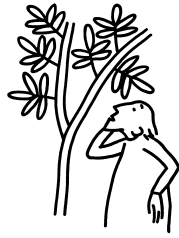


# *Third Sunday of Lent*



*March 20, 2022*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
*Third Sunday of Lent*  
*March 20, 2022*



*“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

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## 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

***First Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13***

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**A** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 63:1-8 (read responsively)***

**A** O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**C** Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

**A** For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

**C** So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

**A** My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**C** when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

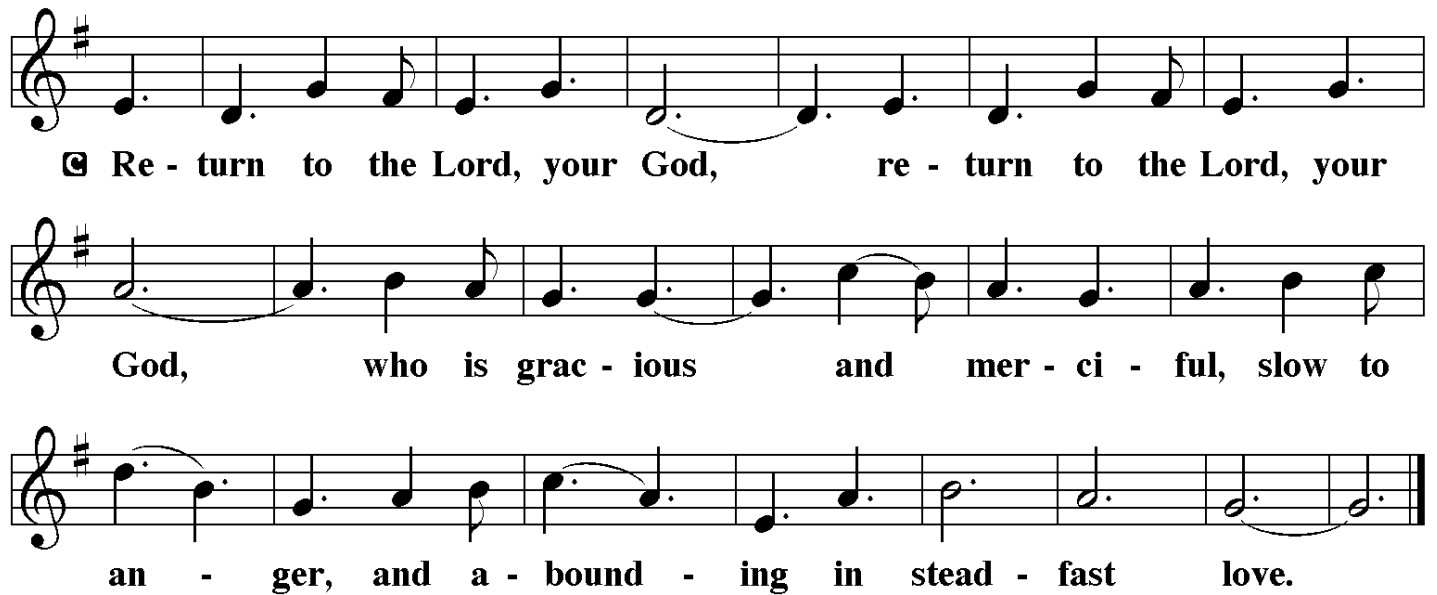
A For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

C My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

### *Gospel Acclamation*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

### *Gospel: Luke 13:1-9*

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable:

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Biegner*

*Hymn of the Day: WOV 655*

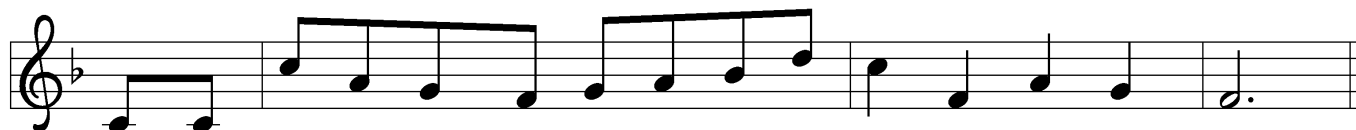
## As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,  
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,  
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,  
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.  
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.  
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## *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 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)*

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Gracious God, we ask for your hand of protection to be with all of those affected by the war in Ukraine. 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** For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing especially the people on our Prayer List and those we now name either silently or aloud. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policy-makers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

**What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

***Sharing the Peace and Sending***

**P** Let us go in peace to serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: March 20-March 27, 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:** 8:00 pm: AA Meeting

**Thursday:** 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  
4:00-7:00 pm: Spaghetti Dinner Presented by St. Paul's Youth Group

**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

Lois O'Brian: 107 Fairbanks Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14223

John Schunak: 193 E. Pinelake Court, 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: Rich Heuer (the son of Richard and Betsy Heuer and the Sharon Adimey's nephew); Ken Moser (dear friend of the Adimeys); Thomas Maier; Judy Brown (daughter of Kathryn Brown and sister of Bob Brown); Ira Striejewske***

***Deacon Schedule:*** 3/20: John Schunak; 3/27: Barbara Walter

***Usher Schedule:*** 3/20: Todd Vahue and Scott Vahue; 3/27: Bob Brown and Jeff Mols

***Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine:*** If you would like to donate, you can go to [donate.lwr.org](https://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 remaining Pantry hours for March are: Thursday 3/31 from 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 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!

# **SPAGHETTI DINNER**



## **St. Paul's Annual**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm**

**\* FREE WILL OFFERING**

\* All Proceeds go toward our Youth Events

**\* TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

\* Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to enjoy with your dinner

**\* Sauce will be available for sale**



If you can make a dessert please let Mimi Fierle know – thank you!



## **IMPACT SUMMER DAY CAMP at St. Paul's**

Session 1: June 27-July 1: \$125.00

Session 2: July 5-July 8: \$100.00

Session 3: July 11-July 15: \$125.00

Drop-Off: 8:30-9:00 am

Pick Up: 3:00-3:30 pm

This year's theme: 5 Habits of  
Happy Little Humans

Daily Focus: First Things First, Show  
Love, Seek Understanding, Work  
Together, Celebrate.

Lunch and snacks included

(for additional information, please see  
notice in the Gathering Area)

## **H O L Y   W E E K**



### **Palm Weekend**

#### **Saturday April 9th**

*5 pm Amherst Lutheran Church*

#### **Sunday April 10th**

*10 am St. Paul's*

#### **Maundy Thursday April 14th**

"Dinner Church" (Pot-Luck with Communion)

*6:30 pm St. Paul's*

#### **Good Friday April 15th**

*12 pm Amherst Lutheran Church*

*7 pm St. Paul's*

#### **Easter Sunday April 17th**

Sunrise Worship Service

*6:30 am St. Paul's*

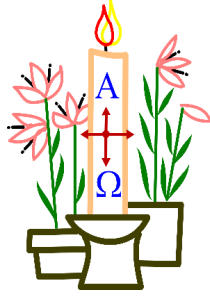


Easter Worship

*10 am St. Paul's*



## Easter Plants



Help us make St. Paul's bright and beautiful to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

***Orders need to be received by April 5<sup>th</sup>***

Please pay as soon as possible

Lilies - \$10 each

Daffodils - \$10 each

Tulips - \$10 each

Please fill out a form for each order

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Please deliver my plant to a shut-in member**

***Check one:***

**Lily (white)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daffodil (yellow)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tulip (pink)** \_\_\_\_\_

**in memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**by** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**in honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**by** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**in celebration of** \_\_\_\_\_

**by** \_\_\_\_\_



*+ 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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