

AHA!

PEACE—FINDING THE SOLUTION TO GUILT AND SHAME

January 14, 15, and 18, 2017

Jesus is the Lamb of sacrifice—not I or anything that I do.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 85, vv. 1-3

O God from God, O Light from Light

M In the name of the Father, who sent our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; and of the Son, the Lamb of God; and of the Holy Spirit, who came down in the form of a dove and rested on Jesus, the Anointed One, and who still works in our hearts today.



CONFESSION OF SINS

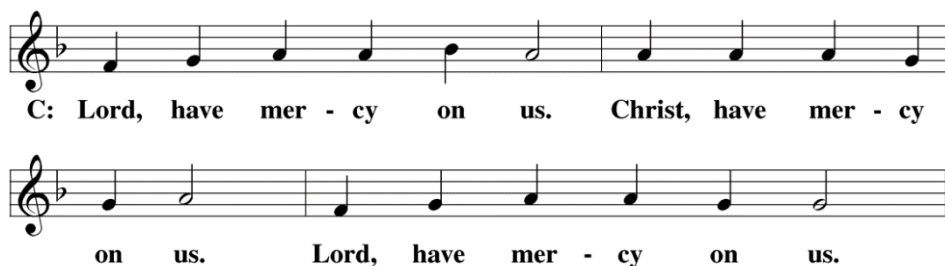
M O God, our just and merciful God, you demand perfect obedience to your Law, not tolerating one sin from any of us. We have nothing to offer to you that would redeem us from our sinful state.

C **Before your holy presence, O Lord, who can stand?**

M Since none of us can stand on our own merits, we humbly bow before you and open our hearts to you. In true repentance we ask for your forgiveness in the name of our perfect Passover Lamb.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am like a sheep who has gone astray. I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do what is evil and fail to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us. God, himself, provided the Lamb when he sent his only Son. Jesus' bloody sacrifice on the cross satisfied God's just wrath against the sins of the world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lamb, who was slain, who is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! (*Revelation 5:12*)

SONG OF RESPONSE 85, v. 4

O God from God, O Light from Light

**Sing to the Lord a mighty song;
Sing to his name, his glories tell!
Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;
Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

O Jesus, Lamb of God, you set aside your majesty in order to be a servant obedient to all of God's laws, even obedient to death on the cross.

C You placed yourself into the hands of the Lord and came to live among us and to die in our place. You lived a perfect life and shared your message of salvation with all those around you.

M As our Messiah, your words were like a sharpened sword, cutting away unbelief and exposing sin. At the same time, you applied the healing words of God's grace for all sinners, salving hearts with forgiveness, comfort, and hope.

C Open our ears today to hear how you did all that we could not do for ourselves.

M May your words of truth touch our hearts with believing faith. Jesus, we pray in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7, Bible page 730

*It is too small a thing for the Lord to only redeem his people Israel.
He will bring his salvation to the ends of the earth.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 6, Hymnal page 66

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

GOSPEL

Acts 13:38-49, Bible page 1106

The Jews reject Paul and Barnabas along with their message. Remembering the words of Isaiah, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles," Paul and Barnabas take the good news of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**


HYMN 86

The Only Son from Heaven

SERMON

John 1:29-41, Bible page 1063
Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

After the sermon the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

In Christ Alone, *Maria Schultz*
Meditation on Beautiful Savior, *Handbells*
by *Cathy Moglebust*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M “Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (*John 1:29*)

C **AHA! Jesus is my personal Savior. Thank you, Jesus, for fulfilling God’s holy will and taking my place at Calvary.**

M “Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne.” (*Revelation 5:6*)

C **AHA! Jesus rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and lives and reigns in all eternity. Thank you, Jesus. Now we too shall live and reign with you eternally.**

M “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.” (*Revelation 7:9*)

C **AHA! Salvation belongs to all believers. Help us to proclaim your saving words to those we know and to those who are strangers, so that all people may be saved.**

M “For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.” (*Revelation 7:17*)

C **AHA! Even though Jesus reigns on high, he is still with us. He daily cares for all of our physical and spiritual needs as our loving Shepherd.**

M "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart." (*Isaiah 40:11*)

C **AHA! Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M We bring these requests before you in your name, Jesus, our Shepherd-Lamb. Help us to remember that our salvation depends purely on your saving grace. Bless our thoughts, words and actions as we daily fix our eyes on you and all that you have done for us.

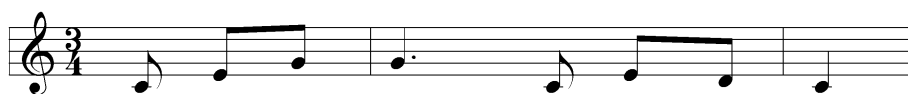
C **May we reflect your self-sacrificing love as we interact with those around us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN 748

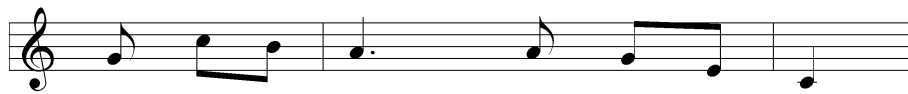
Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide,
2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied.
3 I was so lost; I should have died,



But you have sent him from your side
They laughed and scorned him as he died:
But you have brought me to your side



To walk up - on this guilt - y sod
The hum - ble King they named a fraud
To be led by your staff and rod



And to be - come the Lamb of God.
And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
And to be called a lamb of God.

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Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!
 Oh, wash me in his pre - cious blood,
 My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Perfect Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Kathy Bremer*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 16, 2017

MON	9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	No Lutheran Elementary School Western Lakes Conference at Zion, Hartland Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Faith Room)
TUE	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Dorcas Society (Grace Room) Volleyball League
WED	4:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes <i>What Makes Teens Tick Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club, Boost, and Pulse Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

Multimedia Ministry



- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDIT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
 - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
 - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WEDDINGS

Jessica Gierach and Aaron Vanderhyde were married on Thursday, December 29, 2016. Madalyn Krueger and Ryan Pelky were married on Saturday, December 30, 2016. May God bless these marriages joined together in Christ.

FUNERALS

Donald Hanke, born March 3, 1938, entered eternal life in heaven on January 5, 2017, and received a Christian funeral on January 9, 2017. John Lesser, born September 4, 1933, entered eternal life in heaven on January 6, 2017, and received a Christian funeral on January 14, 2017. Please keep the loved ones of John and Don in your prayers.

BAPTISM

Adeline Kristine Willms, daughter of Scott and Breanne Willms, was born August 27, 2016, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, January 15, 2017. May God bless Adeline in her saving faith.

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the altar today are given in loving memory of Marilyn Iczkowski from her family.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Georgette Meyer at Layton Terrace. Richard Kamnetz is at the Rehab Hospital of Wisconsin, Norman Miller at Oconomowoc, and Payson Vahovick at Children's.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Monica Gawlik, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Pat Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Jeanne Steinbrecher, Alissa Thompson, and Wayne Wardin.

ATTENDANCE

1040 attended last week's worship services.

LUTHERAN PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 29

Are you interested in learning more about our school for your child or someone you know? Whether this be for 3K, 4K, Kindergarten or transferring into a 1st-8th grade, all are welcome. Please contact School Administrator Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons at sfitsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit. He would love to talk you about our schools. Or, come to our Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. At St. Paul's we offer the following:

- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Exemplary Accredited Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Before and after school extended care
- Year-round care for 3K through 4th grade
- Generous tuition assistance
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin School Choice programs
- Online application process: www.stpaulmuskego.org

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST IN 2017

THE PLACE TO BEGIN: FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room

Pastor Panitzke will be teaching this 15-week study of the major themes of the Bible. This course is both a Bible introduction study and prepares an individual for membership in the congregation. Register by indicating your interest on the back of your Connection Card.

GO DEEPER: STAND FIRM IN THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room

Seminary President Paul Wendland is teaching this 5-week course on I Peter. The letter of I Peter breathes with a message of living hope, aimed at those who feel more and more like strangers in a world that's not their home.

GO FARTHER: FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Begins Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room

Financial Peace University is a 9-week DVD-based study providing a biblical approach to personal financial management. The presenter, Dave Ramsey, is a nationally-known speaker who has helped millions get out of debt. One St. Paul's couple shared this comment: "The recommendation of Financial University was a life saver for [our marriage] helping us understand each other." Indicate your interest by marking the back of your Connection Card.

GO LONGER: THE STORY

Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room

Pastor Panitzke is teaching *The Story*, a 31-week course that provides an overview of the entire biblical story by reading and discussing an abridged version of the Bible. This is a good time for new participants to join. Indicate interest on the Connection Card.

I AM BUILT WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 4

How often do you wonder what God built you to do? Are you confident that your unique strengths, skills, and passions are all being used to their fullest?

St. Paul's is hosting an *I Am Built* Workshop, facilitated by Certified Christian Life Coach Emily Krill. During this 3-hour workshop you will discover, explore, and activate your God-given strengths with intention. In a small group setting, working mostly in pairs, you will unpack how exactly you uniquely reflect our Creator and you will shape a user-friendly mission statement that will transform your life into a mission! Attend with your spouse, closest friend, or co-worker for best results.

I Am Built will be held in the Trinity Cafe on Saturday, February 4, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Register by marking the back of your Connection Card or by contacting St. Paul's member Emily Krill directly at ejkrill@gmail.com.

AWAKE AND ALIVE

Awake and Alive is a Christian event ministry for the 18-25 year-old generation in southeast Wisconsin. Awake and Alive exists to encourage this generation in their relationship with Jesus and to bring the healing and hope of Christ to their communities. Their winter gathering is Sunday, January 15, at 5:30 pm in the Trinity Café and Gym. Look for more information at awakealive.com.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WISH LIST

Often God's people want to give special gifts beyond regular offerings as memorials, gifts in honor of loved ones, or simply because of a passion for some area of ministry. The below Wish List items are not essential to our ministry immediately but would be of great benefit.

If you would like to give toward a wish list item, clearly mark your envelope "Wish List" with the title of the item you would like to donate toward. You can also use our online giving option to give toward a Wish List item.



Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
School Window Replacement	\$10,000	\$3,960	\$6,040
Centennial Gym Safety Mats	\$2,000	\$2,020	Fully Funded
Trinity Gym Floor-to-Ceiling Room Divider	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000
Garden Homes Lutheran School Library Books	\$1,000	\$3,257	Fully Funded
Seasonal Worship Banners	\$800	\$800	Fully Funded
Living Nativity Supplies	\$1,000	\$600	\$400
Chairs for Church Lobby	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Give a gift to our teachers by providing additional funds for workshops and courses. Gifts of any size are most welcome! Mark your gift "Teacher Professional Development."

GIVING OF YOUR TIME

There is currently a need for more ushers to serve at all of our Sunday worship services in the sanctuary. If you'd be interested, please contact Neal Wallner at neal.wallner@yahoo.com.

MALAWI AND ST. PAUL'S – MORE CONNECTIONS!

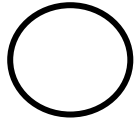
Pick up the January Malawi Mission Partner Communique at the Welcome Center. Learn how God is using St. Paul's member Dr. Robert Anderson's work to help the ministry of Pastor Holtz, a son of our congregation. Your gifts designated "Mission Partner" provide about 1/3 of our synod's support of Pastor Holtz' ministry! Thank you for your partnership in this vital mission work.

SLEDDING: THE GREATEST WINTER PASTIME EVER!

Teens of St. Paul's - there is an opportunity for you to make history and continue this winter pastime next Sunday, January 22! Come join the fun on the sledding hill at Park Arthur. Meet at the MUG and we will head to the hill from there. If there isn't snow, watch for information regarding another fun winter pastime as a substitute activity!

PICKLEBALL LEAGUE AT ST. PAUL'S

Join us for pickleball league beginning Thursday, January 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, in the Trinity Gym. This winter session will run for 8 weeks. Sign up forms with further details are at the Welcome Center and on our website at www.stpaulmuskego.org.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

AHA! PEACE FROM GUILT AND SHAME

1. Damarion Davis is a linebacker for the NFL's Cleveland Browns. In his video testimony, used in this week's sermon, Damarion said he frequently got himself in trouble when he tried to prove himself to others.
 - What did he mean?
 - Why is trying to prove yourself a dangerous game?
 - How do guilt (an awareness that you failed a certain standard) and shame (fear of exposure and embarrassment) factor into proving yourself?
 - Where do you see the need to prove yourself becoming a dangerous game? Explain.

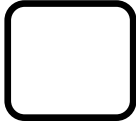
2. Read John 1:29-41.
 - Based on these words and other things you know about John the Baptist, why would no one accuse him of trying to prove himself?
 - What was John trying to prove?

3. Guilt, shame, and inferiority are feelings all too common.
 - How does Satan use them to energize more evil in people (consider: Adam and Eve, Cain, King David, Damarion Davis, a divorced parent, a victim of abuse?)
 - How does God use guilt, shame, and inferiority as signals for salvation?
 - Talk about the impact of guilt and shame in your own life.

4. Guilt, shame, inferiority, and no sense of peace are matters of the heart. How do the following Bible passages identify heart healers?
 - Ezekiel 36:26.
 - John 1:29
 - John 19:30
 - Acts 2:38

5. Read John 1:41 again. Whom do you know that could use the heart-healing peace of the Messiah? What are you going to do about it?

Pray Peace, peace, peace -The gift of Christ is peace. We walk with God, our past forgiven.
All in Him is life and heaven. Peace, peace, peace -The gift of Christ is peace.
Joy, joy, joy -We praise You, Christ, with joy! Our peace, our hope, our love and treasure,
Highest calling, deepest pleasure! Joy, joy, joy - We praise You, Christ, with joy! (LNW Hymns)



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

AHA!

Finding the Solution to Guilt and Shame

John 1:29-41 (Bible page 1063)

1. **Step One: Understand the good, the bad and the ugly.**
 - a. "A picture is worth a thousand words." But, only if you understand the picture.
 - b. Guilt and shame. Do you understand these powerful emotions at work in you?
 - c. When guilt and shame are a blessing, they lead to _____.
 - d. When guilt and shame become a curse, they lead to _____.

2. **Step Two: Recognize where true freedom is found.**
 - a. "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."
 - b. The problem is we d_____ look where John is pointing.
 - c. John was sent to turn our f_____ back to Jesus.
 - d. Look to your b_____. There you became a child a God. With you he is well pleased.

3. **Step Three: Let the Teacher feed the hunger.**
 - a. Do you hunger to be free? Let J_____ teach you.
 - b. It's a j_____, so keep at it.
 - c. And be sure to b_____ someone else along!

Next Steps

- **Understanding the problem.** The first step to finding freedom from the ugly mess of unresolved guilt and shame is understanding how it impacts us personally. Take some time to think about the ways that Satan uses unresolved to mess with you.
- **Finding true freedom.** It's easy to say that Jesus is the answer to unresolved guilt and shame. It's not so easy free ourselves from destructive patterns. Make a habit of revisiting your baptism every day as a reminder of who you are in Christ.
- **Feed the hunger.** Only Jesus can teach us how to live free. What's your plan to meet with Jesus every day?
- **Bring someone else along.** This is a great series to invite people to come and learn more about the freedom we have in Jesus. Who are you going to invite?