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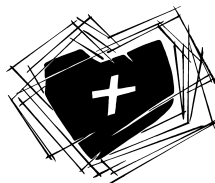
*WNY Church Unleashed*

*August 29, 2021*

*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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***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

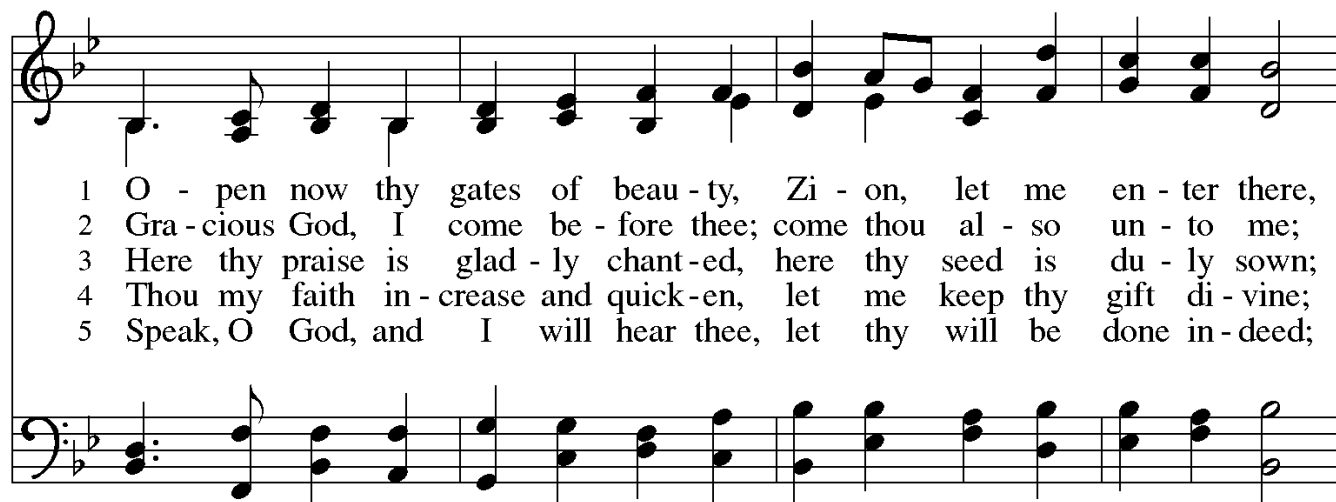
P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin together. God of mercy,

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.

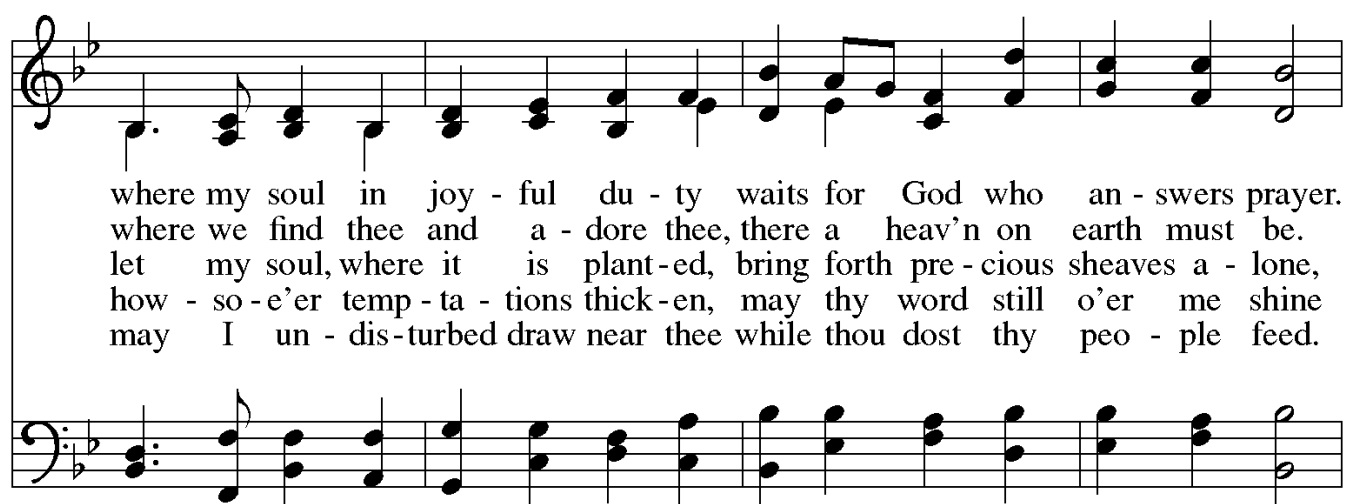
P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. So rejoice in this good news: you are brought back to the Father who created you, forgiven by the Savior who died for you, and poured out over again by the Holy Spirit who walks with you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and all God's people said:

C Amen


## 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 thick - en, 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*

### *Psalm 15*

*LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)*

- P LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- C Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
- P they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- C In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
- P They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Seventh Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

### *Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a

person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

### *Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day: ELW 774 (on the following page)*

### *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*

# 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,

### *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: August 29-September 5, 2021

- TODAY:** 9:00-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck: Pastries with Emilie  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Wednesday:** 12:30 pm: Staff Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Friday:** 7:00 am: Find Sydney West Bike Ride  
1:00 pm: Community Bike Ride
- Sunday:** 9:00-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck: Pastries with Emilie  
9:30-9:45 am: Falling Upward outdoor service  
10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**The Altar Flowers:** Are given in memory of Martha (Marty) Hornung by her husband, David Hornung

**Attendance last week:** YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 97 Offering: \$4,288.00

***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

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

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

Chad Israel and Hayley Israel

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

Dave Metz: Elderwood, 200 Bassett Road, Room 245B, Williamsville, NY 14221

\*Grace Mols: c/o Jeffrey Mols, 37 Rockford Place, 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

Larry Woodward: GreenFields, 5949 Broadway, Room C119, Lancaster, NY 14086

*We offer our support and condolences to the Metz family in the passing of Dave Metz.*

***Prayer List: In our and extended family:*** Ira Striejewski; Thomas Maier



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

***In-Person Worship:*** 10:00 am. Reservations are not required. With the increase of the Covid variant in our area, we are asking everyone to wear a face mask until they are seated and distanced in church. If you are singing, please make sure you have a face mask on. 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 September Pantry hours are: Thursday 9/2, 9/16, and 9/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm; and Saturday 9/11 and 9/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for September are: canned corn, white rice, sugar, oil, and any tomato products.

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** The Daily Bread Food Truck will be parked outside St. Paul's on Main Street EVERY Sunday from 9:00-11:30am 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/>

**Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – August 29th, 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**

In inclement weather, we will be inside. Masks are required for everyone.

**Visit our 2 “Chalk it up to God” community outdoor art project** (one is on Wallace, the other is on Depew) Add your prayer, message or drawing and “Chalk it up to God”!

**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 28 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 the office if you’d like to help!

Next date is **September 28th.**

*Prayer Tree:*

**Congregation:** John H; Joan Bauer; Stephanie E. Rogers and Ruth DeAeth for healing.

**Friends & Family:** Lysander; 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; Pray for Haiti and Afghanistan; 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**

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. More info to come!

If you are interested in being part of the committee to plan monthly programs please contact Alison Smith at [alisonmsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmsmith07@gmail.com) 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.

**Altar Guild Committee** needs volunteers to help with communion set up on Sunday mornings & cleaning up afterwards. Each committee member assists with eight Sundays per year and if we have enough volunteers, you would be partnered with another member. Please speak with Becky Amann or Kim Walek if you can help, or contact the office.

**Want more info 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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Clarence Center, NY 14032  
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