

“Love Does”



WNY Church Unleashed

February 27, 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.*

*“Love Transforms”
February 27, 2022*

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Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

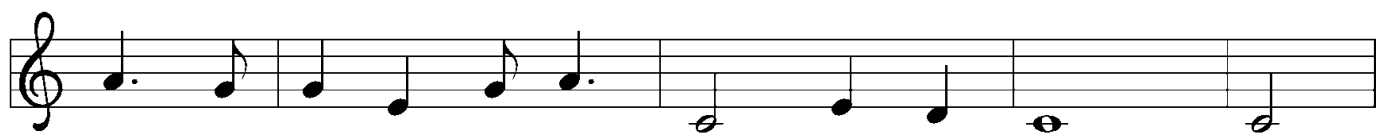
- P We begin our worship today, surrounded by God's love, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may 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 770

Give Me Jesus

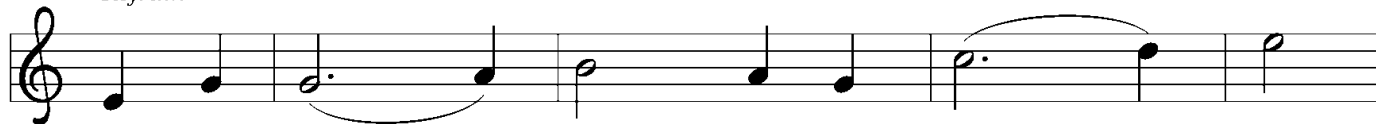


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

Children's Time

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.



Sermon: Pastor Steve 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: February 27-March 6, 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

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
6:30-6:45 pm: On-the-Go Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 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, Sunday School
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
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
David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Betty Venator, and to the family of Claire Franke.

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Rich Heuer (the son of Richard and Betsy Heuer and the Sharon Adimey's nephew); Ken Moser (dear friend of the Adimeys); Eric Hawkins (Curt and Joyce Chace's grandson); 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 March are : Thursday 3/3, 3/17, and 3/31 from 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 3/12 and 3/26 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for March are: Coffee/tea, toilet paper, juice, and canned fruit.

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!

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/>

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S***



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville
4007 Main Street*



JOIN US FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY
March 2, 2022



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we start the season of Lent.
This is a time of reflection and preparation before the
celebrations of Easter.

Pastor Steve will be distributing ashes (on-the-go)
from 6:30-6:45 pm outside the front entrance at St. Paul's.

Worship service will be held at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Our Lenten theme for 2022 will be: "Returning to the Lord"



"For dust you are and to dust you shall return."
(Genesis 3:19).



ST. PAUL'S
YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

*The Annual
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
March 26th from 4-7 pm*



After two years of cancellations,
WE ARE BACK!!

Dinner includes unlimited salad, bread
sticks, dessert and pasta & meatballs
with homemade sauce!!!

Free-Will offering to benefit the
Youth Group for this summer's
Lake Chautauqua Camperships and the
next National Youth Gathering.

**We do need some delicious donated
desserts and beautiful baskets for
the raffle.**

If you can help us out, please contact
the office at St. Paul's 716-835-0407 OR
Adam Weber 716-435-8974

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 4007 MAIN STREET EGGERTSVILLE

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – February 27th 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 2nd, 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!

First Communion/Communion Celebration 2022

Our recent tradition at Parkside has been to offer some family classes after worship and then celebrate on Palm Sunday. This would mean classes would be March 27th, and April 3rd, with Palm Sunday happening on April 10th. (These are tentative, as we want what works for the most folks.)

Who is eligible for this class? Anyone! In recent years the church has practiced what is called 'open' table. This means you don't have to be a member of Parkside - you don't even have to be Lutheran - ALL are welcomed. We also know Jesus was big on welcoming children. Pastor will serve anyone who comes up and sticks out a hand. These classes are an opportunity for those who still want to mark the occasion with a celebration. They are also an opportunity for the family to talk about faith/values/traditions. Each class is about an hour and we will have lunch together.

If you or a child in your life is interested in participating, please let Pastor know by March 6th so that we can have the right amount of food and supplies. The whole family does not have to attend but all are welcomed. We do ask that at least one adult attend. (Again, the hope being that these classes foster further conversation at home.)

Email Pastor at PrJeremiahPSmith@gmail.com to sign up or with any questions you have

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.

Thanks for putting love of neighbor into action! Next date is Tuesday, March 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 6th through April 10th. Disposable baby diapers any size, pull ups size 2T-5T, wipes & diaper cream. Feel free to Pastor Jeremiah with any questions.



Prayer Tree: Congregation: Patience and Strength for Joan Bauer; Linda Witmer & family as they mourn the passing of Linda's mother; Jean Czora; Ruth DeAeth; The Diefenbach Family as they mourn the passing of Phil; The Pankow family as they mourn the passing of Bob. **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.

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*

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

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who have been gifting their services to help bring you
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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.***