

*Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost*



August 9, 2020

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

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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 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.

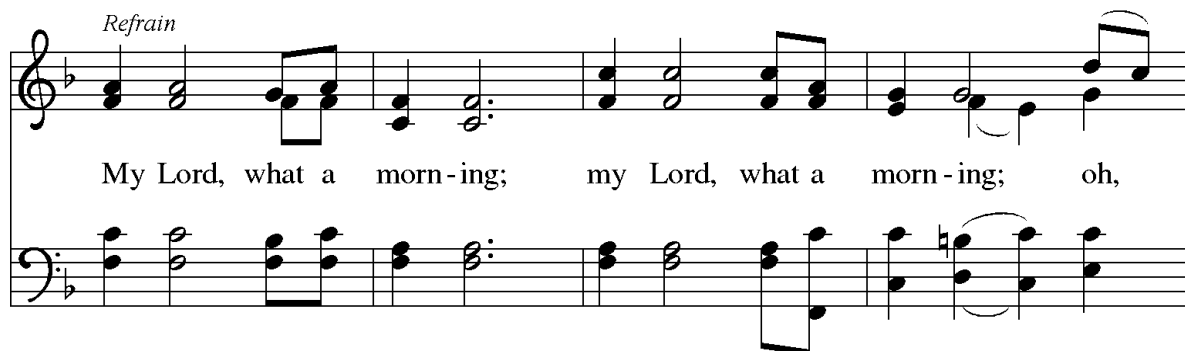
P So great is God's love, that the Creator gave +Jesus to live, die, and rise for us.
So rejoice! You are forgiven, and your relationship with God has been
restored. Thanks be to God!

C Amen


Opening Hymn: ELW 438

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

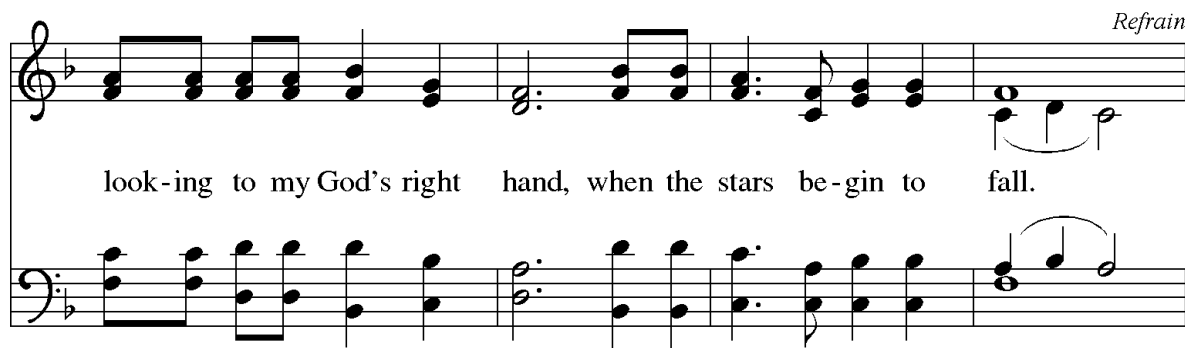


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Children's Time

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.



Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

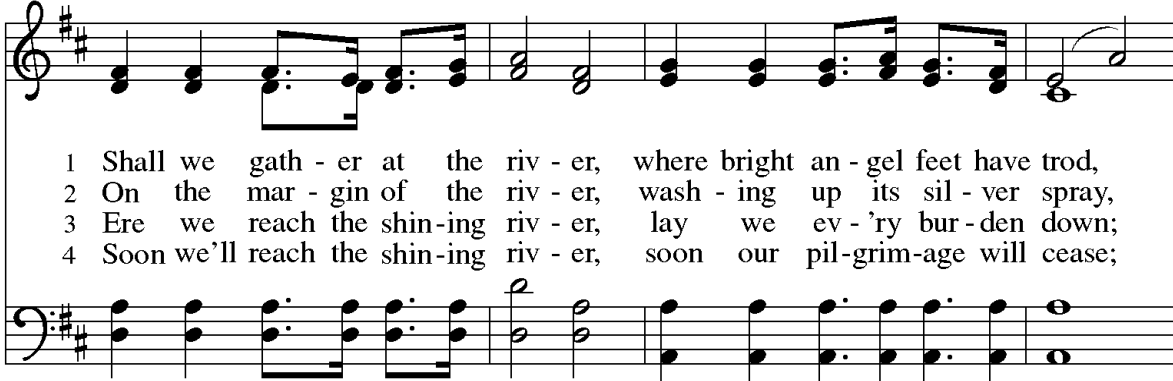
Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

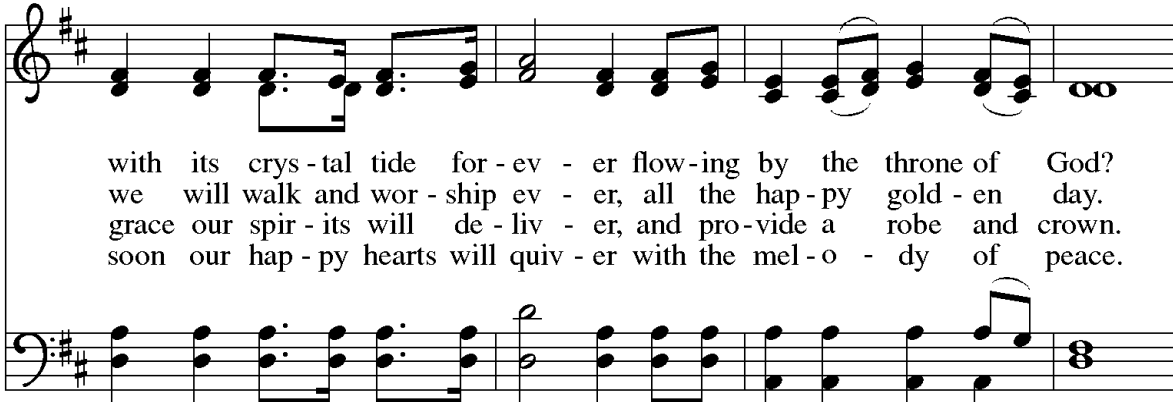
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

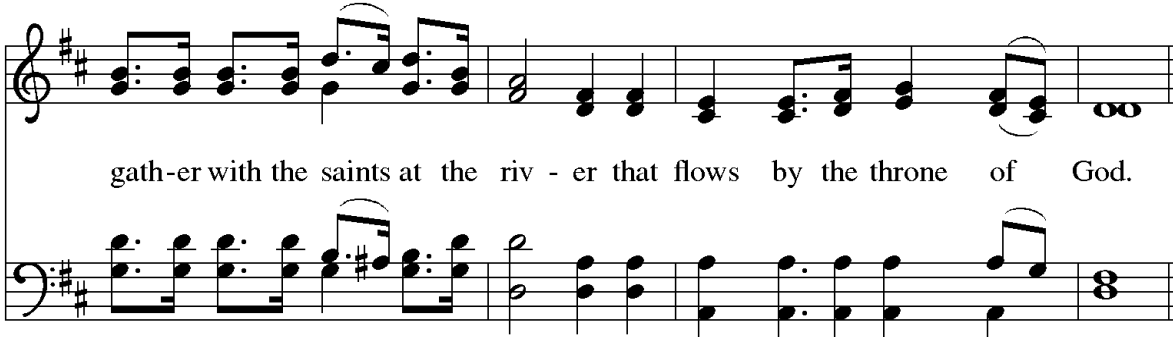


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ON-LINE BASKET RAFFLE



MONDAY - FRIDAY | AUGUST 10TH-14TH |
9 AM-2 PM

The Youth Group is hosting an on-line basket raffle via Facebook
on Monday August 10-Friday August 14
from 9 am-2 pm.

We will be posting 4 baskets to be bid on each day. A picture of
each basket will be posted and you will be able to comment on
each post with the bid you are offering.

The highest bid will win!

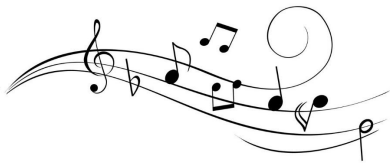
We will message the winner and make an appointment for you to
come into the office and pick up your prize.

Log-in to www.facebook.com/

All proceeds go toward the
Youth Group End-of-Summer Outdoor Movie Party on Saturday
August 22nd!

There will be tons of food, games, prizes and fun!
Oh - and outdoor movies!

Contact the Adam Weber or Katie, in the office, for more details.



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: August 9-16, 2020

TODAY: 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>, Meeting ID: 950766486)
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
Wednesday: 7:00 pm: Music Devotions
Sunday: 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Coffee Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>, Meeting ID: 950766486)
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$3,254.00

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

Neal DeLeo: Erie County Medical Center, Intensive Care

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

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

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Thomas Maier; 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 our Newest Fire Church Missionaries: The following were baptized at the Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Company on 8/4/2020: Breena Mutter, Amy Triplet, and Sharon Raquet.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining August Pantry hours are: Thursday 8/20 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm., and Saturday 8/22 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The Upper Room for July-August 2020 and The Word in Season for July, August, September 2020: If you would like either/both of these devotional booklets, please notify the office and we will mail 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 August 9th, 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

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: <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.



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

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 is Saturday, August 15th". If you'd like to help, please contact the office.** We wear masks, gloves, and observe safe social distance.



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.

Parkside For Social Justice - 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.

Shhh, It's a secret! We are showering Ron Arnold with birthday cards (birthday 8/23). Please send your birthday greetings to: Ron Arnold, NYS Veteran's Home, 220 Richmond Ave, Batavia, NY 14020

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

Parkside Lutheran for Social Justice - Resource for August 2020: (from Alison Smith)

In the wake of George Floyd's death there have been many recommended books and articles to read and movies to watch. 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 writing has a great podcast called **Unlocking Us**. There are two excellent episodes with topics related to race. In the episode on June 3 she talks with Ibram Kendi, New York Times best-selling author of How to be an Antiracist. In this episode they talk about racial disparities and understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society. A second podcast is from June 10 and her guest is Austin Channing Brown who also has done a great deal of anti-racism work and is the author of I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness. I found it helpful to listen to others discussing some of these very difficult topics and offering different perspectives and new information. Ibram Kendi says, **"the opposite of racist is not non-racist, but antiracist"**. These podcasts offered me important insight in better understanding 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-an-antiracist/id1494350511?i=1000476611079>

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

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Prayers for family & friends of Pastor John Buerk as we mourn his passing; 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: Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), who was in a motorcycle accident, in critical condition, and facing multiple surgeries. Family is not able to be with him. Joan Bauer's grandson, Alex, for his full recovery from surgery, 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.

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