

*“Love Does”*



*WNY Church Unleashed*

*February 13, 2022*

*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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*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

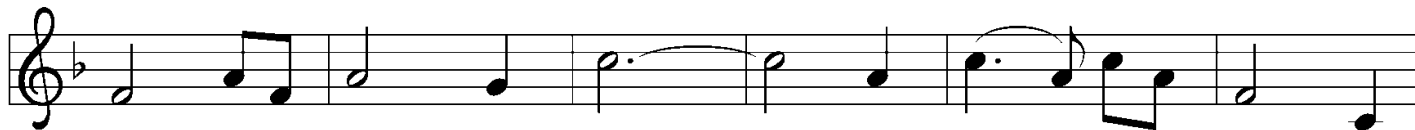
- P We begin our worship today, surrounded by God's love, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake, God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because that is what love does!
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW 779

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

### *Gospel: Luke 6:17-26*

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

### *Sermon: Pastor Roger Griffiths, Jr.*

#### *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: February 13-20, 2022

- 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:** 4:30-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal-Share at St. Paul's
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
5:30 pm: Burrito Project
- Wednesday:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
7:00 pm: Alanon
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-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 (NO Sunday School today)  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

***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: 107 Fairbanks Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14223  
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: 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***

## **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 in 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.

### ***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/>



# VIRTUAL WINE TASTING & BINGO EVENT FEBRUARY 17TH, 7:30 PM REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!

**Register by Monday, February 14th for Pick-up!**  
Your \$60 donation includes 4-750ml wines, introductions  
by Addy's sommelier Jim Curry, AND the chance to  
win great prizes playing W-I-N-E-O Bingo  
based on the evening's lessons!

Find Details & Registration  
Online at  
[wnylutherancharities.org](http://wnylutherancharities.org)



Support local charities while having FUN on a cold winter's day! Registration has been extended for Lutheran Charities' **Virtual Wine Tasting & Bingo Event**, Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. With your \$60 registration you will receive 4-750ml bottles of various red and white wines, a tasting and education session with sommelier Jim Curry from Addy's Fine Wine & Spirits, and the chance to win some fantastic prizes playing W-I-N-E-O bingo, based on the evenings lesson. To learn more about this great event and to register, visit us at [WNYLUTHERAN CHARITIES.ORG](http://WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG) or call the Lutheran Charities office at 716-632-2623.



## Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - February 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

*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.

**The season of Lent begins: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday.**

**Imposition of ashes - 7pm at Parkside Lutheran Church.**

**WEATHER POLICY** - If there is a driving ban in the City of Buffalo, Parkside Lutheran Church will be closed - otherwise the service will go on. However, we want everyone to be safe, so if you are unsure about the roads/travel it's ok to worship God from home!

 **W-I-N-E-O!** Looking for something FUN to do on a cold winter's day? Look no further! Join Lutheran Charities of WNY for a Virtual Wine Tasting & Bingo Event, Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. With your \$60 registration you will receive 4-750ml bottles of various red and white wines, a tasting and education session with sommelier Jim Curry from Addy's Fine Wine & Spirits, and the chance to win some fantastic prizes playing W-I-N-E-O bingo, based on the evenings lesson. To learn more about this great event and to register, visit us at [WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG](http://WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG) or call the Lutheran Charities office at 716-632-2623.

### **HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS:**

Parkside Lutheran Church (<https://www.parksidelutheran.org/>) is once again teaming up with Buffalo United for Afghan Evacuees ([www.wnyrac.org](http://www.wnyrac.org)) to form a **Welcome Home team to benefit some of our newest neighbors from Afghanistan.** We are collecting household items and other essentials throughout the month of February. When the family is ready to move, we will mobilize our moving team to set up their apartment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054EA9AE2FA1FE3-2022>



**Burrito Project** - Every 4th Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. If you'd like to help, contact Alison Smith [alisonmsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmsmith07@gmail.com). Thanks for putting love of neighbor into action! Next date is Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**North Buffalo Food Pantry** - Open Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew side of building. DASH's Supermarket receipts are being collected to benefit the Food Pantry. Place them in the small bright green box in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

**Blessing Box** - We need non-perishable foods for the Blessing Box. Especially welcome are "grab & go" nonperishable foods, especially those that withstand freezing temps. Drop off donations in the Narthex or put them directly in the box. Thank you for helping us keep this box stocked! Located on Depew side of building.

**Ronald McDonald House** - A congregation member's grandson is raising funds for the [Ronald McDonald House](#) by collecting pop can tabs. If you'd like to contribute some pop can tabs, there is a small Ronald McDonald cardboard box in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

**Diaper Collection** - This Lent, Lutheran churches across Upstate New York are collecting Diapers. We hope to collectively collect 50,000 Diapers.

*Why Diapers?* Diapers are material basic necessities all children require, as essential as food, shelter, and clothing. Yet, most state and national safety-net programs do not recognize diapers as a basic need.

*What is Diaper Need?* Diaper need is the lack of a sufficient amount of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. Babies require up to 12 diapers a day, toddlers about eight.

-Five Million babies and toddlers live in poor or low-income families

-On average Diapers cost between \$70 and \$80 dollars a month.

-There are zero federal programs that cover the cost of diapers.

Check out Buffalo's Diaper Bank for more info: <https://www.everybottomcovered.org/>

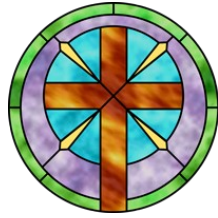
Please join us in collecting Diapers from March 6<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. Disposable baby diapers any size, pull ups size 2T-5T, wipes & diaper cream. Feel free to Pastor Jeremiah with any questions.



**Prayer Tree: Congregation:** Jean Czora; Joan Bauer; Ruth DeAeth; The Diefenbach Family as they mourn the passing of Phil and The Pankow family; Also please pray for those in our Parkside LC community who've been recently exposed to, tested positive to and/or recovering from Covid-19. **Friends & Family:** Rebecca Torres and other friends and family who mourn the passing of Stephen Silver; Peter Nole; Jilynn, Eddie, and healing for Evie; encouragement for Norma M; Prayers for Jen, Tara, and Brett for strength, Healing for Pam and Mike; Bill & Mary Beck; Jermaine; Ken for healing; Kevin; Jamison; Don; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne. We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need. Contact the office with your prayer request.

Want more info about all that is happening at Parkside LC? Sign up for our weekly email on our website - [parksidelutheran.org](http://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](mailto: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*

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

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals  
who have been gifting their services to help bring you  
the Sunday MeTV productions:

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Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING



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Pastor Jeremiah Smith from Parkside Lutheran Church, Pastor Roger Griffiths, Jr, from Zion Lutheran  
Church, and Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church -  
whose mission is to unleash the message of God's good news into every home in Western New York.***