

*Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost*



*July 12, 2020*

*Welcome to worship hosted by:  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner  
Parkside Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeremiah Smith  
Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julius Carroll*

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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 In this season, we worship the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose fire burns in our hearts and lives still today.
- C Amen
- P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin together. God of mercy,
- C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another; we forgot to love as we have been loved. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. Many times, we store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, for all that we've messed up, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. So rejoice in this good news: you are brought back to the Father who created you, forgiven by the Savior who died for you, and poured out over again by the Holy Spirit who walks with you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all God's people said:
- C Amen

## 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

### Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30***

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

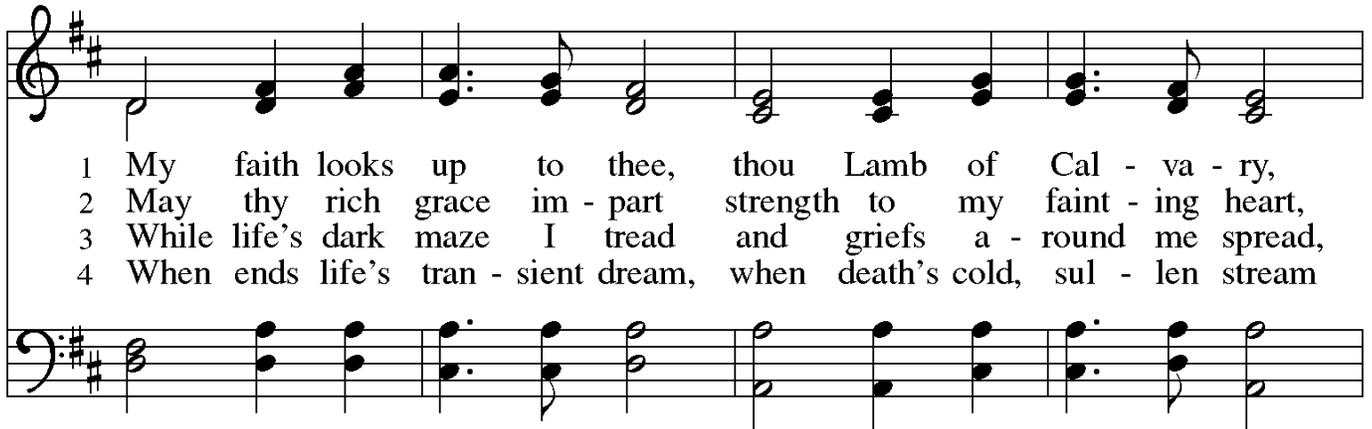
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

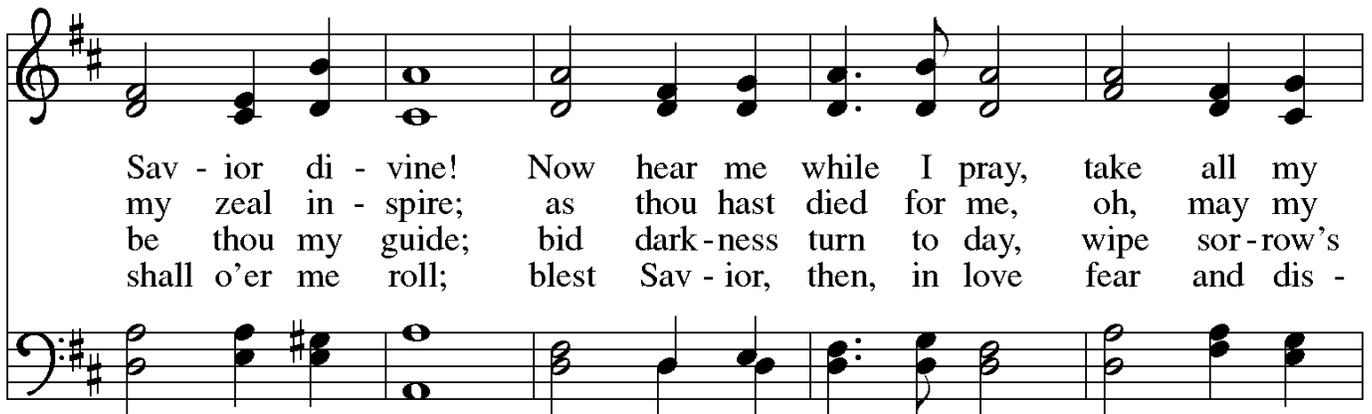
***Sermon***



## My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## *Youth Group Time*

### *Apostles' 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 Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 12-19, 2020

**TODAY:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>,  
Meeting ID: 950766486)

**Wednesday:** 12:30 pm: Staff Meeting via Zoom

**Thursday:** 3:00-7:00 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

**Sunday:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>,  
Meeting ID: 950766486)

**Attendance last week:** Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$5,659.00

**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

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

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

Dolores Shearer: 10 St. Charles Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

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

**Prayer List: In our and extended family:** Joanne Askew (Pastor Steve's mother); the family of Louise Duethorn; Thomas Maier; the family of Susan Mumma at the loss of her mother; Scott Greenawalt (Marilyn Emerson's nephew); Rev. Bill Vanderslice (Marilyn Emerson's son-in-law); the family of Susan Metzloff

### 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 will continue to operate. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office: 716-835-0407.*

**2020 Annual Report:** The St. Paul's Annual Report, which would have been presented to the congregation in June, is now available. If you would like a copy of the report, please call the office and the report will be mailed to you.

**Welcome our youngest, new missionaries who were baptized on June 28, 2020:** Kamryn Lyn Ann Boccaccio-DeLain, Kahree Rahsaan Boccaccio-DeLain, Nico Aidan Granholm, and Quinn Elizabeth Irish-Baker.

**Tigers Den Food Pantry:** The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The July Pantry hours are: Thursday 7/16 and 7/30 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and Saturday 7/25 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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 important source of income to support not only St. Paul's 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

**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 Striejewske

Ben Vilonen

Rick Vilonen

Mary Jo Williams

Patrick Wisniewski

Pam Wunderlin

Robert Zielinski

**Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - shared bulletin July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*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 Wallace & Depew)

(716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

www.parksidelutheran.org (sign up here for our weekly e-newsletter)

Like and follow us on Facebook or Instagram

**Parkside Lutheran for Social Justice:** Our congregation has a group of folks committed to working for justice for all. At this time, they are especially focused on Racial Justice. Each month they will share a resource, and share a time for discussion (look in our weekly emails for details). All are encouraged to sign the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>.

**This Months Definition: Racism:** an ideology and institution that reflects the racial worldview in which humans are divided into racial groups and in which races are arranged in a hierarchy where some races are considered innately superior to others. Racism is the effect of domination of certain racial groups by other racial groups, historically the domination of people of color by white/European peoples. Note: people of color may hold prejudices and discriminate against white people, but they often lack the social and institutional power that transforms their discrimination into racism.

**This Months Recommended Resource:** *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. (Recommended by member of Parkside for Racial Justice Jessye Weaver). This book for me was a good stepping stone to start learning more, as a white person, about social justice. It offered some concrete terminology definitions, as well as highlighting some aspects as to why and how white people react when being called out on their racist behaviors. The book's author advertises that this is a book "written by a white person for white people", who has been working for years as a diversity consultant for companies and other organizations. One negative aspect of the book is it classifies all white people into a single collective line of thinking, which can be initially hard to read when reflecting on my own experiences. For myself, it started an opportunity for self-evaluation in regards to my own behaviors, which is the crucial first step to moving forward. If you are looking for a similar experience this book may be helpful for you as well. **Have a suggested resource or question about this new initiative?** Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith [alisonmsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmsmith07@gmail.com).

**North Buffalo Food Pantry** - Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew side of building. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during regular Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.

## *Prayer Tree:*

**Congregation:** Onda Simmons, family & friends, as we mourn the passing of Hazel Dodson; Joan; Yohe family; prayers for health for Melanie's son Nick, and for her son Paul and his family (Paul is in the navy and exposed to covid19) ; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll; Marlene & Andrew

**Friends & Family:** Jameson (Joan's Grandson); Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Kristin & Christopher & 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); Bobby Amann; John Gettes; Baby Carson; Victims of covid19, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We pray for racial justice and for the safety of protestors and peacekeepers. We pray for the injured, including Martin Gugino. We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

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* \* for bible study or other discussion (**bible study is on break for the summer months**, but look in the weekly email for more info about upcoming Social Justice Discussions on Wednesday evenings)

Sundays at **10am** - Please watch our recorded services on Facebook, YouTube, or TV (info below) . Please note that our interactive "coffee hour" on *Zoom* \* at 10:45am is **on break for the summer months**)

Join *Zoom* Meetings on your computer or smartphone: <https://zoom.us/j/7168361361?pwd=b3pxamRnN09UbGNuVXg2MUhOM1JtUT09> Meeting ID: 716 836 1361

You can also simply join by telephone: 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 to call members of the congregation once a month to check in. The goal 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 can help.

**Blessing Box** - You are welcome to take what you need & encouraged to leave what you can! (Nonperishable foods & other essential supplies). **Thank you to good neighbors who help keep the Blessing Box stocked!** The Blessing Box (Red box that looks like a “little library”) is located on the Depew side of PLC.

**Online Vacation Bible School, God’s Good Creation” is happening now!**

It’s not too late to join in the fun! Contact Pastor Jeremiah or the church office to join.

Each week we offer awesome challenges to explore our faith and have fun! You can pick one to complete (or two, or even all three!) Once it’s completed you have the option of submitting photos and videos of your experience that will be featured in a recap video the following week. You can submit by posting on social media using the hashtag [#godsgoodcreation2020](https://www.instagram.com/godsgoodcreation2020), or directly to us through our website <https://www.lutheranyouthwny.org/>. There are short and fun weekly online lessons and a service project “Count Your Blessings”. If you need a SPARK Kids Story Bible, or a Count Your Blessings Box, let us know and we’ll get one to you.

Last week’s theme was “God created the world, and it is good” based off the verse from Genesis 1:31a: “God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good.”

Here are last weeks challenges:

- 1) Obstacle Course- Using materials around your house/yard, build an obstacle course and take a photo/video of you racing through.
- 2) Creature Creation- Draw, sketch, paint, use Play-Doh, etc. to create your own beautiful creature. Write about where it lives, what it eats, and its favorite games to play. Share your creation!
- 3) Nature Hunt (light/sky)- Read the creation story through day two. What did God create these days? Go explore nature and take a photo of interesting light or the sky to share.

For more information, please see our weekly emails, Facebook or Instagram

**Sign up for our weekly email** on our website [parksidelutheran.org](https://www.parksidelutheran.org)

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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

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Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

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