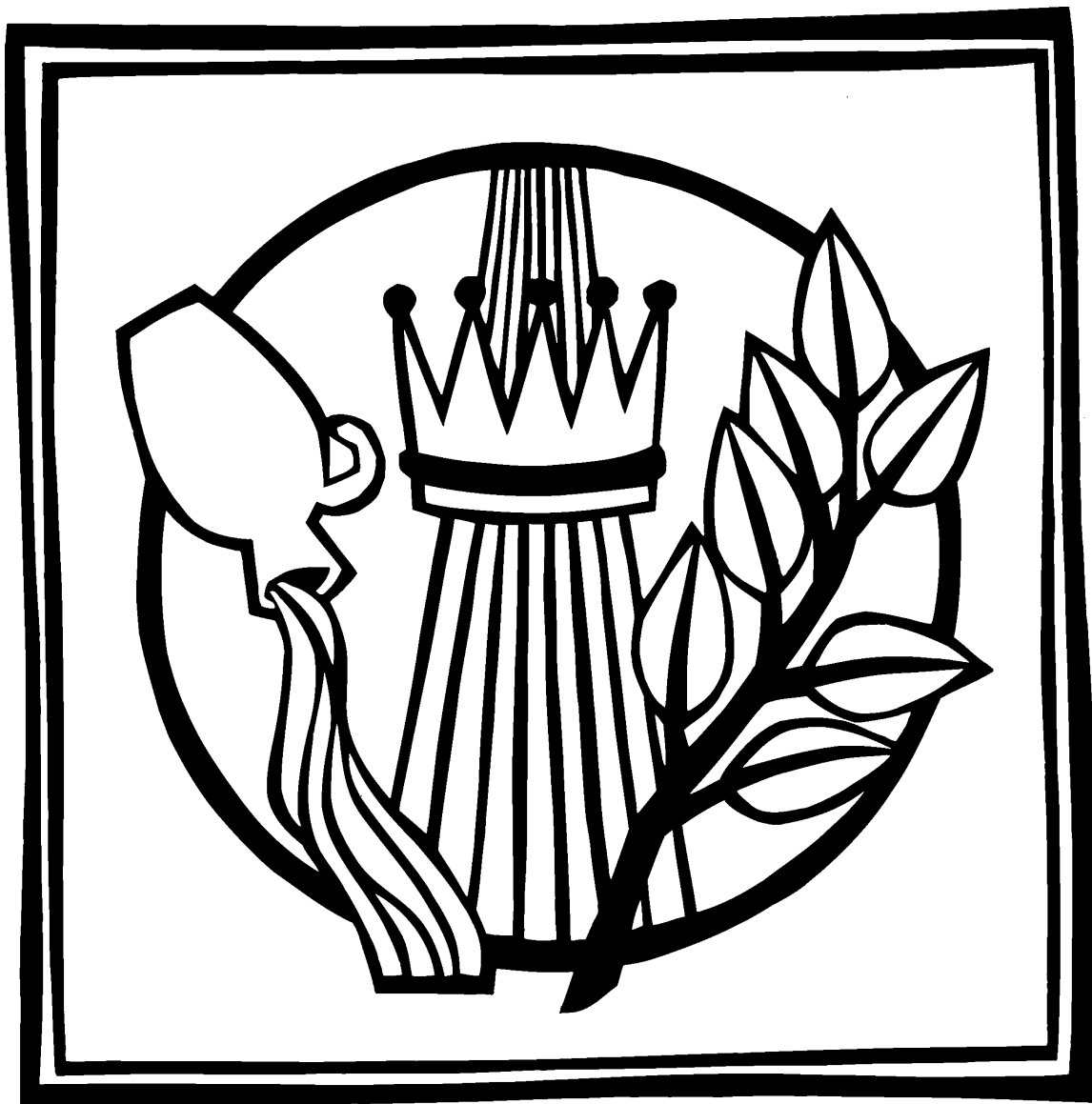


*16th Sunday after
Pentecost*



WNY Church Unleashed

September 12, 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. Roger Griffiths, Jr.*

WWJUD: WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO?

Undo Stigmas and Stereotypes

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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 be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

C God, you made me, you know me better than I know myself, and you love me more than I can imagine. You watch over me everyday. You see me when I'm not at my best, when I struggle to love myself, or others, or You. For Jesus' sake, forgive me. Help me see myself as you see me. With eyes of love, patience, kindness, and mercy. Amen.

P People of God, God knows our struggle and feels our hurts. In love, we have been given the gift of grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear this good news! The Kingdom of God has come near. You are forgiven. You are beloved. You are saved. Christ has undone all the things that would divide us from the Love of God. Let go of your fear, guilt, and shame. Know that God loves you and will always love you.

C Amen

Opening Hymn: Special Music

Children's Time

Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

- P** I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
C **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**
- P** The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.
C **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**
- P** Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
C **The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**
- P** Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt well with you.
C **For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**
- P** I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the Seventh Chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to

him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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: September 12-19, 2021

- TODAY:** 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
10:00 am: Sunday School begins
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
1:00 pm: Opening Day: Buffalo Bills!!
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study Begins
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
- Friday:** 6:00 pm: Rehearsal Rock and Houle Wedding
- Saturday:** 2:00 pm: Wedding of Christine Rock and Brandon Houle
- Sunday:** 9:00-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck: Pastries with Emilie
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10:00 am: Sunday School and Blessing of Backpacks
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 65 Offering: \$8,003.00

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

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 prayers and condolences to the Mols family in the passing of Grace Mols.

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

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/>

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 9/16, and 9/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm; and Saturday 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



BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY!



**Join us at St. Paul's
on Sunday, September 19th
at 10 am for our
Annual Backpack Blessing!**

**Bring your backpack to Sunday
School with you and let's start
the school year off right!**



St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville

Outdoor Worship

Starting in September,
St. Paul's will be offering a brief worship
service, "Falling Upward", on the front
lawn! Come join us.

Every Sunday morning
starting September 5th
9:30 - 9:45 am
4007 Main Street
Eggertsville, NY 14226

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - September 12th, 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, at Parkside Lutheran Church 10am Masks are required indoors 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”!

Book Club - Sat, Sept 25th 9:30 at Parkside and Weds, Sept 29th via Zoom “One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins”, by Rev. Emmy Kegler.

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: For Florence Lennert, prayers for a peaceful transition from this life to the next; Rebecca; Stephen; Kevin; Jamison; Don; 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 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 - 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) 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)*

- **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)*

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