

# *Holy Trinity Sunday*



*WNY Church Unleashed*

*May 30, 2021*

*Welcome to WNY Church Unleashed hosted by:  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Steve Biegner  
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Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julius Carroll*

*Holy Trinity Sunday  
First Sunday After Pentecost*

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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** In this season, we worship the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose fire burns in our hearts and lives still today.
- C** Amen
- P** Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin together. God of mercy,
- C** we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another; we forgot to love as we have been loved. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. Many times, we store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, for all that we've messed up, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P** When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. So rejoice in this good news: you are brought back to the Father who created you, forgiven by the Savior who died for you, and poured out over again by the Holy Spirit who walks with you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all God's people said:
- C** Amen

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

***First Reading: Romans 8:12-17***

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd Chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 3:1-17***

*Jesus’ miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may

have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day: ELW 770*

## Give Me Jesus

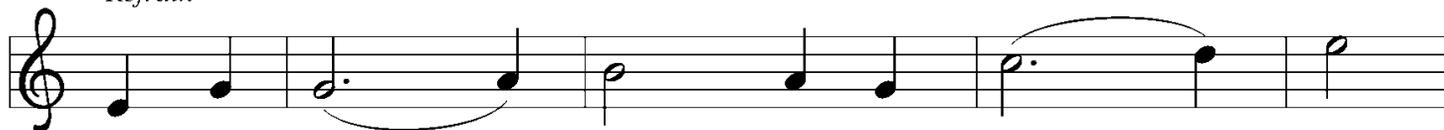


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

## *Youth Time*

### *Apostles' Creed*

P Let's confess the faith of the Church together using 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: May 30-June 6, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** No Daily Bread Food Truck at Amherst High School
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00 pm-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
3:00pm-6:00 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share  
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Saturday:** 4:30 pm: Wedding of Megan Brown and Kevin Simpson
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 51 Offering: \$6,041.00

***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

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

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

Chad Israel and Hayley Israel

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

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

***Prayer List: In our and extended family:*** Ira Striejewske; Ralph Vahue; Thomas Maier

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***In-Person Worship:*** We have resumed the 10:00 am Sunday in-person worship service. Pre-reservations are no longer required. Anyone who has received their full dosage of the Covid vaccine does not have to wear a face mask in church, and may sit where they are comfortable. For those who have yet to receive their full Covid vaccination, we ask you to wear your face mask in church until you are seated, and continue to sit six feet apart.

***WNY Church Unleashed:*** If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

***Covid-19 Restrictions:*** If you plan to come to the office or meet with Pastor Steve, please call ahead and make an appointment (716-835-0407).

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The June Pantry hours are Thursday 6/1 and 6/17 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 6/12 and 6/26 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for June are: coffee, tea, rice, and canned fruit.

***Daily Bread Food Truck News:*** The DBFT will be parked in the Amherst High School front parking lot every Monday from 5:00-7:00 pm, to hand out free meals to the community. A number of neighborhood eateries will be teaming with the DBFT to “host” these meals. If you would like to volunteer to help out on Mondays, please contact Katie at 835-0407.

***Outdoor Coffee Hour:*** Beginning in June (date to be determined), we will gather outside following the 10:00 am worship service to share conversation, coffee, and fellowship. This will be a time to renew relationships and meet new missionaries at St. Paul's. If you are interested in helping us with this (set-up, provide a snack, and break-down), please call the office or sign-up on the board in the Gathering Area.

The logo for WNY Church Unleashed is a dark blue square. Inside the square, the words "WNY CHURCH" are written in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. Below "WNY CHURCH", the word "UNLEASHED" is written in a stylized, orange, uppercase font with a slight shadow effect.

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UNLEASHED

*WNY Church Unleashed is a partnership between Pastor Jeremiah Smith from Parkside Lutheran Church, Pastor Julius Carroll from Zion Lutheran Church, and Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church whose mission is to unleash the message of God's good news into every home in Western New York.*

## *WNY Church Unleashed*

### *Prayer List*

Bruce Herman

Beverly Root

Neil Sommerfeldt

## Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - May 30th, 2021

*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 at Parkside Lutheran Church continues with masks and social distancing

There will be a **memorial service for Hazel Dodson** Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 11am

**Parkside's Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ - Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm \$12/dinner.** Drive thru only. No preorders. Proceeds split between relief for India and Parkside building accessibility.

**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.

June collection-Jelly (16oz or smaller, please) *Backup volunteers* are needed. Contact the office if you are interested in helping on the *occasional* Saturday for 3 hours.

Nonperishable food items can also be left in our little red "**Blessing Box**" on the Depew side of the building.

**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.

**Burrito Project** - Every fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. Contact the office if you'd like to help!  
Next date is June 22.

*Prayer Tree:*

**Congregation:** Ruth DeAeth; The Hagner Family, including Lorri's father, Gary B., who has been very ill.

**Friends & Family:** Friends and family of Georgie Knight, as they mourn her passing; Stephanie and Austin; Sharon Hill; Continued prayers for Donald Railey as he recovers from major abdominal surgery; Prayers for India; We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need. **If you would like to add to the prayer list please contact the office.**

**Parkside For Social Justice** Traditionally, May marks the arrival of spring flowers and all things beautiful. Additionally, the National Alliance on Mental Illness has designated May as Mental Health Awareness Month. The goal of this designation is to help Americans learn to better understand the reality of living with a mental health diagnosis, and to support the millions of Americans who have already been diagnosed.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 saw a significant influx in people seeking mental health treatments, as well as increase in substance abuse, domestic violence and other secondary symptoms associated with mental illness. The enforcement of social distancing and increasing isolation created many extra barriers for those seeking treatment. Throughout 2020, NAMI pushed their campaign "You Are Not Alone" to increase awareness and spread a message of unity to people who may have felt disconnected from their resources, loved ones and community.

Despite continued efforts to erase the stigma of mental health, it remains a complicated and misunderstood part of our society. Unlike many physical disabilities, which are visible, mental health is not something that can be "seen," which in turn makes it difficult to understand. Anxiety and depression are among the most common diagnoses in the United States, where it is estimated 1 in 5 adults meet criteria for these illnesses, yet do not seek treatment. By age 24, about 75% of all lifetime mental health illnesses will have been diagnosed, leaving our young population vulnerable and confused.

It is not surprising that statistically, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for individuals ages 10-34. In fact, the rate of suicide has increased by 34% since 1999. Marginalized communities are at the most risk for successful suicides; members of the LGB youth are 4x more likely to attempt to kill themselves than straight youth, and transgender adults are 12x more likely to attempt than the general population.

Mental health emergencies continue to play a role in the news, following multiple lethal interactions between law enforcement and those in crisis. In fact, 1 in every 8 emergency department visits are related to mental health or substance abuse. Due to the nature of emergency rooms, there is a significant lack in available resources to provide the follow up care many people need. This in turn increases the rate of people experiencing homelessness with serious mental health issues (20%) as well as those incarcerated (37%).

By gathering a better understanding of the frequency of mental health illness, treatment options and other important information we can help decrease the stigma across America. Mental illness presents in many diagnoses in all walks of life. The more we continue to push the message that you are not alone, the more likely people will be to reach out for help. For further information and resources please visit the following websites:

<https://www.nami.org/Home>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/>

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov>

<https://afsp.org/>

**Have a suggested resource or question about this Parkside For Social Justice?**  
Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith [alisonmsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmsmith07@gmail.com).

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

**Sign up for our weekly email**

on our website - [parksidelutheran.org](http://parksidelutheran.org) - Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

## OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION



+ **Indoor Worship:**

+ **Saturdays @ 5pm and Sundays @ 9:15am -- ALL ARE WELCOME, WE MEAN IT!**

+ **Sunday indoor Church School ('rolling schedule'):** *contact Elaine Baker*  
([elaine@zionclarencenter.com](mailto:elaine@zionclarencenter.com)) *for the schedule.*

+ **Sunday Adult Bible Class @ 10:30am:** *contact Pastor Carroll for a referral to Zion's adult education coordinator more information.* ([pastorcarroll@zionclarencenter.com](mailto:pastorcarroll@zionclarencenter.com))

• Interested in helping the folks at Zion expand Zion's digital 'footprint'? *Contact Pastor Carroll for a referral to Zion's digital coordinator* ([pastorcarroll@zionclarencenter.com](mailto:pastorcarroll@zionclarencenter.com))

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