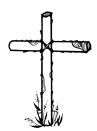


August 30, 2020

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

> 13th Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2020



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 by the Holy Trinity, +one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- C Amen
- P Let us confess our sin, the times we have turned away from God, and neglected our neighbor in need. God our Creator,
- C you give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share, and time to love. Yet, we spend our time serving ourselves. We hide our gifts and let fear rule our hearts. We mistreat your creation, your children, and ourselves. Turn us, O Lord, towards you and your unending love. Strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- P So great is God's love, that the Creator gave +Jesus to live, die, and rise for us. So rejoice! You are forgiven, and your relationship with God has been restored. Thanks be to God!
- C Amen

Beautiful Savior



Children's Time

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

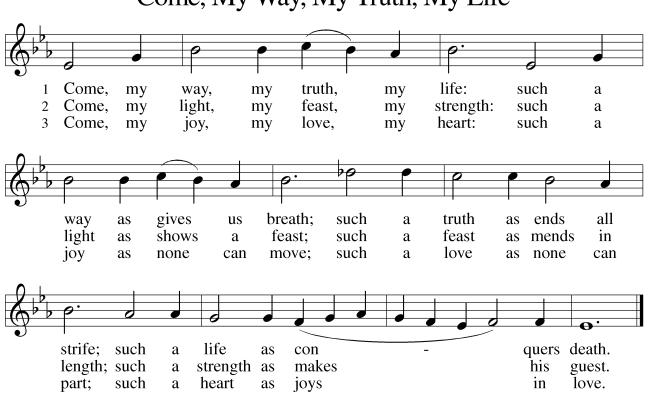
From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632 Music: THE CALL, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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, Holy Communion will be offered via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please make sure you have bread and or wine/grape juice available to join in the celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: August 30-September 6, 2020

10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Communion followed by Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom: https://zoom.us/
j/950766486, Meeting ID: 950766486)
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
7:00 pm: Re-Opening Team Zoom Meeting
3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry open
7:00 pm: God on Tap
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Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$3,750.32

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
Neal DeLeo: Erie County Medical Center, Room 805A, 462 Grider, Buffalo, NY 14215
Marilyn Emerson: 364 Burroughs Drive, Amherst, NY 14226
Susan Epstein: Recovering from surgery
Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227
Christopher Magin: Recovering from surgery
John Schunak: 193 E. Pinelake Court, Williamsville, NY 14221
Dolores Shearer: Beechwood Continuing Care, 2235 Millersport, Getzville, 14068
Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105
Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226
* David Wolf: Buffalo General, Room 1265, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Prayer List: In our and extended family: The family of Norman Wehrung; Thomas Maier; the family of Kathie Macfarlane (former member of St. Paul's); Marty Hornung (Dave Hornung's wife); Barbara Williams (Mary Jo Williams' mother-in-law)

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.

Join us in welcoming the newest Fire Church Missionaries who were baptized on August 22 at the Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Company: Teagan Barszcz, Derek Bull, Sophia Gagliardi, Emma Mariacher, Scott Switzer, Quinn and Maxwell Schlabach, Kian and Rae Haeusser, Carson and Ryland Wright, and Adam, Nathan, and Patrick Dussing.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The September Pantry hours are: Thursday 9/3 and 9/17 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm., and Saturday 9/12 and 9/26 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The Upper Room for September/October 2020 and The Word in Season for October, November, December 2020: If you would like either/both of these devotional booklets, please notify the office and we will mail to you.

Upcoming September Events

God on Tap is back! Join us on the front lawn at St. Paul's on Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 pm. Topic: CoronaChurch: Are we better or worse? Bring your own chair and cooler.

In-person Worship Service: Come and celebrate in-person worship on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 10:00 am. The service will be held outside in the back parking lot. All Covid-19 regulations will be adhered to.



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. 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

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

John Rodriguez Michael Ruckdaschel Kaetlyn Simpson Angela Stark Ira Striejewske Ben Vilonen Rick Vilonen Mary Jo Williams Patrick Wisniewski

Michael Richardson

Robert Zielinski

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - shared bulletin August 30th, 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 Depew) (716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

CHECK OUT OUR BEAUTIFUL, NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE! www.parksidelutheran.org

Weather Permitting, there will be **Outdoor Worship** on Sunday at 10am at Parkside LC (bring a chair, wear mask). Sign up for outdoor worship **text alerts**: *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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoLpmPx1ZT35RLffcdVoRJA</u>
- 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.

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 Pantry is every 3rd Saturday of the month. If you'd like to help, please contact the office. We wear masks, gloves, and observe safe social distance as distribute food to Food Pantry customers.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Prayers of strength for Tom & Gail Petschke; Terry Kinney's husband, Tom, for a speedy recovery from total hip replacement on 8/17; Family & friends of Pastor John Buerk as we mourn his passing; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Onda Simmons, family & friends, as we mourn the passing of Hazel Dodson; Joan Bauer, along with family members Jameson, Georgi & Kevin and Alex; 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: Ed Yeltsin; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), who was in a motorcycle accident, in critical condition, and facing multiple surgeries, and cousin Alan as he faces multiple surgeries; Family of Willie Amann (Bruce's Step-Mom), as they mourn her passing; continued prayers for Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Ellie Myers; Jody Malesky; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Kristin & Christopher & their family; Bobby Amann; Pray for Carson to remain cancerfree; 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 offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

• 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. Please contact Pastor Jeremiah if you can help.

<u>Parkside For Social Justice</u> – August 2020 Definition/Concept for contemplation: Implicit Bias: It is important to distinguish implicit racial bias from racism or discrimination. Implicit biases are associations made by individuals in the unconscious state of mind. This means that the individual is likely not aware of the biased association. Implicit racial bias can cause individuals to unknowingly act in discriminatory ways. This does not mean that the individual is overtly racist, but rather that their perceptions have been shaped by experiences and these perceptions potentially result in biased thoughts or actions. No one is immune from having unconscious thoughts and associations, but becoming aware of implicit racial bias creates an avenue for addressing the issue.

-JUSTICE RESEARCH AND STATISTICS ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 2018 Implicit Racial Bias by Bailey Maryfield, M.S

Have a suggested resource or question about this initiative? Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith <u>alisonmsmith07@gmail.com</u>. All are encouraged to sign the ELCA's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <u>https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge</u>.

Parkside Lutheran for Social Justice - **Resource for August 2020**: (from Alison Smith) Sometimes it is difficult to find the time to read an entire book or watch an entire movie. Since the pandemic, I have found podcasts really useful and enjoyable during walks that I take around my neighborhood. Brene Brown, a social worker, researcher and writer has a great podcast called **Unlocking Us**. There are two excellent episodes with topics related to race. In the June 3rd episode she talks with Ibram Kendi , New York Times best-selling author of <u>How to be an Antiracist</u>. They talk about racial disparities and understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society. In the June 10th episode, her guest is Austin Channing Brown who also has done a great deal of anti-racism work and is the author of <u>I'm Still Here:</u> <u>Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness</u>. I found it helpful to listen to these discussions of very difficult topics with different perspectives and new information. Ibram Kendi says, **"the opposite of racist is not non-racist, but antiracist"**. These podcasts gave me insight into what this means and how to be antiracist. Below are links to the podcasts. You can listen on your phone or computer, each of them is about 1 hour.

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/bren%C3%A9-with-ibram-x-kendi-on-how-to-be-anantiracist/id1494350511?i=1000476611079

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/bren%C3%A9-austin-channing-brown-on-im-still-hereblack/id1494350511?i=1000477381573

Save the date: Lutheran Charities Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, Weds, Sept 2nd.
 For more info, visit <u>www.wnylutherancharities.org</u> (Events/Upcoming Events menu)

Parkside Community Organization MUM Sale - \$10 for 9" Mum – order by 8/28/20 Visit parksidebuffalo.org for more information and to order online

Sign up for our weekly email on our website parksidelutheran.org Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram 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:

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