

*Third Sunday  
in Lent*



*March 11, 2023  
5:00 pm  
Amherst Lutheran Campus*

*Welcome to the Amherst Lutheran Campus  
of St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday in Lent  
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*Pre-Service Music: Adam Schmidt*

*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

- P We begin worship today in the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and invites us to journey to the cross.
- C Amen.
- P Together, let's confess our brokenness to God. Holy One,
- C we find ourselves in the wilderness again, we confess that we have wandered far from you, we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and help us return to you again. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen
- P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, then all who call out to God from the wilderness will feel and experience God's grace and peace. When we arrive at this cross, we see the incredible love God has for us. And because of that love through Jesus' sacrifice ✝, your sins are forgiven. May you celebrate that you are unconditionally loved and forgiven by God.
- C Amen

## Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

## *Apostolic Greeting*

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## *Prayer of the Day*

P Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## *Praise Song: W&P 74*

### I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will

sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the *Fine*

Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known thy

faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make *D.C. al fine*

known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.

***First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7***

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

***Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11***

*Though we often hear God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who were enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the

wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Hymn: W&P 140: There is a Redeemer*

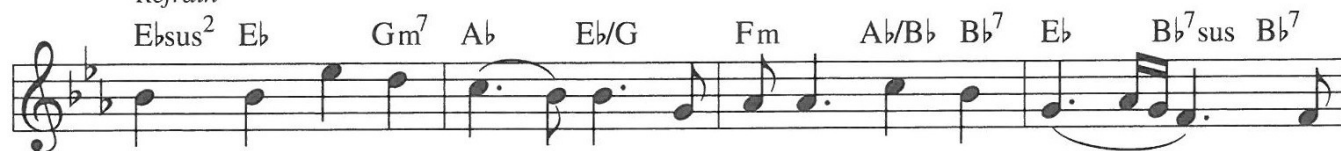


1 There is a Re-deem-er, Je-sus, God's own Son,  
2 Je-sus, my Re-deem-er, name a-bove all names,  
3 When I stand in glo-ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho-ly One.  
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope for sin-ners slain.  
there I'll serve my king for-ev-er, in that ho-ly place.

*Refrain*



Thank you, O my Fa-ther, for giv-ing us your Son and



send-ing your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

The Holy Gospel according to John the Fourth Chapter.

C     Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 4:5-42***

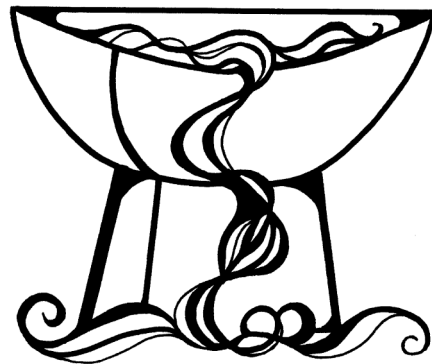
*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a

man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



*Sermon*

*Sermon Hymn: WOV 746 (on the following page)*



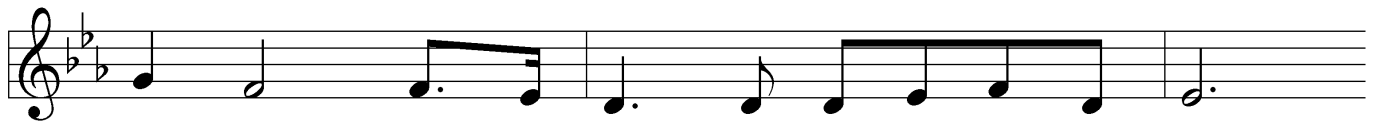
# Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



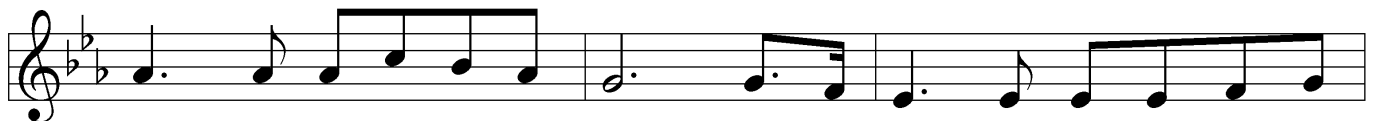
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you  
 serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to  
 bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



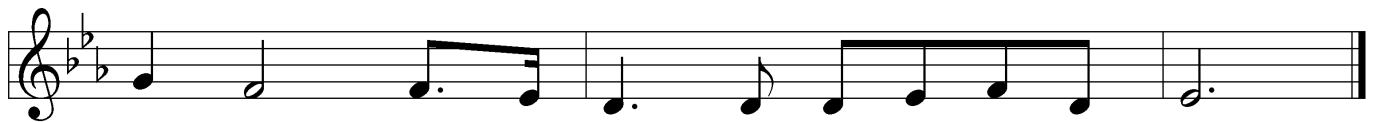
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I  
 trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and  
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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## *Apostle's Creed*

A Let's join to proclaim our faith in 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*

P Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

## *Offering Hymn: WOV 665*

### Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

## *Offering Prayer*

P Let us pray.

C God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love. Amen

### *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 - 4007 Main Street, 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/>

## *Dialogue and Preface*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

## *Sanctus (spoken)*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## *Words of Institution*

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

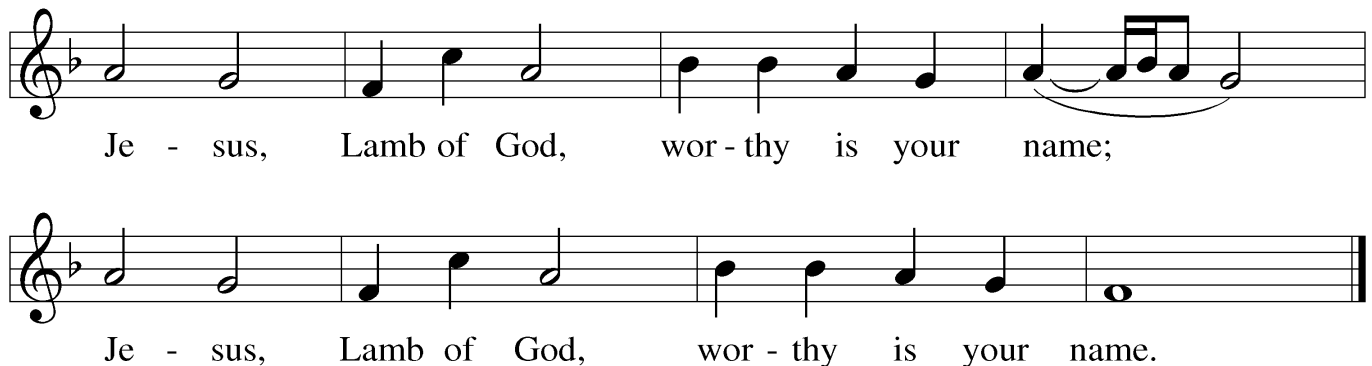
## *Lord's Prayer*

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

## *Communion Hymn: W&P 62*

### Jesus, Lamb of God



Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"  
Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

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**Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all.**

*Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the assisting minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.*

***Distribution Hymn: W&P 67: I Love You Lord***

F<sup>2</sup> Gm/F F

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

B $\flat$  F/A Gm<sup>7</sup> F/A C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C B $\flat$ /D C/E

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

F<sup>2</sup> Gm/F F F<sup>7</sup>

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

B $\flat$  F/A F<sub>sus</sub>/G C<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>/F F<sup>2</sup>

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

***Communion Blessing***

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## *Prayer After Communion*

P Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C 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

## *Closing Hymn: TFF 191*

### I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

## *Sharing the Peace and Sending*

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: March 12-19, 2023

- SUNDAY:** 9:00 am: Multicultural Book Club  
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: CPR Training  
11:15 am-12:15 pm: First Communion Training  
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:** 12:00 pm: Soup and Psalms  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
6:00 pm: Alanon
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at Amherst Lutheran Campus  
4:00 pm: Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner  
5:00 pm: Amherst Lutheran Campus In-Person Worship and Communion
- Sunday:** 9:00 am: Multicultural Book Club  
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion/First Communion/Baptism of Riley Grimes  
10:00 am: Sunday School  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

*The Altar Flowers: Are given to the glory of God.*

*We share our prayers and sympathy with the family of Eva Carlson (Sonja Fernsted's mother)*

***Prayer List: Shut-Ins (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)***

Lee Abel: 71 Windsor Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

Robert Baus: 30 Westchester Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Evelyn Berger: 644 Campbell Boulevard, Getzville, NY 14068

Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Omar Jensen: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

***Prayer List: In our congregational family and extended family (Names on this Prayer List will remain on the list for three weeks, unless the Church Office is advised they should remain longer)***

Pastor Alan Anderson; Gary Schmidt; David Wolf; Patrick Irving, Jennifer Ryszkiewicz, Don Irving, and William Vogel (all friends of Sandy Simet); Alison Silsby; Susan Epstein; Thomas Maier; Ira Striejewski; Sue Gustafson; Joan Chatham; Wolfgang Krecklow; Jerry Bucklaew; Jon Mott; Laura Sweet; Wilma Nantka; Joe Falletta; Janet Mustard; Bob Baker; Robin Schultz

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***In-Person Worship:*** With the addition of the Amherst Lutheran Campus (ALC) of St. Paul's, we now have two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, or Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also 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 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, anyone associated with Amherst Lutheran Campus, or by referral. The March pantry hours are: Thursdays 3/16, and 3/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 3/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for March are: cans of fruit, especially pineapple; canned or dried beans; crackers and granola bars.

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** We are successful in our Monday Meal Share mission with the help of our donors and volunteers. For more information to volunteer or donate, please contact the church 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.

***ALC Book Club:*** Please come and join us, all are welcome! The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month in the narthex at Amherst Lutheran Campus beginning at 7:15 pm. Upcoming Book Club meeting and reading selection: Thursday, April 13, reading "We are Not Like Them" by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza.

***Book Club for Black History Month/Women's History Month:*** Meet Sundays 19, 26 and April 2 at 9am - 9:45am. Selections from the complete collection of Zora Neale Hurston's short stories Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick, edited by Genevieve West, Amistad (HarperCollins) 2020. We will read one story per week and talk about whether we liked it or not, how it makes us feel, black/white relationships in the stories and anything else the story makes you want to talk about. No lectures, no analysis. This format allows participants to pick and choose which Sundays they wish to attend the group.



### **SOUP AND PSALMS**

Join Pastor Kristen on Wednesdays in March at 12:00 pm for a time of sharing soup and scripture.





*+ St. Paul's Mission +*

*To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.  
We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,  
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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