

*15th Sunday after
Pentecost*



WNY Church Unleashed

September 5, 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 Indifference

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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 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

P Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

P Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

C who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

P who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

C The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

P The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:29-37

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to

the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 5-12, 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
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: Labor Day: Office Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Comforters Meeting

Thursday: 7:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety Too Meeting

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

Sunday: 9:00-11:30 am: Daily Bread Food Truck: Pastries with Emilie
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10:00 am: In-Person Worship and Communion
10:00 am: Sunday School opens
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
1:00 pm: Opening Day: Buffalo Bills!!

Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ In-Person: 47 Offering: \$3,249.00

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

*Grace Mols: Millard Fillmore Hospital, Palliative Care Unit, 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, and to Roslyn Bauman in the loss of her husband.

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/>

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements – September 5th, 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 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”!

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; Kevin, Stephen, Jamison, Rebecca and 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@zionclarencelcenter.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@zionclarencelcenter.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@zionclarencelcenter.com)*

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