

*Seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost*



*WNY Church Unleashed*

*July 11, 2021*

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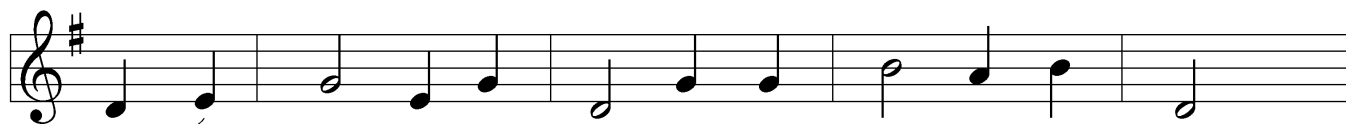


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***Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness***

- 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

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

*Psalm 85:8-13*

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

**P** I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C** Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

**P** Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C** Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**P** The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**C** Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Sixth Chapter.

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

*Gospel: Mark 6:14-29*

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day: ELW 824*

This Is My Father’s World



1 This is my Fa-ther’s world, and to my lis-t’ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther’s world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther’s world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er’s praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther’s world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther’s world; he shines in all that’s fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther’s world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## *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 May you be unleashed, unleashed into the world, as we go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: July 11-18, 2021

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 1:30 pm: Memorial Reception (private)
- Wednesday:** 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
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**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 48 Offering: \$4,176.00

**The Altar Flowers:** are given to the Glory of God

***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

Richard Elliott: 34 Pino Alto Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

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

Dave Metz: 265-C Evans Street, #2, Williamsville, NY 14221

Diane Siegel: 636 Evergreen Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

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; the family of Ralph Vahue; Thomas Maier

## *ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS*

***In-Person Worship:*** 10:00 am. 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. Those who have yet to receive their full Covid vaccination, we ask you wear your face mask in church until you are seated, and continue to sit six feet apart. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also being livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

***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.

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The July Pantry hours are Thursday 7/15, and 7/29 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Saturday 7/24 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Donations for July are: juice, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, and hand soap.

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** The Daily Bread Food Truck has officially kicked off the 2021 Season! Starting July 18th, that big beautiful truck will be parked outside St. Paul's on Main Street EVERY Sunday from 9:30-noon serving yummy coffee and pastries. The original "get one, give one" mission is back in action, so remember that for every meal purchased, one meal is given. There are many opportunities this summer to get involved, as well. We need help in the kitchen! We would love to add you to the team! Contact Katie at 716-835-0407 or email [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

### *Ways to Give to St. Paul's*

With our return to in-person worship, we thought we would let you know about a couple of options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** If you are not be able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's to the church office 4007 Main St., Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>





*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.*

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### *Prayer List*

Bruce Herman

Beverly Root

Neil Sommerfeldt

## *Parkside Announcements*

**This Summer join us for Outdoor Worship! (Indoors if inclement weather).**

**Mask Update:** Parkside Lutheran's Church Council has at this time decided to make masks optional for folks who are vaccinated. Folks who are not yet vaccinated are required to still wear masks. Masks are optional for all when outdoors. We plan to worship outdoors every Sunday in July and August, except for July 11th and when the weather does not cooperate.

We will continue to closely watch the impact that variants may have on community spread. We give thanks for first responders and continue to pray for equitable vaccination distribution around the world.

**Starting in July,** we will return to using Readers and Communion Assistants. If you'd like to be added to the list or removed from the list, please contact the Office asap. Thank you!

**Mark your calendars; July 30th family movie night (more information forthcoming).**

**Summer Hymn Raffle:** Each week in worship you are invited to submit your favorite hymns or songs. Every week we will randomly select one suggestion to be sung the following week. Christmas in July? Amazing Grace for a Third time? Or maybe one the congregation has never sung before? (Gasp!) All are fair game. Suggestions are welcomed every Sunday now through the end of August.

### **Parkside Lutheran is Hiring!**

Parkside Lutheran Church is seeking a contract (1099) employee to develop campaigns that will create engagement for members, prospective members and those looking for faith-based resources in Internet or social channels.

Working in collaboration with the pastor, staff, and church council, this individual will play a key role in growing the church's footprint in digital formats while supporting its mission: Parkside Luther Church is Rediscovering the Radical Love of Jesus. Gathering All. Serving All. Caring for All.

The employee will be a key voice in advising church leadership on the most effective, modern ways to engage all age groups, especially young people, outside of the traditional in-person church service.

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The employee will focus in the following areas as a starting point:

- \* Develop, test, and refine video content and delivery formats that present key faith-based themes and resources that help visitors to the Church website and social media sites to practice their faith and find inspiration in new ways.
- \* Advise church leadership on how to position and complement the successful WNY Church Unleashed television ministry on the web and in social channels.
- \* Develop weekly website, social media (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram) and text message-delivered content that reflects key themes of the weekly service and sermon while adding additional faith-based resources that help those visiting the site(s) to explore and develop their faith in new ways.
- \* Advise church leaders on ways to make the weekly church newsletter as engaging and useful as possible, with an eventual plan to take on oversight of the newsletter.
- \* Recommend initiatives to make full, optimal use of the church website and key social platforms as content usage and delivery networks evolve continuously.
- \* Post photos to the website and various social channels to convey vibrancy and spark interest in the community, its mission and its work.

Gather data from the various sites and channels to report on, and fine tune, the effectiveness of the tactics being utilized.

#### Requirements:

- \* Proficiency with social media platforms including Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram with a demonstrable track record of activities that are pertinent to the role described above
- \* Proficiency in creating and posting engaging, high-impact videos using cell phones as well as more advanced equipment
- \* Comfort with reviewing data on how website and social media platforms are being used, and making use of that data to guide content/programming decisions
- \* Ability to manage multiple projects/tasks simultaneously
- \* Effective written and verbal communication skills and strong organizational skills
- \* A personal viewpoint that aligns with the church's mission: Parkside Lutheran Church is Rediscovering the Radical Love of Jesus. Gathering All. Serving All. Caring for All.

Interested candidates should contact Pastor Jeremiah at [PrJeremiahPSmith@Gmail.com](mailto:PrJeremiahPSmith@Gmail.com)

**July: collection for North Buffalo Food Pantry**

JELLY - 16oz jars or smaller

Canned Fruit & Canned Tuna

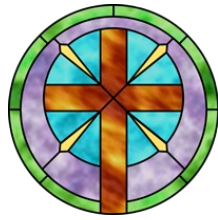
- Please bring your donation to the Food Pantry on Saturday between 9am & 1pm, or drop at the Church on Sunday morning, or arrange with office. Thank you!



The pastors and staff of WNY Church Unleashed

wish you a very healthy and safe summer filled with blessings of laughter, love and fun!

## 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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