

“Journey to the Cross”



WNY Church Unleashed

March 6, 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: Claims You”
March 6, 2022*

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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

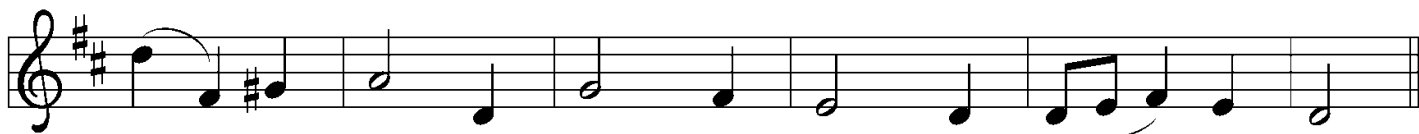
God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



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 6-March 13, 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 Meeting
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
9:00 am: Men's Club
- Sunday:** *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
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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

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); 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 Striejewski

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 3/17, 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 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!

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
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 - March 6th 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.

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/>

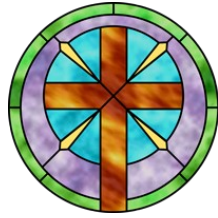
Please join us in collecting Diapers from March 6th through April 10th. Disposable baby diapers any size, pull ups size 2T-5T, wipes & diaper cream. Feel free to Pastor Jeremiah with any questions.



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. Pray for people of Ukraine and all those affected by war. 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
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Clarence Center, NY 14032
(716) 741-2656*

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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.***