# "God's Living Waters"





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.

October 2, 2022

"Increase Our Faith"



# Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Let's take time for Confession together and hear about God's love, grace and forgiveness for us. We worship today in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P God of mercy and forgiveness,
- C We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.
- P Loved Children of God: Through the living waters of baptism, your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, so follow Him now and walk in God's abiding love!
- C Amen!

## **Opening Hymn: LBW 315**

#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Love vine, all loves Joy of di cel ling, ex -1 breathe Spir Breathe, oh, thy lov -2 ing it in to 3 Come, Al might de \_ liv let у, to er; us 4 Fin ish then thy new cre a tion, pure and \_ heav'n, to down! Fix earth come in us thy bled breast; let all ev -'ry trou us in life ceive; all thy re sud den ly re -\_ spot - less let us be; let us see thy dwell - ing, hum - ble all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. prom - ised thee in her it; let us find thy rest. \_ turn, and nev - er - more thy tem ples leave. nev er, \_ per - fect - ly great sal tion re stored in thee! va -Je thou all com sion, pure, sus, art pas un -Take way the love of sin ning; Al pha a --Thee we would be al ways bless ing, serve thee Changed from till in glo ry in \_ to glo \_ ry, bound it with ed love thou art; vis \_ us and 0 be; end of faith, me ga as as thv hosts bove, pray, and praise thee a heav'n we take our place, till we cast our thy 'ry trem - bling heart. sal - va tion, en ter \_ -ev be - gin its ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty. \_ thy per - fect love. with - out ceas ing, glo ry in crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

# Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!""

# Sermon: Pastor Jeremiah, Pastor Roger, Pastor Steve

# 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

#### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me there, 1 en - ter Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so 2 un - to me: glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is Here thy praise is 3 du - ly sown; Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy di - vine: gift 4 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed: 5 where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer. where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre-cious sheaves a - lone, let how - so-e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Oh. how bless-ed place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace! is this en - ter То my heart, oh, thou, be thy tem - ple now! let it so that all Ι hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me. my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife. as Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

# 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: October 2-9, 2022

10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: New Missionary Reception
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
10:00 am: Bible Study
7:00 pm: God on Tap
: 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
3:00 pm-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
6:00 pm: Alanon
7:30 pm: Choir Practice
9:00 am: Men's Club
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Worship Service
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
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10:00 am: Sunday School
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)
Lee Abel: 71 Windsor Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209
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 14032

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Alfred Weber.

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 October are: Thursday 10/6 and 10/20 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm; and Saturday 10/8 and 10/22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for October: canned beans (all kinds), canned tuna, canned chicken, rice (white, brown, jasmine, basmati), coffee, tea.

**Daily Bread Food Truck:** We are in need of a Restaurant Liaison - someone to contact restaurants for donations of meals or other food supplies. Requirements - a willingness to tell the story of our mission to feed those who are experiencing food vulnerability. A connection to the food service industry is a plus but not necessary. For more information, please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email at <u>dailybread4007@gmail.com</u>.

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.

## 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 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 - October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

**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, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Family & Friends of Bob Stroman as we mourn his passing; For Linda and Paul, as they mourn the passing of their nephew Matthew Witmer; for remission of Donna Marie's lung cancer; Thank you for the prayers for Macy's sister, Sandra, who is now out of rehab; Weaver family and all who mourn the passing of Mike Weaver's father; healing for Stephanie E. Rogers; Prayers of thanks giving -Schuyler and Hannah Hosp gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Ryder; For Joan Bauer to feel the love of friends and for patience and strength. Friends & Family: The Dahn Family as they mourn Mike Dahn's passing; Doug Schmidt's family as they mourn his passing; Tony & Carl Nigro; Solomon & his two sons; Roger Moore; Joe Frank, who is very ill, and his wife, Patricia Pope - prayers for strength; For Hannah, who is fighting cancer, Kevin; Jameson; Don; We pray for all who grieve. We pray for first responders. We pray for an end to all violence. We pray 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 (<u>elaine@zionclarencecenter.com</u>) 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:

Video and Editing:

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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.