

*15th Sunday after
Pentecost*



September 13, 2020

*Welcome to worship hosted by:
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Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity, +one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin, the times we have turned away from God, and neglected our neighbor in need. God our Creator,

C you give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share, and time to love. Yet, we spend our time serving ourselves. We hide our gifts and let fear rule our hearts. We mistreat your creation, your children, and ourselves. Turn us, O Lord, towards you and your unending love. Strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P So great is God's love, that the Creator gave +Jesus to live, die, and rise for us. So rejoice! You are forgiven, and your relationship with God has been restored. Thanks be to God!

C Amen

Opening Hymn: ELW 733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

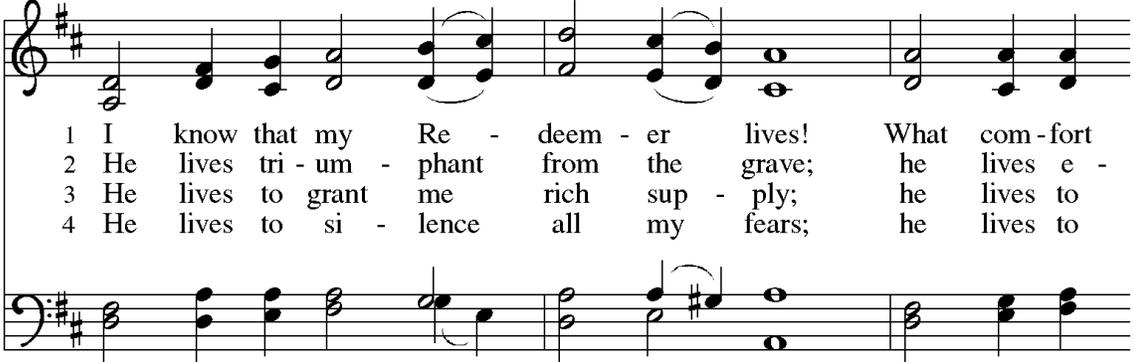
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Youth Group Time

Apostles' Creed

P Let's join to proclaim our faith in 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 Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: September 13-20, 2020

- TODAY:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: Outside Worship Service with Communion, followed by Historical Gathering
10:30 am: No Zoom Meeting Today
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Tuesday:** 7:00 pm: Church Council
- Thursday:** 3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
- Sunday:** 10:00 am: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:00 am: In-Person Worship Service—Details to be announced
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Attendance last week: Via YouTube, Facebook, or MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$4,625.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

The Family of Robert Menth

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit (check in at desk to enter Unit), Williamsville, NY 14221

Betty Arbogast: Weinberg Dosberg Campus, #200, Getzville, NY 14068

Neal DeLeo: Erie County Medical Center, Room 805A, 462 Grider, Buffalo, NY 14215

Marilyn Emerson: 364 Burroughs Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

Susan Epstein: 70 Fairlawn Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

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

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

*Dorothy Menth: Erie County Medical Center, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215

Dolores Shearer: Beechwood Continuing Care, 2235 Millersport, Getzville, 14068

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

David Wolf: Buffalo General, Room 1265, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Prayer List: In our and extended family: The family of Norman Wehrung; Thomas Maier; Marty and Dave Hornung; Barbara Williams (Mary Jo Williams' mother-in-law)

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings at St. Paul's have been canceled until further notice.

The Daily Bread Food Truck, the Burrito Project, and the Tiger's Den Food Pantry will continue to operate. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office: 716-835-0407.

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 9/17 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm., and Saturday 9/26 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The Upper Room for September/October 2020 and The Word in Season for October, November, December 2020: If you would like either/both of these devotional booklets, please notify the office and we will mail to you.

Upcoming September Events

In-person Outside Worship Service: Come and celebrate in-person outside worship and Communion on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 10:00 am. The service will be held in the back parking lot. Parking will be along the perimeter of the parking lot, and orange cones will be set up to designate areas to safely set up your chairs. Please bring your own chairs and face masks. If you plan on celebrating Communion, please bring bread and wine or grape juice. All Covid-19 regulations will be adhered to.

Historical Gathering: Following today's outside service, please stay a little longer and join in the Historical Gathering. This is a time to share significant events you have experienced at St. Paul's, such as marriages, confirmations, baptisms, etc., as well as specific ministries that have been important to you at St. Paul's.



Message from St. Paul's Finance Committee

With COVID-19 upon us, we are dealing with unprecedented amounts of uncertainty. News is fast developing and every day brings a new change to our lives like we never imagined.

We are writing this letter to remind you that St. Paul's still needs your ongoing financial support. For those who have had their employment altered or eliminated, our prayers and support are with you. We are writing this letter for those who can still provide, as a friendly reminder that your weekly offerings continue to be a very important source of income to support not only St. Paul's ongoing expenses, but our ministry activities. Please prayerfully send your gifts via mail to the church office, or it is easy to set up on-line giving use the following link. If you need any assistance please give the office a call.

<https://stpaulseggertsville.org/online-giving/>

We sincerely hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy. Together in Christ, we are strong, and if we all do our part, we'll get through these difficult times. Don't forget to laugh every now and then, and go wash your hands!

The Finance Committee

ST. PAUL'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONT-LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Please remember all of these dedicated people in your prayers:

Ashish Bhatia

Kris DiPasquale

Stephen DiPasquale

Chad and Danielle Israel

Ryan Jones

Amber Krol

Jennifer Leary

Lisa Magin

Amber Mata

Ian Miller

Jill Pogodzinski

Thomas Quatroche

Michael Richardson

John Rodriguez

Michael Ruckdaschel

Kaetlyn Simpson

Angela Stark

Ira Striejewske

Ben Vilonen

Rick Vilonen

Mary Jo Williams

Patrick Wisniewski

Pam Wunderlin

Robert Zielinski

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - shared bulletin September 13th, 2020

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

www.parksidelutheran.org

Weather Permitting, there will be **Outdoor Worship** on Sunday at 10am at Parkside LC (bring a chair, wear mask). Sign up for outdoor worship **text alerts**: remind.com/join/k644hk

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:

1) Parkside's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ParksideLutheranBuffalo/>

2) YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoLpmPx1ZT35RLffcdVoRJA>

3) Watch on your TV: Station METV - channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV

INDOOR WORSHIP WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 4, 2020 AT PARKSIDE LC!

Please sign up for our weekly newsletter or check our website for details.

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, to help collect food for the North Buffalo Food Pantry -

Please contact Kris in the office if you can help.

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.

"Parkside Saturday" at the Pantry is every 3rd Saturday of the month. If you'd like to help, please contact the office. We wear masks, gloves, and observe safe social distance as distribute food to Food Pantry customers.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Prayers for family & friends of Tom Petschke as they mourn his passing; Stephanie E. Rogers; Terry Kinney's husband, Tom, for a speedy recovery from total hip replacement on 8/17; Family & friends of Pastor John Buerk as we mourn his passing; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Onda Simmons, family & friends, as we mourn the passing of Hazel Dodson; Joan Bauer, along with family members Jameson, Georgi & Kevin and Alex; Health for Melanie's sons Nick and Paul and their families; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Ron Arnold; Norra Carroll

Friends & Family: Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), who was in a motorcycle accident, and cousin Alan as he faces multiple surgeries; Family of Willie Amann (Bruce's Step-Mom), as they mourn her passing; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Ellie Myers; Jody Malesky; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Kristin & Christopher & their family; Bobby Amann; Pray for Carson to remain cancer-free; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We pray for racial justice and for the safety of protestors and peacekeepers; Victims of California wildfires and hurricane Laura. We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

☎ Parkside Lutheran is putting together a **Care Call Team**. We are looking for volunteers to call members of the congregation once a month to check in. Please contact Pastor Jeremiah if you can help.

Parkside For Social Justice – definition and resource for September 2020

Institutionalized racism: The systematic distribution of resources, power, and opportunity in our society to the benefit of people who are white and exclusion of people of color.

Though institutions such as slavery, Native American displacement, internment camps, and segregation no longer exist, their effects still live on. We see this when we look at the differences in statistics for minorities.

The COVID-19 death rate per 100,000 people by race is over 60% for people who are Black compared to under 30% for people who are White.

The median net worth for White families is \$146,984 whereas for Black families it's \$3,557.

This divide has only worsened in the last 3 decades. In 1983 the average net worth of White families was \$110,160 whereas for Black families it was \$7,323.

As of 2016 \$15.5% of White families have 0 or negative net worth compared to 37% of Black families.

Despite Blacks and Latinos making up 44.1% of the U.S. population they make up less than 3% of fortune 500 CEO.

Black youth represent 15% of all U.S. children, but made up 35% of juvenile arrests in 2016.

Black college graduates face significantly more student loan debt (\$22,303) than White graduates (\$17,753) an associate's degree

These are only a small sampling of the troubling statistics out there on racial disparity when it comes to economics, health, education, and criminal justice. As people of faith, we are called not to overlook injustice. Looking at these statistics it is clear that in the USA, we are not all on an equal playing field. Without significant policy changes to address institutional racism, these disparities will only continue to grow. This is evidenced by the widening gap between the net worth of White families vs. Black families. I encourage all of Parkside to familiarize themselves with these statistics and learn more about policy changes that can fight against these injustices.

Sources: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/institutionalracism.pdf>

<https://inequality.org/facts/racial-inequality/>

<https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/un-report-on-racial-disparities/>

Resource: So You Want to Talk About Race, By: Ijeoma Oluo

This book serves as great starting place to learn how to discuss sensitive topics surrounding race. Talking about these issues can be intimidating, as we are often afraid that we will say the wrong thing and offend someone. Unfortunately, our fear of messing up can stop us (or at least it can stop me) from speaking up even when it is the right thing to do. In the end, our silence is almost always worse than trying and accidentally saying the wrong thing. This book gives permission for mistakes, while providing tips and tricks to avoid them. It is a must read for anyone wanting to go a little deeper into these conversations, instead of letting the moment pass you by.

Have a suggested resource or question about this initiative? Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com. All are encouraged to sign the ELCA's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>.

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