

*Thankful for
Church Seasons*

Church

UNLEASHED

December 4, 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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Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of you Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Opening Hymn: LBW 390

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.

Children's Time

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Sermon: Pastor Jeremiah

Hymn of the Day: "Make Us Good," Written by Pastor Roger and Nick

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.

CHURCH UNLEASHED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Church Unleashed broadcast for Sunday, December 18 will be our Christmas Season Special. The service will take place in and around each Pastor's home. You will not need a bulletin for this service.

The Church Unleashed service for Christmas Eve will be broadcast at 5:00 pm.

Due to a conflict in scheduling on WBBZ, there will be no Church Unleashed broadcast on Sunday morning, December 25.

(Our regular broadcast schedule will return Sunday, January 1, 2023)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: December 4-11, 2022

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: Sunday School
10:45 am: Following Sunday Service: Annual Congregational Meeting
10:30 am-12:45 pm: Confirmation Class at St. Paul's
11:00 am-1:00 pm: Holiday Needs Drive in St. Paul's parking lot
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 12:00 pm: Staff Meeting
4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
7:00 pm: God on Tap: "What Are You Pointing To?"
- Wednesday:** 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 6:00 pm: Alanon
- Saturday:** 8:30-9:30 am: Men's Breakfast
9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church Worship
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church Service followed by New Missionary Meeting
6:00-9:00 pm: Youth Group Christmas Party
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
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

James Keptner: 817 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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: The Stanley Family thanks everyone for their prayers—Tim is now cancer-free

Barbara Walter: 37 Laurel Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Rev. Alan Anderson; Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewske

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: 10:00 am. 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.

Amherst Lutheran Church: If you cannot make St. Paul's Sunday worship service at 10:00 am, please join Amherst Lutheran's worship service on Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for December are: Thursday 12/15 and 12/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 12/10 and 12/17 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. The pantry ***will not be open*** on Saturday 12/24. Donations for December: sugar, cooking oil, and mayonnaise.

Daily Bread Food Truck: The Daily Bread Food Truck has started its third season of Monday Meal Share. They will be serving meals between 4:30-5:30 pm (please note change in serving time) in front of St. Paul's to those individuals experiencing food insecurity. We thank all of our volunteers who will make this a most successful mission. For more information, please contact the office at 716-835-0407 or email dailybread4007@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 Resettlement Mission, donations of Visa gift cards would help provide for gaps in some of the 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 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/>



*"It's Angel Tree time. Tags are now available hanging on the tree.
Under the tree is a box for gift cards or cash which will be secured each Sunday.*

Gifts must be returned by Dec 1st.

Please attach the tag to the gift so we can sort them by family.

If you'd like to participate but don't like to shop, we've got "shopping angels" to help.

***Do NOT** wrap the gifts.*

We will provide wrapping paper to the parents so they can be part of the gift giving.

The families are chosen by the Amherst Middle school social workers.

Any questions, see Cheryl Gillen(716-341-5073)"

WBBZ - Your Hometown MeTV Station, FeedMore WNY & WNY Church Unleashed bring you:

**Holiday Needs Drive: Dec 4
11am-1pm**

Bring your non-perishable food items, grocery gifts cards or cash donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St, Amherst, 14226 for a contact-free drop off in the parking lot. Meet some of our church and TV personalities while you're here. All proceeds and food goes to Tiger's Den/Parkside Food Pantries, Daily Bread Meal Shares and FeedMore of WNY. The first \$5000 in cash donations will be matched by someone who worships with WNY Church Unleashed!

 Delta Sonic is donating Super Kiss car washes to the first 100 people who make a \$50 donation!

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - December 4th, 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, December 27th, 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: Fran & family as they mourn the passing of Fran's brother in law, Dale Leland; Beverly Hirtreiter, for healing; for remission of Donna Marie's lung cancer; For Joan Bauer to feel the love of friends and for patience and strength.

Friends & Family: Jeff M., who is battling brain cancer; Lucy Elizabeth Joelle was welcomed into the world with love, and both Heather and baby are doing well. Thanks for keeping them in your prayers over the weeks; Pray for Harmony, as she battles childhood leukemia; Diane Elrod for healing; Tony Nigro; Healing for Alex, Veronica & their young son, Logan as they recover from covid; Strength and healing for Bill and Kathy; Strength and healing for Lori. Jason M.; Joe Frank and Patricia Pope - prayers for strength; For Hannah, who is fighting cancer, Kevin; Jameson; Don; We pray for all who grieve, for first responders, and an end to all violence. We pray for the church, the world & all in need. We give thanks to a gracious God whose love remains constant in an ever-changing world.

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:**
- + **Sundays @ 9:00 am and 5:00 pm – 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*

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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.***