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Pentecost*

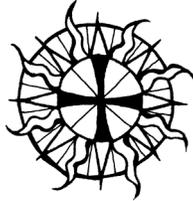


September 6, 2020

*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, 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.

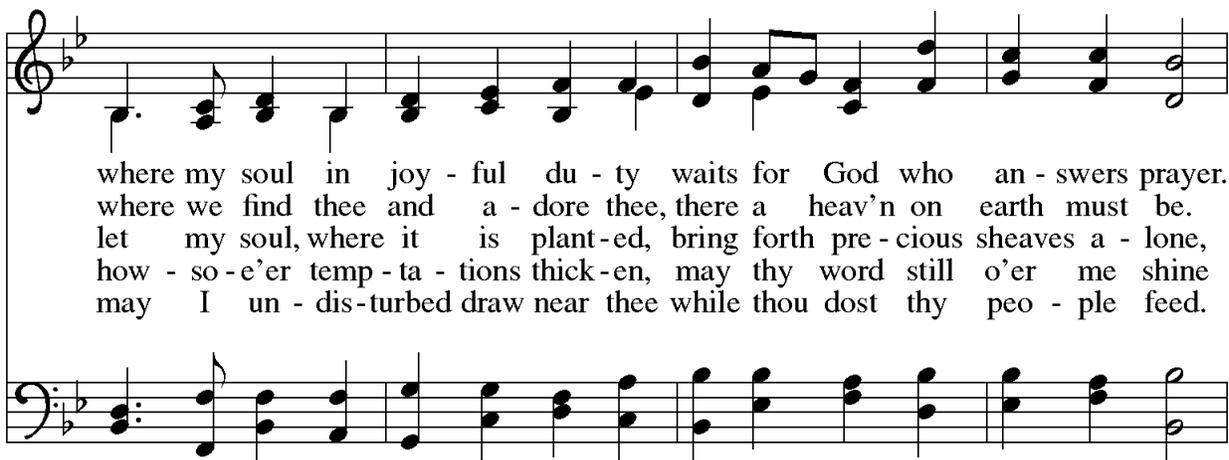
P So great is God's love, that the Creator gave +Jesus to live, die, and rise for us.
So rejoice! You are forgiven, and your relationship with God has been
restored. Thanks be to God!

C Amen

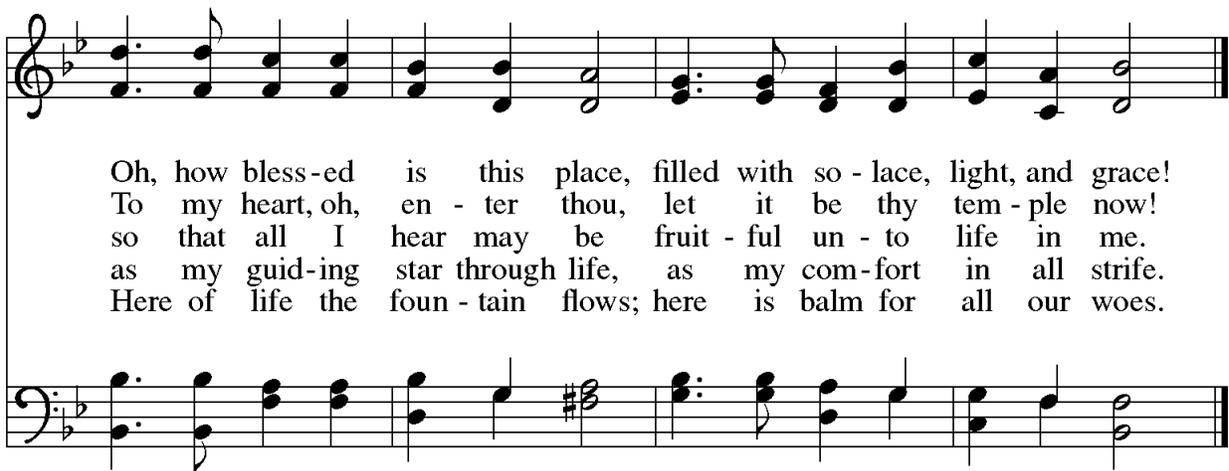
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

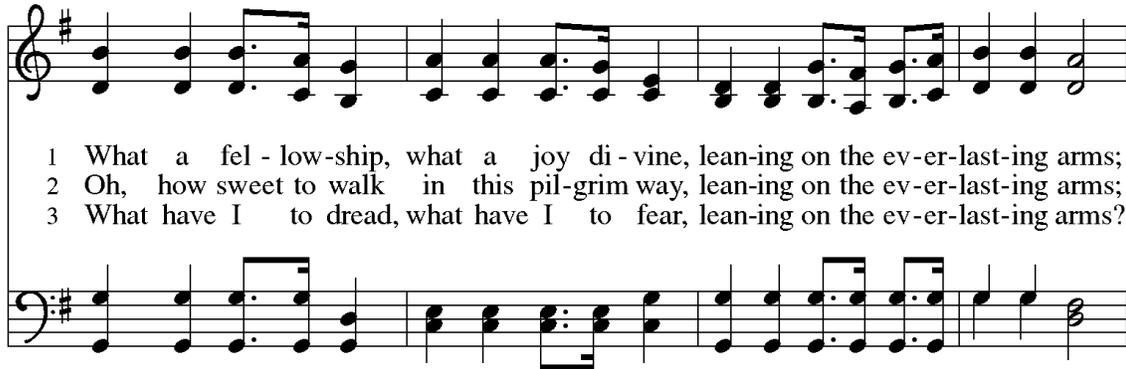
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

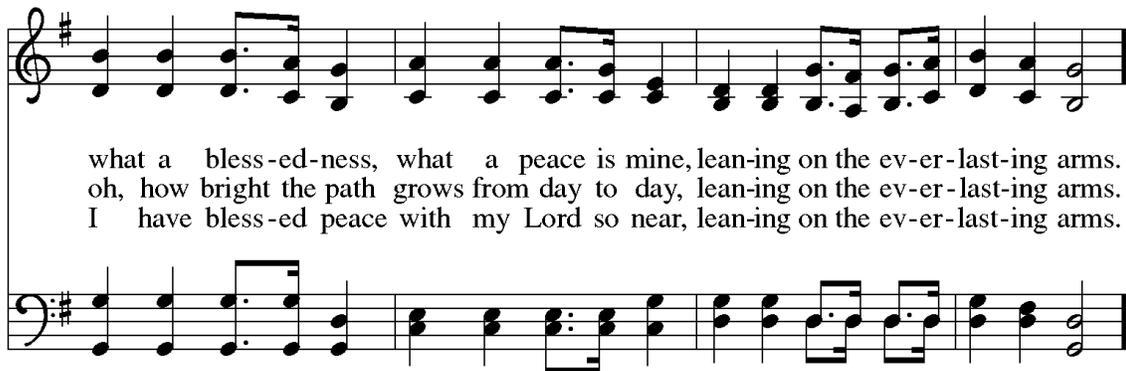


Hymn of the Day: ELW 774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

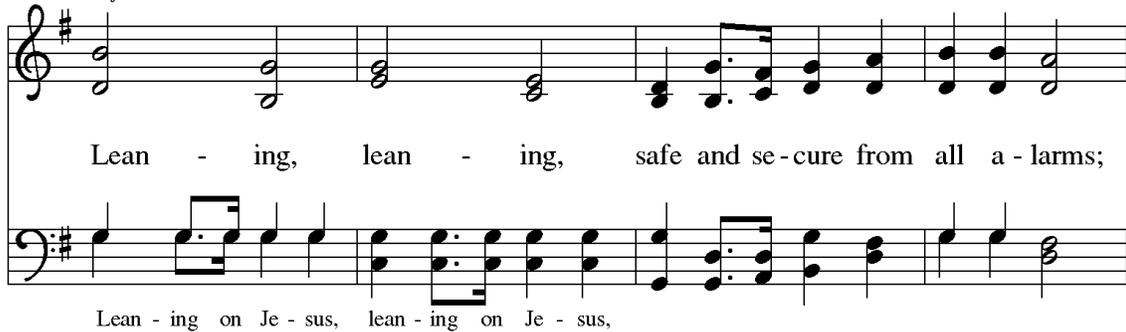


1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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: September 6-13, 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
- Tuesday:** 7:00 pm: Church Council
- Saturday:** 9:00-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
1:00 pm: Funeral for Robert Menth
3:00 pm: Wedding
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-person Worship Service Outside (No Zoom Meeting today)
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$3,967.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week) *

*The Family of Robert Menth

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

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; 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 September Pantry hours are: Thursday 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

In-person Worship Service: Come and celebrate in-person outside worship and Communion on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 10:00 am. The service will be held in the back parking lot. Parking will be along the perimeter of the parking lot, and orange cones will be set up to designate areas to safely set up your chairs. Please bring your own chairs and face masks. If you plan on celebrating Communion, please bring bread and wine or grape juice. 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. 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 6th, 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: <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.

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 for family & friends of Tom Petschke as they mourn his passing; 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 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; 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; Victims of California wildfires 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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