

*18th Sunday after
Pentecost*



WNY Church Unleashed

September 26, 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.*

WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO?

Undo Fear

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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 Music

Children's Time

Psalm 19:7-14 (read responsively)

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

- P The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- P The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- C **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- P By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- P Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th Chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 12:22-32

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the

oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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 26-October 3, 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
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 80 Offering: \$5,585.59

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

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

Prayer List: In our and extended family: Ira Striejewski; 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 remaining September Pantry hours are: Thursday 9/30 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Donations for September are: canned corn, white rice, sugar, oil, and any tomato products. The Pantry hours for October are: Thursday 10/7 and 10/21 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday, 10/9 and 10/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

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 you purchase, one meal is given. There are many opportunities 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

Celebration of Life

So many of us have lost someone since the start of the pandemic last year. Many of us haven't even had a chance to have Memorial Services or attend Funerals.

St. Paul's will be holding a "Celebration of Life" event on Saturday, October 23rd outside on the lawn. Come join for a brief service to share prayers, love, and memories of those that have passed since 2020.

Stay for fellowship, food, and fun for the family.

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – September 26th, 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 –Sept 29th via Zoom **“One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins”**, by Rev. Emmy Kegler. <https://zoom.us/j/7168361361>

North Buffalo Food Pantry Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm – enter on Depew.

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: Chelsea, John, and Haleigh; Kristen Lenz; Joan Bauer; Stephanie E. Rogers and Ruth DeAeth for healing.

Friends & Family: Florence Lennert & Family; Rebecca; Stephen; Kevin; Jamison; Don; Lysander; Kelly; Martha, Michael, Roger Moore; Healing prayers for Judi's sister, Jo Anne; 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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