# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



# WNY Church Unleashed

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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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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 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



Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

# Children's Time

# Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

- P All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- C They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
- P that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- C Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- P The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

- C The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- P You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- C You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- P You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
- P The Holy Gospel according to John the Sixth Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day: LBW 448

#### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 0 8 0 0 ing how sweet the sound, that А maz grace, 1 grace 'Twas that taught heart fear, and 2 my to dan -prom -Ι 3 Through man gers, toils, and snares y The Lord has ised his 4 good to me; 0 0 saved a wretch like me! Ι once was lost, but lieved; grace my how did fears re pre cious that brought me have al read - y come; 'tis has grace shield and word my hope se he will cures; my found; was blind, but Ι now am now see. grace ap pear the hour Ι first be \_ lieved! far, will lead home. safe thus and grace me life tion be long en dures. por as as -

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

# 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 25-August 1, 2021

| TODAY:    | 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV |
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|           | 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion                   |
|           | 11:00 am: Baptism of Julia Despina Vilonen                  |
|           | 11:45 am: Baptism of Jack Thomas                            |
|           | 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope  |
| Thursday: | 3:-00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open                 |
|           | 7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting                     |
| Sunday:   | 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV |
|           | 10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion                   |
|           | 1:00 pm: Ray of Hope  |

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: Offering: \$5,015.26

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: Buffalo General Hospital
\* Grace Mols: Elderwood, 200 Bassett Road, 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:* Helen Gibson in the passing of her father-in-law; Ira Striejewske; the family of Ralph Vahue; Thomas Maier

### <u>ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

**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 remaining July Pantry hours are Thursday 7/29 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 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



#### 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/

#### Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - July 25th, 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:** TV: Station METV – channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV Or, view anytime on WNY Church Unleashed Facebook or YouTube

#### Or, Worship outside at Parkside Lutheran Church 10am

(or inside in inclement weather. Masks are optional for fully vaccinated folks and mandatory inside for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated folks. Please maintain social distance)

**Summer Music Raffle –** contact the office with your hymn requests (anything goes!) for Sunday worship at Parkside now through August.

Weds 7.28.21 – First RIC (Reconciling In Christ) Planning meeting on Zoom. Contact Pastor Jeremiah for more info. Let's learn how we can make our church welcoming to ALL!

Sun 8.8.21 - Parkside LC Congregational meeting immediately following worship.

**Save the date:** Saturday, September 25, at 11 a.m. a memorial service will be held for Pr. John Buerk at Holy Trinity, Buffalo. Pr. Buerk served Parkside LC for 18 years.

**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) Volunteers are needed. Contact Kristen Lenz or the office if you are interested in helping. kristenlenz@gmail.com

Nonperishable food items can be left in our little red **"Blessing Box"** on the Depew side of the building. Give what you can, take what you need.

**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 4th Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. Contact Alison Smith or the office if you'd like to help! Next date is **July 27th**.

#### Prayer Tree:

**Congregation:** Joan Bauer; Family & friends of Gary B., Lorri Hagner's father, as we mourn his passing; Linda Witmer for a quick recovery from injury; Stephanie E. Rogers for healing; Ruth DeAeth for healing.

**Friends & Family:** Kelly; Martha, Michael, Roger Moore; Healing prayers for Pastor Morse; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne; Prayers for all who grieve including Kim, Stacie, and Shana. Prayers for Tom; Friends and family of Georgie Knight, as they mourn her passing;

Healing prayers for Stephanie & Austin and Sharon Hill; Continued prayers for Donald Railey; 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 - July

Introduction to the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program: "All are Welcome"

What does it mean to be welcoming as a church community? The RIC Program is a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran Church. Parkside is establishing a committee to steer education and opportunities for discussion within our faith community to ensure the welcome, inclusion and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expression as well as continuing to work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work.

An important part of the program involves crafting a more in-depth welcome statement that is welcoming to the LGBTQA+ community and commits to racial justice work. Crafting this statement will be the work of the entire church community. Each month educational programs will be offered around a variety of topics. A survey is being created in order to determine what topics are of interest to all of you. Educational and discussion opportunities will be offered in a variety of ways from in person small group meetings, to coffee hour discussions and Zoom. Our hope is that each program will offer a safe place to ask questions and learn together. First meeting via Zoom is Weds 7/28/21. More info to come!

If you are interested in being part of the committee to plan monthly programs please contact Alison Smith at <u>alisonmsmith07@gmail.com</u> or Pastor Jeremiah.

#### Volunteers Needed -

Gardeners -Will you help keep our garden beds tidy (many hands make light work)? Contact Onda Simmons or the office if you can help.

**Property Committee** is always looking for folks willing to help with small maintenance jobs, minor repairs, etc. on Tuesday mornings. Speak with Fran Ball or Charlie Russ if you can help, or contact the office.

The Care Committee needs volunteers to help support the Parkside Church community by writing cards to members, attendees and a few others during major life events. Cards and Bible verses will be provided, and we are hoping for a one-year commitment by each volunteer. Can you help us celebrate weddings and new babies, and provide sympathy and understanding to those who are hurting in the Parkside family? The plan is to begin in the fall. Please contact Pastor Jeremiah or the office if you are willing to help.

Want more info about all that is happening at Parkside LC? Sign up for our weekly email on our website - 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 (<u>elaine@zionclarencecenter.com</u>) for the schedule.

+ Sunday Adult Bible Class @ 10:30am: contact Pastor Carroll for a referral to Zion's adult education coordinator more information. (<u>pastorcarroll@zionclarencecenter.com</u>)

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

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# WNY Church Unleashed Prayer List

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