

*24th Sunday After
Pentecost*



WNY Church Unleashed

November 15, 2020

*Welcome to WNY Church Unleashed 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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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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Children's Time

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-18

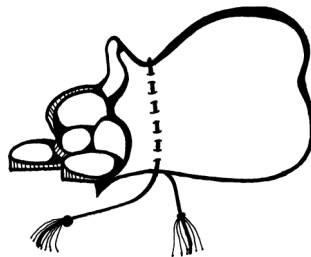
Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

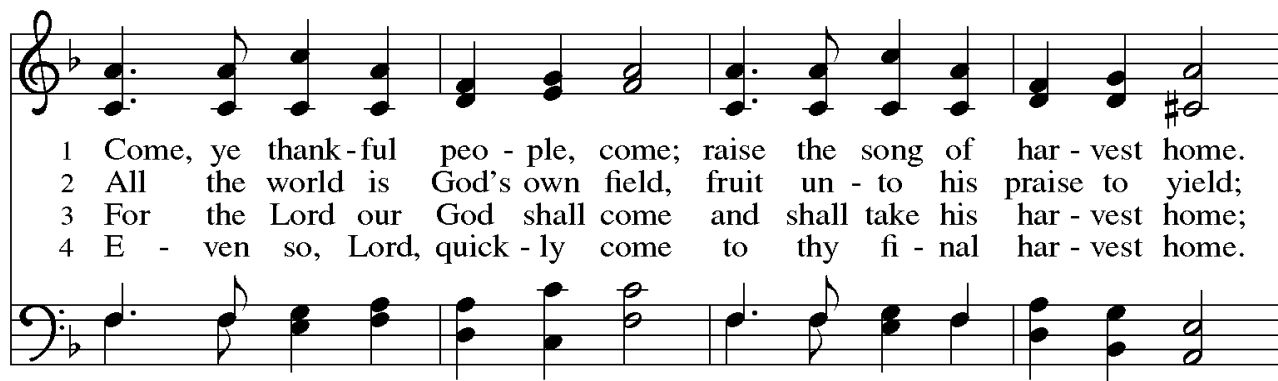
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.


Sermon



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



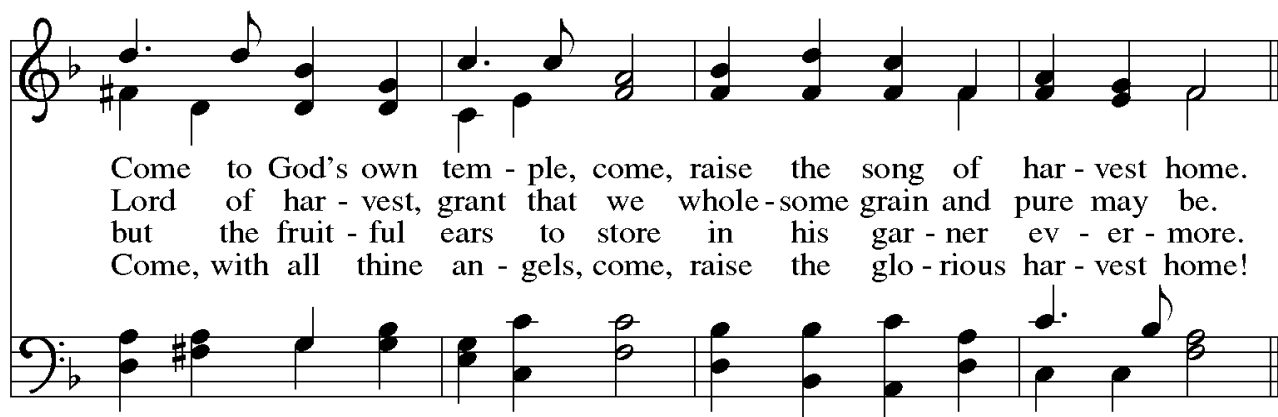
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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: November 15-22, 2020

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:50 am: Zoom Half-Hour (Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/950766486>,
Meeting ID: 950766486)
11:30 am: Baptism of Myles James Phillips
12:30 pm: Fire Church Baptism of Hannah Krawczyk
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
5:00-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck at Windermere Elementary School
- Tuesday:** 6:00 pm: Burrito Project
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 44 Offering: \$5,926.00

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

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Betty Arbogast: Weinberg Dosberg Campus, #200, Getzville, NY 14068

*Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

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: GreenField's Rehab Center, 5949 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Don Neubauer: 25 Robie Street, Buffalo, NY 14214

Dolores Shearer: Beechwood Continuing Care, 2235 Millersport, Getzville, 14068

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

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

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

*Scott Vahue: 475 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Barbara Williams (Mary Jo Williams' mother-in-law); Scott Greenawalt; Adam Striejewske, Don Striejewske, and Debbie Striejewske; Josephine Colangelo (Heather Hornung-Winkler's grandmother); Sophia Eddy

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Election: Join in congratulating the following individuals who were elected to the Church Council: Susan Epstein, Robert Simpson, and David Schunak. At last night's Council meeting, Debbie Regan-Howe was nominated as Church Council President. Thank you to Scott Fierle and Barbara Walter for their hard work and dedication to St. Paul's as their Council terms expired.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The November Pantry hours are: Thursday 11/19 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 11/28 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for November: \$15.00 grocery gift cards

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 – November 15th, 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

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:

- 1) Watch on your TV: Station METV – channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV
- 2) WNY Unleashed Facebook Page
- 3) WNY Unleashed YouTube Page

INDOOR WORSHIP now happening every Sunday 10am at Parkside LC!

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

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. Donations requested for November– Canned Soup & Chili

Meals on Wheels Parkside LC location is in great need of volunteers – if you can help 2 or 3 mornings during the week for an hour or two, please contact the office.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Tanya Scaccia for her nephew Aubree; Peter Steffan, for knee surgery; 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; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Joan Bauer, along with family Jameson & Kevin; 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: Baby Aubree, who underwent heart surgery on 10/30 and for his parents, Rob and Brandy, to stay strong; Bailey & Family; Donna Durkin; Beverly & Bob; Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), who was in a motorcycle accident, and cousin Alan as he faces multiple surgeries; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Bobby Amann; Pray for Carson to remain cancer-free; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We thank the Lord for Pastor Jeremiah and his ministry among us. We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need. Prayers for Bishop Macholz who underwent surgery on 11/6 and our siblings in Christ at Zion, Cobleskill, whose church building has sustained major fire damage.

If you would like to add someone to the Parkside Lutheran Church prayer list, please contact the office.

Parkside For Social Justice – definition and resource for November 2020:

Definition: Redlining primarily refers to the practice of banks and other lenders refusing to grant loans/mortgages to credit worthy persons of color. Red lines would be drawn around whole neighborhoods for which lenders would refuse to do business in or with. This practice prevented minorities from moving into white neighborhoods and led to disinvestment from ‘red lined’ neighborhoods. This is a major reason Buffalo is one of the most segregated cities in America today. The most recent local case of Redlining was settled against Evans bank in 2015. <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/11/business/dealbook/evans-bank-settles-new-york-redlining-lawsuit.html>

To learn more about how Buffalo came to be segregated check out https://ppgbuffalo.org/files/documents/data-demographics-history/a_city_divided_a_brief_history_of_segregation_in_the_city_of_buffalo.pdf

Recommended Resource: Have you ever wondered what a modern day Prophet might sound like? I invite you to join your Church Council in reading *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black preacher to the whitest denomination in the Country*.

“Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.” <https://www.amazon.com/Dear-Church-Preacher-Whitest-Denomination/dp/1506452566>

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>.



Every fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. We are already getting requests for hats, scarfs, gloves, and masks! Donations will be collected now until spring. New or gently used donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings in the blue bin in the narthex (lobby) outside the sanctuary, or contact the office if you'd like to arrange for drop-off. Thanks for putting love of neighbor into action!

Want more information about all that is happening at Parkside LC?

Sign up for our weekly email

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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:

Paul Storfer

Soloist:

Emily Helenbrook

Video and Editing:

Nick Stroczkowski, Brothers and Sisters Film Production Company

Sound:

Andrew Gruszka, The Record DJ Co.

DJs/MCs, SOUND & LIGHTING

