

*Thankful for  
Church Seasons*

Church  
*UNLEASHED*

*January 8, 2023*

*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 your 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,

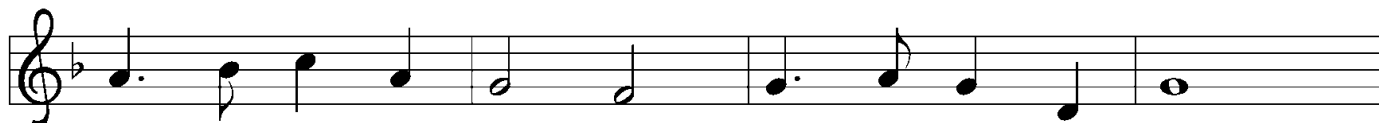
C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our 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: ELW 294*

**In the Bleak Midwinter**



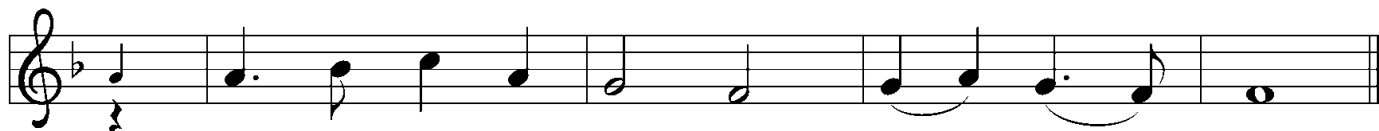
1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . . earth sus - tain;  
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

*Children's Time: Pastor Jeremiah, Pastor Roger, Pastor Steve*

### *Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



*Sermon: Pastor Roger*

*Hymn of the Day: "Troubled Hearts" by Pastor Roger and Nick. Inspired by John 14:1.*

## *Apostle's 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: January 8-15, 2023

**TODAY:** 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 Meeting  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Monday:** 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Meal Share

**Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting  
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  
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Campus Worship followed by New Missionary Celebration

**Sunday:** 10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
10:00 am: Sunday School  
11:00 am: New Missionary Celebration  
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

Frank Evans: 20 Park Lane, 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 14032

***Prayer List: In our and extended family: 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 January are: Thursday 1/19 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 1/14 and 1/28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for January: soup, pasta, and white rice.

***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 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](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

***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/>



## **Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*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

**10am Sunday In-person Worship, masks optional**

**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

**GREAT NEWS:** Beginning January 1, 2023, WNY Church Unleashed is operating as an independent nonprofit charitable organization, and **checks may be made out directly to WNY Church Unleashed.** *(and mailed to Parkside LC - 2 Wallace Ave. Buffalo, NY 14214)*

**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](mailto:alisonmsmith07@gmail.com). Next date is Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

**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, especially those that can withstand cold temperatures, for the Blessing Box. "Grab & go" nonperishable foods and basic kitchen pantry items help tide people over between visits to the North Buffalo Food Pantry. Toilet paper is always welcome. 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:** [Prayers for Joan Bauer, who is still in rehab for ankle surgery; 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:** [Prayers for Betty \(Becky Amann's Mom\), who is in hospital, for much improvement to health and prayers of strength;](#) Austin, a Marine & friend of the Amanns, for healing and strength; Gloria Engleheart for strength; Miriam Case who is recovering from cancer; Annie as she heals from a stroke; Andy for healing for knee pain; Harmony, who battles childhood leukemia; Diane Elrod for healing; Tony Nigro; 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.

**Want more info about all that is happening at Parkside LC?** Sign up for our weekly email on our website - [parksidelutheran.org](http://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 Faith Formation Hour (Sunday School) 10:00 am:** *contact Elaine Baker ([elaine@zionclarececenter.com](mailto:elaine@zionclarececenter.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  
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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.***