

*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*



April 3, 2022

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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“Returning to the Lord”

Prelude Music

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P We begin worship today in the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and invites us to journey to the cross.

C Amen.

P Together, let's confess our brokenness to God. Holy One,

C we confess that we have wandered far from you, we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and help us return to you again. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God will be saved. When we arrive at this cross, we see the incredible love God has for us. And because of that love through Jesus' sacrifice ✝, your sins are forgiven. May you celebrate that you are unconditionally loved and forgiven by God.

C Amen

Opening Hymn: WOV 763

Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling 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.

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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.

Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

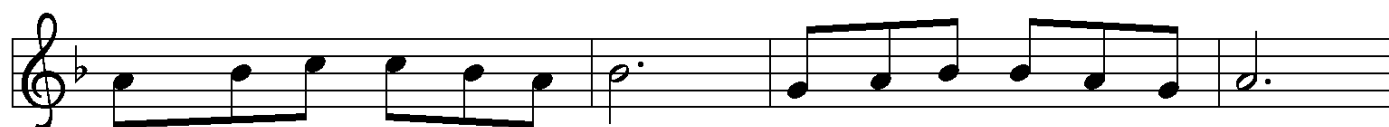
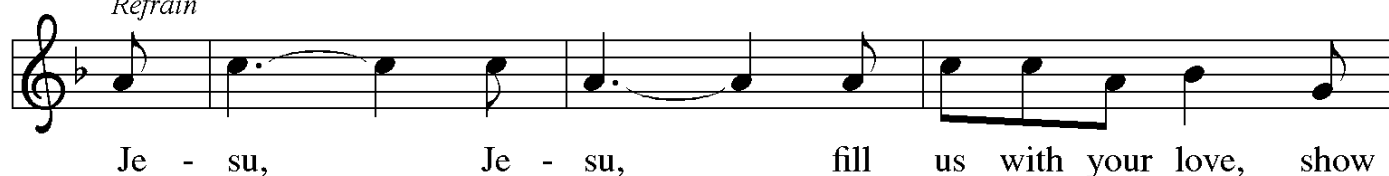
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner

Hymn of the Day: WOV 765 (on the following page)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain



- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Prayers of the Church

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(Please kneel or sit as you are able)*

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing in Ukraine. We ask for your hand of protection to be with all of those affected by the war. Bring peace to our world and help us to be instruments to make that happen. Let light overcome the evil. Give leaders across the globe hearts of compassion, understanding and grace. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick, especially the people on our Prayer List and those we name now either silently or aloud. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
- 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 and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. 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 Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

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.

Closing Hymn: WOV 723 (on following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Let us go in peace to serve the Lord!

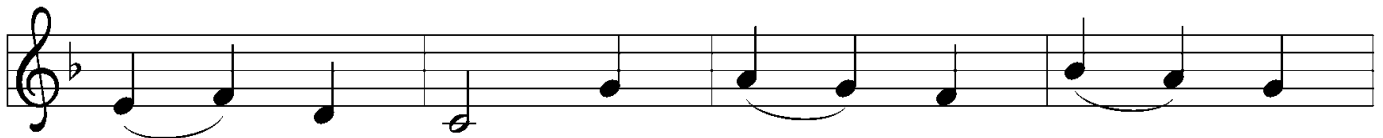
C Thanks be to God.



The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: April 3-10, 2022

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School
11:00 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 Meeting (bring your lunch)
1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
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
9:00 am: Men's Group Meeting
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Palm Weekend Worship Service
- Sunday:** **Palm 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)

Neal DeLeo: Bristol village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

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

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14031

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewske

Deacon Schedule: 4/3: John Schunak; 4/10: Sara Gallagher

Usher Schedule: 4/3: Mike and Michele Degen; 4/10: Mimi and Scott Fierle

Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine: If you would like to donate, you can go to donate.lwr.org for additional information and the donation form, or mail your donation to P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. You can also call 1-800-597-5972 to make a secure credit card donation.

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. Masks are now optional while you are in the building. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. 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 April are: Thursday 4/7 and 4/21 from 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 4/9 and 4/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for April are: sugar, granola bars, snacks, and crackers.

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 the office at 716-835-0407. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Weekend: Saturday, April 9: 5:00 pm Worship at Amherst Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 10: 10:00 am Worship at St. Paul's

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 14: 6:30 pm St. Paul's, "Dinner Church" with pot-luck dinner and Communion

Good Friday: Friday, April 15: 12:00 pm Service at Amherst Lutheran Church
Friday, April 15: 7:00 pm Service at St. Paul's

Easter: Sunday, April 17: 6:00 am Sunrise Worship at St. Paul's
Sunday, April 17: 10:00 am Easter Worship at Amherst Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 17: 10:00 am Easter Worship at St. Paul's

Upcoming Events

Conversations around the Russian/Ukrainian War:

April 24 - 11am - Gathering Area

Host: Craig Maefs

The world is a complex place. The current news gives us snippets of information on current events. I will be having a video/discussion on the crises in Ukraine and the events that led up to the Russian invasion. The discussion will start with a 20-minute historical and political video on the facts behind the invasion. For example, did you know natural gas has been discovered in Ukraine that would have made Ukraine a competitor in the natural gas market with Russia? That Ukraine had the third largest nuclear arsenal in the world until they agreed to give it up in 1994 with the guarantee of non-aggression by its neighbors... Lot of things to be discussed. Come with your questions. Sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area.

St. Paul's Sunday Series

What's the Brain Got to Do With it??? Everything!!!

Connecting All the Dots: Physical Activity, Nourishment, Spirituality, and Alternative Reinforcers

Have you ever, just not been able to get motivated, whether it be to get out the door to go for a run, eat healthier, or make it to church? How many times have you promised yourself that this week you would go to the gym three times and pack a healthy lunch, only to skip the exercise and grab a fast-food burger? What about Pastor Steve's sermon last week, truly motivating, but then you lost your way to St. Paul's the following week and decided to sleep an extra hour. Do you ever wonder if your prayers or meditations are getting you closer to God or helping you at all?

Well...ease up on yourself and come join us from 9am-9:45am beginning April 24th to learn how to take control of your brain and use the power to make change.

Sue Epstein, MS., MEd.

April 24 - Week One

My Story... Finishing 4th Isn't So Bad

Introduction to Harnessing Motivation Through Physical Activity.

May 1 - Week Two

Nourishing Food Bathes the Soul

May 8 - Week Three

The Impact Prayer and Belief has on the Brain

May 15 - Week Four

What is an Alternative Reinforcer and How Where Do I Buy One?

(Sign up will be posted on the What's Happening wall in the Gathering area)

IMPACT DAYCAMP



REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name:

First Name

Last Name

Parent/Guardian Name:

First Name

Last Name

Best Contact #: () _____

Email:

Home Address:

Child's School:

Child's Grade *(Grade child has completed)*: _____

Circle week you are registering for:

June 27- July 1 (\$125)

July 5-8 (\$100)

July 11-15 (\$125)

**Sibling discounts available: 2nd child costs 75%; 3 or more costs 50%*

*For registration, mail this form with a check payable to St. Paul's,
4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226 (please note the week of camp)*

OR

you can download form and pay online at www.stpaulseggertsville.org,

Any questions?

Please call St. Paul's at 716-835-0407 for more information.



It's that time of year, again!

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is starting to register for their yearly
Summer Camp Programs.

For more information, Go to www.lclcenter.org

Week 1—June 26-July 1 (Classic Youth Camp and Horse Camp)

Week 2—July 3-8 (Sailing camp 1&2, Family Camp)

Week 3—July 10-15 (Congregational Confirmation Camp)

Week 4—July 17-22 (Classic Youth Camp, Mini Camp: Pastor Steve is chaplain this week)

Week 5—July 24-29 (Senior High Week)

Week 6—July 31-August 5 (Classic Youth Camp, Night Owls 2.0)

Remember

There are discounts for early payments, bringing a friend or going with a sibling.

No one is ever denied an LCLC experience due to financial difficulties.

So, if you find yourself in need of assistance, please talk to Adam Weber or Pastor Steve.

There are LCLC camperships available for those unable to afford camp fees.



+ 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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