope  
**Monday:** 4:30-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal-Share at St. Paul's  
**Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
**Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters  
1:00 pm: Pinochle Group  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting  
**Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
7:00 pm: Alanon  
**Saturday:** 9:00-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship  
**Sunday:** 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  
2:00 pm: 2nd Annual Snowball Golf Classic

**The Altar Flowers:** are given to the Glory of God. The rose is given in celebration of Sarah Maloney's birthday from her family

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

\* Karen Brown, 59 Kibler Drive, Depew, NY 14043

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

\* Lois O'Brian, Elderwood at Wheatfield, 2600 Niagara Falls Blvd., Room 422A, Wheatfield, NY 14304, 716-215-8000

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Betty Venator: PO Box 386, Williamsville, NY 14221

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

***Prayer List: In our and extended family:*** The family of Herbert Muck (Jean Brundage's uncle); Colleen Connor (Scott Vahue's sister-in-law); Thomas Maier; Kevin Dennis (friend of Scott Vahue); Judy Brown (daughter of Kathryn Brown and sister of Bob Brown); Ira Striejewske

***Deacon Schedule:*** 1/30: Sara Gallagher

***Usher Schedule:*** 1/30: Ben Brown, Matt Fricano

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***In-Person Worship:*** 10:00 am. Reservations are not required. In accordance with NY State mandates and because of the increase of the Covid variant in our area, we are asking everyone to wear a face mask while in the building at **all times** regardless of vaccination status. 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 hours for February are: Thursday, 2/3 and 2/17 from 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 2/12 and 2/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for February are: juice, canned fruit, crackers, and cookies.

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** The Daily Bread Food Truck is continuing their "give one" season and is parked in the St. Paul's driveway next to the flag pole each Monday night giving hot meals out from 4:30-6:00 pm. If you would like to help give out food during our Meal-Share night, please contact Katie in the office at 716-835-0407. Thank you!

***Haitian Church:*** Welcome to the Peniel Haitian Church. They are now worshipping at St. Paul's every Saturday from 9am-3pm.

***New Missionary Meeting:*** Sunday, January 30 following the 10:00 am in-person service. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Steve.

# Lifelines

## Suicide Prevention

The Amherst Family Support Center will be hosting an Internet presentation entitled "Lifelines Curriculum" on Monday, January 31, 2022 from 5:00-6:00 pm. Dr. Maria Oddo, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services, and Jill Glowniak, LCSW and FSC Liaison, will present curriculum from the Lifelines Program on the importance of talking about mental health and suicide with a goal of raising resilient kids in challenging times.

- Get support from other parents
- Learn about community resources
- Useful tips for managing our stress during COVID 19
- For additional information, contact Jill Glowniak at 716-362-3072

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**DINNER BY LOCAL GRILLE**

# W-I-N-E-O!

VIRTUAL TASTING & BINGO EVENT

February 17th, 7:30 PM

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES

For Shipping or Delivery: February 6th

For Pick-Up: February 11th

Find Details & Registration at



[wnylutherancharities.org](http://wnylutherancharities.org)  
or call 716-632-2623



## This next Lutheran Charities' fundraising event is SURE to not disappoint!

Learn the art of wine making and selection with  
Addy's Fine Wine & Spirits' sommelier Jim Curry,  
then use what you've learned to play several rounds of  
W-I-N-E-O (wine-style BINGO)  
for the chance to win some incredible prizes!

Cost: \$60\*

Includes: 4 - 750ml bottles of wine (2 red, 2 white)  
and one bingo sheet per person in your group

Registration Deadlines vary, depending upon choice of  
delivery or pick-up

Delivery is available within 5 miles of Addy's Fine Wine & Spirits

\*Shipping has an additional charge



*+ St. Paul's Mission +*

*To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

*We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,  
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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