

*“Journey to the Cross”*

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*"Journey to the Cross: Resurrection Hope"  
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*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P** In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.

**C** For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, our Risen Savior and Lord.

*(water is poured into the font)*

**P** We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne of mercy: through the earth, through the city, through Amherst, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

**C** In Jesus Christ, you calm the troubled waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In the ups and downs of life, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

**P** Now Holy Spirit, breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

**C** Claim us again as your graced and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear; inspire us to be forgiven and loved people of Easter. Amen

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## *Gospel: John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## *Sermon: Pastor Eric*

### *Hymn of the Day: LBW 390 (on the following page)*

#### *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

# I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

## *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## *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: April 24-May 1, 2022

- TODAY:** 9:00 am: Sunday Series: What's the Brain Got To Do With It? Host Sue Epstein  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School  
11:00 am: New Missionary Reception  
11:00 am: Conversations Around the Russian/Ukrainian War: Host Craig Maefs  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- 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  
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Worship Service
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***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

*We share our sympathy and condolences with the family of Dorothy Schugardt. A memorial service for Dorothy will be held Thursday, May 12 at 1:00 pm at St. Paul's.*

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

## **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.

***Church Unleashed:*** If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook. ***Future Church Unleashed services*** will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV. MeTV will broadcast Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m. on the following channels: For DirecTV: Ch. 67; For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5; For "Rabbit Ears": Ch. 67-1.

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The Pantry hours for May are: Thursday 5/5 and 5/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday 5/14 and 5/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for May will be provided next week.

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** Monday, April 11 was the last night for the Daily Bread's Winter Meal-Share. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us with our mission of feeding those who are experiencing food vulnerability. We look forward to our next "give one" season starting in the Fall. If you would like to help with the Food Truck please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email at [dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com](mailto:dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com)

***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.

### ***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/>





## 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](mailto: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*

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We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals  
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whose mission is to unleash the message of God's good news into every home.***