

“True Healing”

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June 5, 2022

*Welcome to 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.*

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"Takes Time"

Confession

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. God, have mercy.

C God, have mercy.

P We confess, repent, and reject the times when we have been silent in the face of hate, racial injustice, and all that divides us. God, have mercy.

C God, have mercy.

P We confess that when met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. God, have mercy.

C God, have mercy.

P Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves, free us to love our neighbors, and give us the gift of true healing.

C Amen.

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Children's Time: Pastor Jeremiah

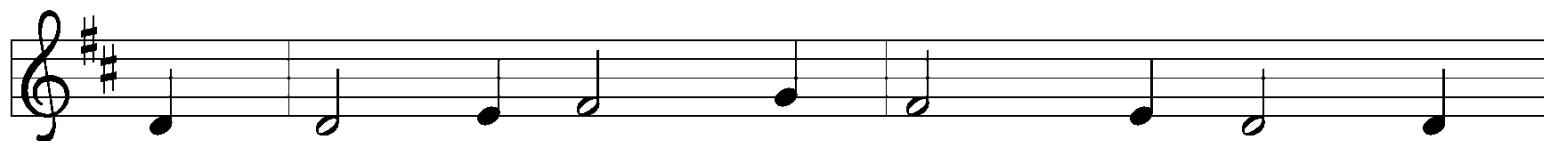
Gospel: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Sermon: Pastor Steve

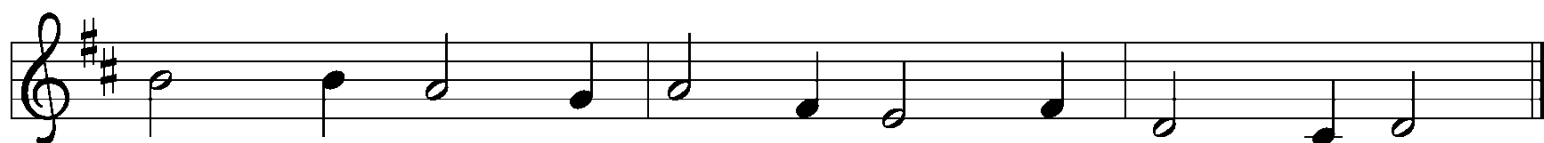
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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: June 5-12, 2022

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship, Communion, Sunday School and
Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Pastor Steve's Ordination and
Recognition of St. Paul's Staff
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- 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
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Worship Service
- Sunday:** 9:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck Breakfast at St. Paul's
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: Sunday School (last class until September)
11:00 am: Dedication Ceremony of Tree and Garden in honor of Noah Hannon
12:00-3:00 pm: Spring into Summer Family Fundraising Event
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

The Altar Flowers: are given for the glory of God

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

Marilyn Emerson: 364 Burroughs Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

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

Tim Stanley: 270 Ivyhurst Circle, Amherst, NY 14226

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

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.

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 June are: Thursday 6/2, 6/16, and 6/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 6/11 and 6/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for June: cereal, oatmeal, tomato products (tomato sauce, tomato paste, stewed tomatoes).

Daily Bread Food Truck: If you would like to help with the Food Truck please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email at dailybreadfoodtruck@gmail.com

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.

Resettlement Mission: If you would like to help support the AlAli family, they could use donations of Visa gift cards to help them fill in gaps for some of their material needs. Gift cards can be dropped off at the Church Office, or put in the offering plates on Sunday.

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 – June 5th, 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

POSTPONED -CHIAVETTA's CHICKEN BBQ June 5th-POSTPONED

New date TBA. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.



The theme to this year's **2022 Buffalo Pride Parade** is "Homecoming." Sean White (seannsd@msn.com) and Gigi Jankowski (gcjrealtor@gmail.com) are heading up Parkside's Participation. Please email Sean and Gigi if you plan to march with Parkside and be sure to exchange cell phone numbers. Folks should be prepared to walk several miles, arrange for their own transportation from the end of the parade route back to their parked cars and to have a blast! We are one of the few faith groups to participate and our witness matters. You can check out more details here <https://buffaloprideweek.com/the-parade/>

Lunch with Pastor: Sunday, June 12, Pastor Jeremiah will be hosting lunch after worship. This is an opportunity to ask questions about faith, about Parkside, about what it means to be a member, or even about Lutherans in general. If you are interested in joining as a member, or just want to know more about our community, please RSVP to prieremiahpsmith@gmail.com.

Join us for our **BLOCK PARTY - Friday, June 17 from 5-8 pm**

We are holding a block party to bring together church members and the community on June 17, from 5-8 pm. We will have food, games (including a bounce house), live music, and fellowship.

In-Person Vacation Bible School is BACK for 2022! *July 25th-29th; 5:30-8:00PM*

This year we are *so excited* to bring back the summer fun with "Tree of Healing" VBS! These past couple of years have been very different and challenging. Let's jump back in and learn together about how to live in healthy ways, how to help heal the world, and how *God's love is healing for everyone!* **Please click on the link below to volunteer OR to register a camper. *High school aged youth volunteers welcome!*** Children ages Pre-K (3 by 12/31/21 & potty trained) through entering 6th grade are welcome to join us! Dinner will be provided upon arrival for all campers.


Register now: <https://www.myvbs.org/parksidelutheran/>

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, June 28th, 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 as well as basic kitchen pantry items to tide people over between visits to the North Buffalo Food Pantry. Toilet paper is always welcome, too. Drop off donations in the Narthex or put them directly in the box. Located on Depew Ave.

Ronald McDonald House collection: There is a small Ronald McDonald cardboard box in the Narthex where you can leave your pop can tabs.

 **Prayer Tree: Congregation:** Healing for Becky Amann's mother, Betty; For Schuyler and Hannah Hosp, prayers for a healthy pregnancy; For Joan Bauer to feel the love of friends and for patience & strength; Ruth DeAeth **Friends & Family:** Friends and family of Brian Sciandra as they mourn his passing; All who mourn the passing of Telia Parker Manney; Samantha & Riley; Family & Friends of Alyssa Knight (great-granddaughter of Art and Kay Merz), and all who mourn her passing; For remission of Donna Marie's lung cancer; Solomon & his two sons; Roger Moore; For all who mourn the passing of Rick Hooker, especially his son, our dear Music Director, Mike Hooker; Joe Frank, who is very ill, and his wife, Patricia Pope - prayers for strength; Bruce Herman; Iris Wiley; Carl Byers; Samira & Family; For Hannah, who is fighting cancer, Kevin; Jamison; Don; Healing for Judi's sister, Jo Anne. We pray for the victims of the mass shooting in Buffalo. We pray for all who grieve. We pray for first responders. We pray for an end to all violence.

We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all 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
9535 Clarence Center Road
Clarence Center, NY 14032
(716) 741-2656*

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals
who have been gifting their services to help bring you
the Sunday MeTV productions:

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Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

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Pastor Roger Griffiths, Jr. from Zion Lutheran Church,
Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
and Pastor Eric Olsen from Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL,
whose mission is to unleash the message of God's good news into every home.***