

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May Sermon Series

REDISCOVERING JESUS

Sunday Morning Worship
a ministry of
St. Paul's, Parkside,
and Zion Lutheran Churches

May 10, 2020

*Welcome to St. Paul's, Parkside, and Zion Lutheran Churches
and from our host church this week: Trinity Old Lutheran*

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*Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.
MeTV will broadcast Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m. on
the following channels:*

For DirecTV –Ch. 67

For Cable, Fios, and Dish: Ch. 5

For “Rabbit Ears”: Ch. 67-1

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God,
- C** we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.
- P** Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, “Do not be afraid!” Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Children's Time: Pastor Steve Biegner

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

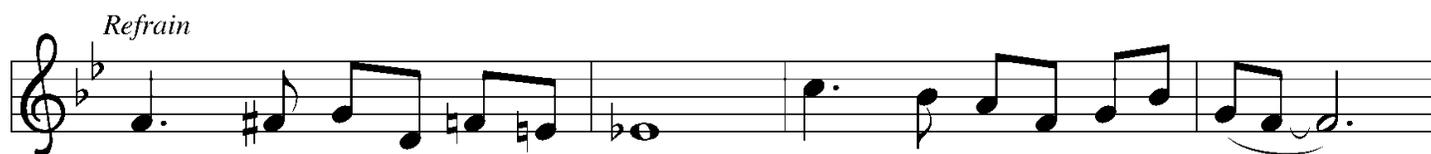
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Jeremiah Smith



Hymn of the Day

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

Youth Group Time

Apostle's Creed

P 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

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

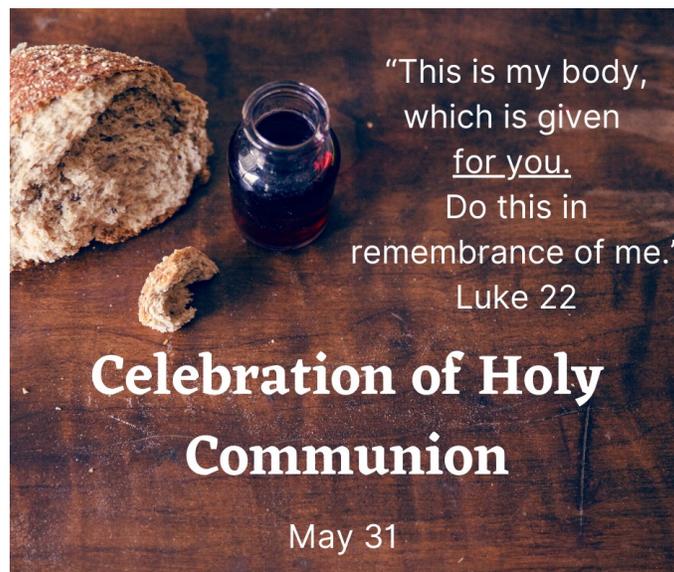
P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Celebration of Holy Communion

On Sunday, May 31, Pastor Steve and Pastor Jeremiah will be offering Holy Communion with each community. This meal will take place via a Zoom meeting immediately following the 10:00 a.m. broadcast worship service. All who are interested in participating should make sure to have bread and or wine/grape juice in their home. Pastor Steve and Pastor Jeremiah will lead all those gathered in the words of institution and then we will commune together. Coffee Hour will follow immediately afterwards.

Why offer Communion? The Lord's Table is central to our worship. We celebrate Communion because Jesus commanded it ("Do this in remembrance of me"), and because Jesus promises to be present in the bread and wine ("This is my Body given for you"). In the Lord's supper, we receive a tangible reminder of God's forgiveness and grace. This nourishment gives us the strength to carry out our mission to love God and our neighbor. When the pandemic first started, we did not offer Communion because we did not know we would be separated for this long. Like other areas of our mission, as the pandemic and social distancing continues, we need to rethink how we live out being the church. We give thanks that God is greater than this pandemic and bigger than the distance between our tables. If you have questions or concerns please contact either Pastor Steve or Pastor Jeremiah, and use the next few weeks to make sure you have bread and or wine/grape juice in your home to celebrate Communion with us on May 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: May 10-17, 2020

TODAY: 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom Meeting)
4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere Elementary

Thursday: 4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at St. Paul's

Sunday: 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom Meeting)
4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+

Offering: \$5,501.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit (check in at desk to enter Unit), Williamsville, NY 14221

Betty Arbogast: Weinberg Dosberg Campus, #200, Getzville, NY 14068

Louise Duethorn: Elderwood, 5775 Maelou Drive, #329, Hamburg, NY 14075

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

John Schunak: 193 E. Pinelake Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Dolores Shearer: Beechwood Rehab, Room 740, 2235 Millersport Hwy., Getzville NY 14068

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Margaret and Jimmy Manz (Adam Weber's friends); Diane Kasting (former St. Paul's Bookkeeper); Barbara Livingston (Joan Cote's sister); Vincent Delgato (Dolores Shearer's son-in-law); Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings at St. Paul's have been canceled until further notice. The Daily Bread Food Truck, the Burrito Project, and the Tiger's Den Food Pantry continue to operate. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office: 716-835-0407.

Youth Group Fundraiser: The Youth Group is sponsoring Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ on Tuesday, May 12 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Each meal is \$10.00 and includes 1/2 chicken, potato and macaroni salads, roll and butter. Drive-through only. Proceeds will go towards next year's National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining May Pantry hours are: Thursday 5/21 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and Saturday 5/23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pantry items for May are: spaghetti sauce, pasta, and tomato paste.

**ST. PAUL'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND
FRONT-LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

Please remember all of these dedicated people in your prayers:

Ashish Bhatia

Kris DiPasquale

Stephen DiPasquale

Chad and Danielle Israel

Ryan Jones

Amber Krol

Jennifer Leary

Lisa Magin

Amber Mata

Ian Miller

Jill Pogodzinski

Thomas Quatroche

Michael Richardson

John Rodriguez

Michael Ruckdaschel

Kaetlyn Simpson

Angela Stark

Ira Striejewski

Ben Vilonen

Rick Vilonen

Mary Jo Williams

Patrick Wisniewski

Robert Zielinski

Message from St. Paul's Finance Committee

With COVID-19 upon us, we are dealing with unprecedented amounts of uncertainty. News is fast developing and every day brings a new change to our lives like we never imagined.

We are writing this letter to remind you that St. Paul's still needs your ongoing financial support. For those who have had their employment altered or eliminated, our prayers and support are with you. We are writing this letter for those who can still provide, as a friendly reminder that your weekly offerings continue to be a very importance source of income to support not only St. Pauls' ongoing expenses, but our ministry activities. Please prayerfully send your gifts via mail to the church office, or it is easy to set up on-line giving use the following link. If you need any assistance please give the office a call.

<https://stpaulseggertsville.org/online-giving/>

We sincerely hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy. Together in Christ, we are strong, and if we all do our part, we'll get through these difficult times. Don't forget to laugh every now and then, and go wash your hands!

The Finance Committee

The Upper Room for May-June 2020 and The Word in Season for April, May, June 2020: If you normally take one of these devotional booklets, please let the office know and we will mail the current booklet out to you.

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - shared bulletin May 10th, 2020

*At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus -
Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All*

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(716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com
www.parksidelutheran.org Like and follow us on Facebook

You are not alone in this. We are not alone.

We will meet digitally Wednesdays & Sundays as follows:

Wednesday evenings **8pm** - we meet with Pastor Jeremiah on *Zoom* *

Sundays at **10am** - Please watch our recorded services on Facebook, YouTube, or TV (info below) and then join our interactive “coffee hour” on *Zoom* * at **10:45am**

Join *Zoom* Meetings on your computer or smartphone:

<https://zoom.us/j/7168361361?pwd=b3pxamRnN09UbGNuVXg2MUhOM1JtUT09>

Meeting ID: 716 836 1361

Or, for phone access only, dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 716 836 1361

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab2v1ql9Ui>

For folks new to *Zoom* check out our weekly e-newsletter for tutorial link, or watch one of the many *Zoom* tutorials on YouTube.

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service at 10am on Sundays:

- 1) Parkside’s Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ParksideLutheranBuffalo/>
- 2) YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoLpmPx1ZT35RLffcdVoRJA>
- 3) Watch on your TV: Station METV - channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV

**You are living proof the church is not a building
and we give thanks to God for each of you!**



Parkside Lutheran is putting together a **Care Call Team.**

-We are looking for volunteers who are willing to call members of the congregation once a month to check in. The goal of the calls is to listen to folks needs, share brief updates about the church, and foster a sense of community.

-If we receive 8 volunteers, each volunteer would only need to call 8 households.

Please contact Pastor Jeremiah if you would be willing to join this new team.

North Buffalo Food Pantry - Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew side of building. Donations are needed- especially crackers, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, sauce, canned fruit. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during regular Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.



Volunteers are needed for the Food Pantry Saturday May 23rd

We need one more volunteer from 10am to 1pm. We have safety protocol in place: Masks and gloves are provided and there is no client contact.

If you can help, please call or email the office.

Blessing Box - You are welcome to take what you need & encouraged to leave what you can! (Nonperishable foods & other essential supplies). The Blessing Box (Red box that looks like a "little library") is located on the Depew side of PLC.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Hazel Dodson, who is in hospital, and her daughter Onda Simmons; Yohe family; prayers for health for Melanie's son Nick; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Joan; Eileen & Ken Moser; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll; Marlene & Andrew

Friends & Family: *Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Kristin & Christopher, who have coronavirus & for their family to remain well; Don & Sue & Kevin & Catherine; Placido; Alina & Bella; Alex; Veronica & Logan; Adam; Mewith & Deen; Dee; Ed; Deb & Ed, Sr.; Alan; Gia, Nancy & Christopher; Celeste; Lisa T.; Georgianna; Amy; Martha S; Roger Moore; Solomon & kids; Pastor J's Grandma; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski) and their cousin Gail; Bobby Amann; John Gettes; Baby Carson; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; As it becomes known that symptoms can vary, help us face our fears and may more testing sites become available; Students, Parents, Teachers and school workers who grieve the closing of schools.*

We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

Celebration of Holy Communion May 31st on Zoom

On May 31st we will be offering Holy Communion in our community. This meal will take place over a Zoom meeting immediately following the broadcast of our worship service. All who are interested in participating should make sure to have bread and or wine/grape juice in their home. Pastor Jeremiah will lead all those gathered in the words of institution and then we will commune together. Coffee Hour will immediately follow. **Please use the next few weeks to make sure you have bread and wine/grape juice in your home on the 31st.**

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:

Musician/Videographer:

Michael Hooker

Soloist:

Theresa Kosmowski

Alex Kosmowski

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

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