

“Journey to the Cross”



WNY Church Unleashed

March 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.*

*"The Journey to the Cross: Involves Risk"
March 13, 2022*


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For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1*

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.

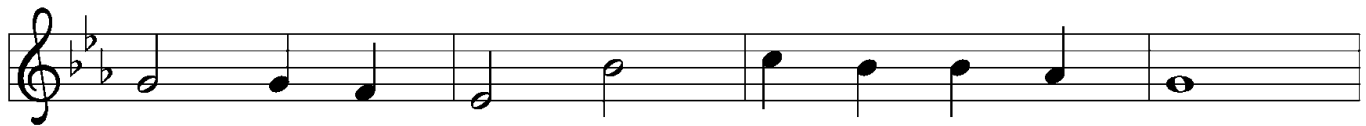
C Amen.

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

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon: Pastor Jeremiah Smith

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: March 13-March 20, 2022

- TODAY:** *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
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:** 12:30 pm: Staff Meeting
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
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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
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; Ira Striejewski

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 3/17 and 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 26th 4-7pm

*** FREE WILL OFFERING**

* All Proceeds go toward our Youth Events

*** TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

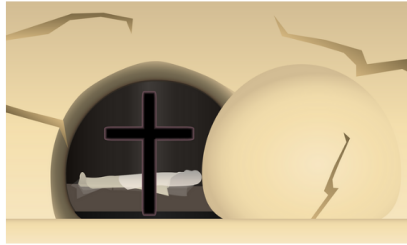
* Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to enjoy with your dinner

*** Sauce will be available for sale**



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

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



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/>

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - March 13th 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 now optional

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!

Upcoming events:

Sun., April 3rd - After 10am Service - communion class (details below) *Please let Pastor know asap if you'd like to attend.*

Sun., April 10th - Palm Sunday - 10am Service and tentative first communion celebration

Thurs., April 14th - Maundy Thursday - 6:15pm Dinner/Service

Fri., April 15th - Good Friday - 7:15pm Service

Sun., April 17th - Easter Sunday - 10am Service

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. **Class is scheduled for April 3rd**, with Palm Sunday happening on April 10th.

Who is eligible for this class? Anyone! In recent years the church has practices 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 asap, 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. 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. 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. There is a small Ronald McDonald cardboard box in the Narthex where you can leave your pop can tabs. *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:** Pray for the Lennert-Walek family to remain strong; Patience and Strength for Joan Bauer; Linda Witmer & family as they mourn the passing of Linda's mother; Jean Czora; Ruth DeAeth; Diefenbach Family; Pankow family.

Friends & Family: Kevin; Jamison; Don; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne. Pray for people of Ukraine and all those affected by war; Help anyone who feels scared today. We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

Children's Prayers: Thank you God for warm weather; Thank you God - You help me get up when I'm down and help me with my learning; Dear God, please help me to not eat meat anymore; Dear God, please help me get better at multiplication; Please help the Ukrainians escape the war and please help the Ukraine Army defeat Russia and please help the families be together again. Please help the families be and feel safe.

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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***WNY Church Unleashed is a partnership between
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.***