

*Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost*



July 26, 2020

*Welcome to worship hosted by:
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Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julius Carroll*

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*Future services will be recorded and aired on YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV.
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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

Opening Hymn: ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.



Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: WOV 776

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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...

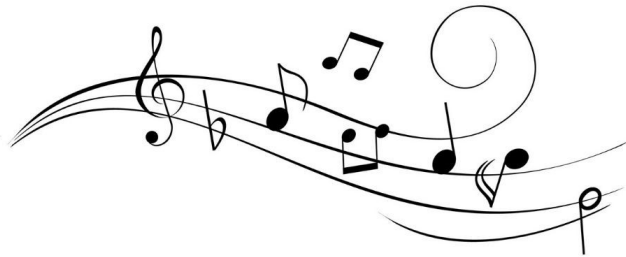
C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

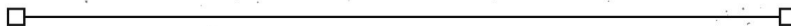
*Following today's service, Pastor Steve will offer Holy Communion via Zoom.
If you are interested in participating, please make sure you have
bread and or wine/grape juice.*



ST PAUL'S PRESENTS



MUSICAL DEVOTIONS



AUGUST 5TH AND 19TH • 12 PM

AUGUST 12TH AND 26TH • 7 PM

ST. PAUL'S SANCTUARY

(AUGUST 5TH AND 12TH WILL BE EASTER THEMED MUSIC)



This time will be used to gather for prayer, reflection and rest while enjoying the music you might have missed over the past few months. The secondary purpose is that these services will help the ReOpen Team do some dress rehearsals for fall weekend gatherings.

Due to state regulations, St. Paul's will need to space people at appropriate distances.

Only so many spaces are available for each event.

Please contact St. Paul's office at 716-835-0407 to reserve your seat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 26-August 2, 2020

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Holy Communion followed by Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>, Meeting ID: 950766486)
- Thursday:** 3:00 pm-6:30 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: \$4,474.00

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: Kathie Macfarlane (A life-long member of St. Paul's and served on Church Council. Kathie and Ron moved to Tennessee several years ago. Kathie is survived by her husband Ron, 19 Kingsbridge Lane, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558); Marty Hornung (Dave Hornung's wife); Barbara Williams (Mary Jo Williams' mother-in-law); Joanne Askew (Pastor Steve's mother); the family of Louise Duethorn; 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 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.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining July Pantry hours are: Thursday 7/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

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

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 26th, 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

Weather Permitting, there will be **Outdoor Worship** on Sunday at 10am at Parkside LC (bring a chair, wear a mask). After worship, will be a **NEW MEMBER INFO CLASS** with Pastor Jeremiah. Are you thinking about joining as a member? Bring your questions. Sign up for outdoor worship text alerts at remind.com/join/k644hk

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service (*this is not the outdoor service*)

10am 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

Zoom "coffee hour" and Bible study is on break for the summer months, but look in the weekly email for more info about upcoming Zoom Social Justice Discussions.

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. **Have a suggested resource or question about this new initiative?** Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Prayers for quick healing for Lina and prayers for strength & courage for Annie, Dan, and Lucy; Marlene & Andrew ; 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; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll

Friends & Family: Willie Amann (Bruce's Step-Mom); continued prayers for Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Ellie Myers; Jody Malesky; Lysander Pope; Jameson (Joan's Grandson); Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Kristin & Christopher & their family; Bobby Amann; Baby Carson; Victims of coronavirus, 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.

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.

 **"Parkside Saturday"** at the Food Pantry - every 3rd Saturday 9am-1pm. Next date is **Saturday, August 15th**. If you'd like to help, please contact the office. We wear masks, gloves, and observe safe social distance.

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.

Faith Communities Census Weekend of Action (July 24 - 26) We urge everyone to complete your 2020 Census. The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted every 10 years. Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and inform how state, local, and federal lawmakers will allocate hundreds of billions of dollars every year for the next 10 years. This will impact how funds are allocated to our communities in areas such as housing, food assistance, and healthcare. It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether **online** <https://2020census.gov/>, over the phone, or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker. By responding at home, you're ensuring the safety and health of those in your community.

For more Parkside LC happenings, please see our weekly emails or Facebook page.

Sign up for our weekly email on our website [parksidelutheran.org](https://www.parksidelutheran.org)
Like us on Facebook! <https://facebook.com/ParksideLutheranBuffalo/>
We are also on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/parksidelutheran>

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

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING



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