

*16th Sunday after
Pentecost*

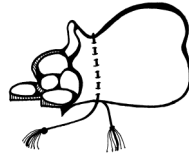


September 20, 2020

*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 Blessed by the Holy Trinity, +one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C Amen

(Printed Opening Hymn will return next week)

Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.



Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Printed Hymn of the Day will return next week)

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.



In-Person Worship Returns: Beginning this Sunday, September 20, St. Paul's will resume "In-Person" worship beginning at 10:00 am, and will include Communion (feel free to bring your own bread, wine/grape juice or wine and wafers will be available). Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, there are only 45 spaces open in the Sanctuary to ensure proper social distancing between attendees. Masks are mandatory until everyone is seated. Please plan on arriving no later than 9:45 am so you will have enough time to get to your seat. All Covid-19 requirements will be strictly adhered to.

If you are interested in attending the 10:00 am in-person service, please call the Church Office (835-0407) or email katie@stpaulseggertsville.org to reserve a seat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: September 20-27, 2020

TODAY: 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:45 am: Zoom Meeting
11:15 am: Baptism
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Saturday: 9:00 am–12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

Sunday: 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:45 am: Zoom Meeting
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$5,905.97

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: 70 Fairlawn Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

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

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

*Dorothy Menth: Rosa Coplon Living Center, 2700 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068

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: Weinberg Campus, 2700 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068

Prayer List: In our and extended family: The family of Robert Menth; The family of Norman Wehrung; Thomas Maier; Marty and Dave Hornung; 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.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The remaining September Pantry hours are: Saturday 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.

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 September 20th, 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

Sign up for our weekly email on our website parksidelutheran.org

Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

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 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

INDOOR WORSHIP WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 4, 2020 AT PARKSIDE LC!

Please sign up for our weekly newsletter or check our website for details.

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th (postponed from 9/20), to help collect food for the North Buffalo Food Pantry -Please contact Kris in the office if you can help.

North Buffalo Food Pantry Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew. 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: Marianne Tyree and the Howard Family and all who grieve the passing of Karen Howard; family & friends of Tom Petschke as they mourn his passing; Paul; Stephanie E. Rogers; 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; Health for Melanie's sons Nick and Paul and their families; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll

Friends & Family: Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), who was in a motorcycle accident, and cousin Alan as he faces multiple surgeries; Family of Willie Amann (Bruce's Step-Mom), as they mourn her passing; 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 cancer-free; 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; Protection and healing for all affected by wildfires in California, Washington & Oregon and hurricane Laura. 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.

Parkside For Social Justice – definition and resource for September 2020

Institutionalized racism: The systematic distribution of resources, power, and opportunity in our society to the benefit of people who are white and exclusion of people of color.

Though institutions such as slavery, Native American displacement, internment camps, and segregation no longer exist, their effects still live on. We see this when we look at the differences in statistics for minorities.

The COVID-19 death rate per 100,000 people by race is over 60% for people who are Black compared to under 30% for people who are White.

The median net worth for White families is \$146,984 whereas for Black families it's \$3,557.

This divide has only worsened in the last 3 decades. In 1983 the average net worth of White families was \$110,160 whereas for Black families it was \$7,323.

As of 2016 \$15.5% of White families have 0 or negative net worth compared to 37% of Black families.

Despite Blacks and Latinos making up 44.1% of the U.S. population they make up less than 3% of fortune 500 CEO.

Black youth represent 15% of all U.S. children, but made up 35% of juvenile arrests in 2016.

Black college graduates face significantly more student loan debt (\$22,303) than White graduates (\$17,753) an associate's degree

These are only a small sampling of the troubling statistics out there on racial disparity when it comes to economics, health, education, and criminal justice. As people of faith, we are called not to overlook injustice. Looking at these statistics it is clear that in the USA, we are not all on an equal playing field. Without significant policy changes to address institutional racism, these disparities will only continue to grow. This is evidenced by the widening gap between the net worth of White families vs. Black families. I encourage all of Parkside to familiarize themselves with these statistics and learn more about policy changes that can fight against these injustices.

Sources: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/institutionalracism.pdf>

<https://inequality.org/facts/racial-inequality/>

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/un-report-on-racial-disparities/>

Resource: So You Want to Talk About Race, By: Ijeoma Oluo

This book serves as great starting place to learn how to discuss sensitive topics surrounding race. Talking about these issues can be intimidating, as we are often afraid that we will say the wrong thing and offend someone. Unfortunately, our fear of messing up can stop us (or at least it can stop me) from speaking up even when it is the right thing to do. In the end, our silence is almost always worse than trying and accidentally saying the wrong thing. This book gives permission for mistakes, while providing tips and tricks to avoid them. It is a must read for anyone wanting to go a little deeper into these conversations, instead of letting the moment pass you by.

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

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