

## AHA!

### UNDERSTANDING A JOY THAT NOTHING CAN DESTROY

January 28 and 29 and February 1, 2017

*Our idea of what brings happiness and the truth of the matter are two very different things.*

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### HYMN 399

#### To God Be the Glory

M In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit, source of all true joy and happiness.

C **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

M Since Adam and Eve's fall into sin, man has tried to escape sin's pain by seeking happiness in the things of this world. But earthly pleasures are temporary and hollow. They lack true joy. Yet so many times we have sinned and placed our hopes in empty treasures instead of the Lord. We come before him today with repentant hearts and confess our many sins in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But 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



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

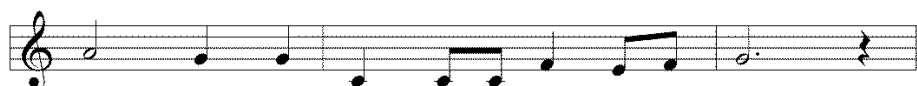
M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### SONG OF PRAISE

### Glory To God



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



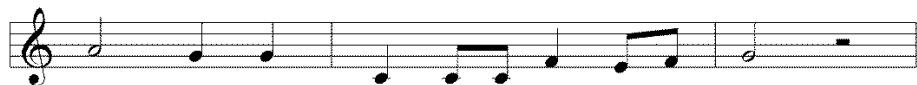
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



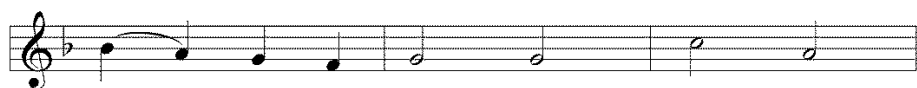
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -  
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

O Lord, you rule over all things in heaven and earth with almighty power that compares to none.

C **You deserve all honor and praise and glory.**

M Dear Father, we want to give you glory with loving hearts and true obedience. Help us to love you more and humbly submit to your holy will. Just as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were willing to obey you rather than man,  
C **help us to stand up to this world, remembering that when we believe and trust in you, we give up nothing and gain everything: our redemption, our righteousness, and our holiness.**  
M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Daniel 3:13-27**, Bible page 884

*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found joy in serving the Lord despite the persecution and the trials their faithful service brought to their lives.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.  
(Luke 4:18a)

### SECOND LESSON

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**, Bible page 1143

*God chose the weak and the foolish things of this world to shame the wise so that no one can boast before him.*

### HYMN 477

**What Is the World to Me**

### SERMON

**Matthew 5:1-12**, Bible page 968

*Pastor David Kuehl*

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)  
(*Sunday 7:45 am*)  
(*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**By Faith**, *Lindsay Schneider*  
**Be Thou My Vision**, *Meghan Ludke*  
**Jesus Sat with His Disciples**,  
*Lutheran Elementary School Grades 4 and 7*

#### OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord, give us a deeper appreciation for the blessings we possess as believers in Christ. Help us grow in our sanctification.

**C What a comfort to know we can experience the joys of our salvation here on earth and in eternity.**

M On our own, we are poor, unworthy souls. We deserve only your punishment.

**C Yet before you we are rich through faith in Christ Jesus.**

M We mourn over sins, especially our own. Yet we mourn with hope because you provide comfort and strength during tribulations here on earth

**C and promise eternal life in heaven for all who believe.**

M We hunger and thirst for your righteousness. We want to live God-pleasing lives. Help us share Christ's righteousness with the world,

**C so that not only is our hunger satisfied and our thirst quenched, but that many may know Jesus, the Bread of Life and source of Living Water.**

M Help us show our appreciation for your mercy by being merciful.

**C Empower us to show mercy to all who sin against us, regardless of who they are.**

M Keep us pure in heart that we speak and do all things without ulterior motives or selfish interest. May we be meek, gentle, and patient, reflecting your loyal love.

**C May others see you through us, so that they too know you, trust in you, and one day stand before your throne in heaven.**

M As your sons and daughters, help us to strive for peace. Increase our faith that we may willingly stand up for your truths of grace and mercy.

**C Make us bold to confess your love to all, knowing we may be treated as your dear Son was treated. Help us not lose faith but be secure in your faithful grace and promises till we meet you face to face.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

## 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

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 9.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 82

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**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise  
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

### CLOSING PRAYER

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### 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 **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*



## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

*The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.*

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Our membership course, *Following the Promise*, is held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Please contact Pastor Peter Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of *Christian Worship* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

*The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the right center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.*



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.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 30, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>The Story</i> Bible Study (Grace Room)
<b>TUE</b>	9:15 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
<b>WED</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Church)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:00 am	<i>I Am Built</i> Workshop (Trinity Cafe)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	1:00 pm	Pre-K and Elementary School Open House

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## Multimedia Ministry

- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit [timeofgrace.org/waystowatch](http://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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
  - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## BAPTISMS

Garrett Gary Rieth, son of Gary and Bari Rieth, born December 6, 2016, will be baptized at The Bridge, Sunday, January 29, 2017.

Kevin Michael McSwain, born December 8, 1969, and his sons Trevor Michael McSwain, born May 12, 1998, and Connor James McSwain, born December 24, 2003, will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service Sunday, January 29, 2017.

We rejoice with Garrett, Kevin, Trevor, and Connor in their saving faith!

## HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Georgette Meyer at Layton Terrace. Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Golden Living, Richard Kamnetz at Tudor Oaks, and Joanne Moths at Village at Manor Park. Norman Miller is at Oconomowoc and Payson Vahovick at Children's. Ethel Lyman and Tom O'Laughlin have been discharged from the hospital.

## 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, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

## ATTENDANCE

1089 attended last week's worship services.

## PERSONAL OFFERING STATEMENT

Please pick up your personal offering statement in the church lobby today. Even if you don't use offering envelopes, there is a letter for you. Thank you for saving the congregation postage costs!

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Our annual congregational Chicken Dinner is Sunday, February 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Centennial Gym. This is a great opportunity for members and guests to enjoy serving together and eating a meal together. Volunteer to help out by using the sign-up sheets in the church lobby.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade, come to our Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. You may also contact School Administrator Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a visit. He would love to talk you about our schools. At St. Paul's we offer the following:

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

## LEARN ABOUT AND LIKE OUR SCHOOL



[www.stpmuskego.org](http://www.stpmuskego.org)



St. Paul's Lutheran School – Muskego, WI

# GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

## SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

This course is both a Bible introduction study and prepares an individual for membership in the congregation. Join the class Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Register by contacting Pastor Panitzke at (414) 350-1436 or ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

This 9-week DVD-based study can help you climb out of debt and put you on a firm financial footing. It is not too late to join. Attend on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room.

## GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

*Stand Firm in the True Grace of God* is the current study on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. Join Seminary President Paul Wendland as he leads you through the letter of I Peter with a message of living hope.

## TEENS UNDER GOD

What's next for TUG? February 12 – movies and games at the MUG; February 26 – service project to help WELS Prison Ministry. Stay tuned - get excited!

## BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS

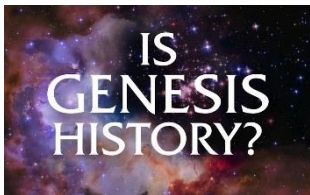
### *The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home*

In this age of stress and crazy schedules, you can never have enough help and hope amidst the hurry. This Parents Club, DVD-based study, led by Randy Fink, Director of Operations at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and his wife, Lori, will empower you and your family with confidence and practical, biblical, stress-saving skills as you take the off-ramp to sanity, peace, and family harmony. Join us in the school Computer Lab, Sundays at 9:15 am, February 5-March 26.

## THE POINT OF GRACE – MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Point of Grace meets Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 pm at the MSOE Campus Center - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor multipurpose room. Pizza and snacks will be served at 7:00 pm and the talk will begin around 7:20 pm. All are welcome. For more information go to [www.tpog.net](http://www.tpog.net).

## IS GENESIS HISTORY?



*Is Genesis History?* is coming to The Ridge Cinema for a one-night event on Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 pm. Dr. Del Tackett, creator of *The Truth Project*, brings together scientists and scholars to look at the creation of the world as it intersects with the history recorded in Genesis. Challenge the way you see the world and shine new light on the origins of the world as you explore two competing views that lead to one compelling positive ical

## You Are Invited!

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



**Saturday, February 25, 6:30-9:00 pm.**  
**Trinity Gym and Café.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children not allowed! ☺

If you are one of the hundreds of teen and adult volunteers that have assisted in any of St. Paul's on- or off-campus ministry or outreach activities, in any capacity and length of time, **YOU ARE INVITED** (along with your spouse/another guest whether or not he/she is also a volunteer).

- Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres
- Soft and not-so-soft beverages
- Delicious desserts
- Door prizes
- Special thank-you presentation by the called and hired staff
- Performance by **COMEDY SPORTZ**



Please come, relax, have a great time, and walk away feeling truly appreciated by St. Paul's for all you have done to help our ministry.

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY FEBRUARY 15.** Complete the short online registration form on the St. Paul's website homepage, fill out a Connection Card, sign up on the sheets at the church/Bridge welcome areas, or contact Dr. Nelson ([jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org), 414-422-0320, ext. 145).



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WELS DEBT-FREE TO REACH MORE

In 2009 the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod was carrying a debt load of \$22.4 million. Through the generous gifts of God's people, that debt has now been erased. That means the annual payment of \$1.6 million that was budgeted for debt reduction can now be used to support the mission and ministry of the synod. More people reached for Christ. To God be the glory and praise!

## TESS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION – OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, February 27, the Tess Corners Fire Department will be using our Trinity Gym for a group photo. We'd like to show a little love to these men and women who serve our community by providing goody bags with homemade cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help assemble the goody bags, contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197 or [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org).



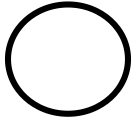
## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Our church body is hosting two marriage enrichment weekends in the area. The first retreat is February 10-12 in Green Lake, Wisconsin, and the second is March 17-19 in Zion, Illinois. For more information and to register go to [wels.net/adult-discipleship](http://wels.net/adult-discipleship). Registration deadlines are approaching soon so don't delay.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

The *Christian Woman Today* Retreat will be held March 17- 19 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Retreat brochures with registration forms are available at [ChristianWomanToday.org](http://ChristianWomanToday.org), Registration deadline is March 3.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

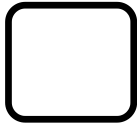
*Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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### **AHA! PLEASURE, HAPPINESS, AND JOY THROUGH JESUS**

1. **REACT:** "Happiness is an inside job."
  
2. Would you say you are truly happy? If so, why? If not, why not?  
Would others say you are truly happy? Explain.
  
3. Matthew 5:1-12 lists the well-known Beatitudes. Read them as printed first, then reread them replacing the word "Blessed" with the word "Happy" (some Bible translations actually do this).
  - How is it that happiness can result from all the life situations Jesus mentions?
  - How do Matthew 5:12, John 16:33, and Revelation 2:10b help to answer the previous question?
  
4. In the video about St. Paul's member Kevin McSwain (<https://vimeo.com/200877389>), Kevin describes how he came to faith and says, "God works through people to reach other people...God wants to work through you to get to someone else...You talk about your story and His story."  
**REACT:** The Beatitude statements are really descriptions of real-life things that happen to people followed by the good God brings from them. Could it be that some of the blessing/happiness that is described in these Beatitudes, results from sharing the real-life story of them with others and then connecting these stories to HIS story?
  
5. The musical refrain from Psalm 34 in *Christian Worship* says, "Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."
  - How do the words of this refrain give answer to the question, "What makes you happy?"
  - How could your life better demonstrate the happiness you feel about being chosen?
  - How could the story of God choosing you help someone who does not feel all that chosen?

**PRAY** Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the Sun above, Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!  
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,—all who live in love are Thine: Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the Joy Divine. (*Henry van Dyke*)



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

**+ Aha! +**

## Understanding a Joy that Nothing Can Destroy

Matthew 5:1-12 (Bible page 968)

Introduction: What makes you happy?

1. Aha! We have found Jesus' salvation (vv. 1-6).

- Knowing we're b \_\_\_\_\_, don't we have reason to be happy?
- We think many things in life s \_\_\_\_\_ us and make us h \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sometimes they d \_\_\_\_\_ give us the satisfaction and happiness we think.
- The world is not f \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus or to us who call ourselves C \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's p \_\_\_\_\_ is different than society's p \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel is "the r \_\_\_\_\_ of fare," and it is f \_\_\_\_\_ (Is 55:2).

2. Aha! We want to imitate Jesus' life (vv. 7-9).

- In his list of blessings, it's as if Jesus is pointing to h \_\_\_\_\_ and saying, "You see these things in m \_\_\_\_\_ and in m \_\_\_\_\_ life."  
--Blessed are you, Jesus, for you are most m \_\_\_\_\_.  
--Blessed are you, Jesus, for you are profoundly p \_\_\_\_\_ in heart.  
--Blessed are you, Jesus, for you are the perfect p \_\_\_\_\_.
- We make it our goal to be like Jesus...  
--not to g \_\_\_\_\_ something from him (it's already ours),  
--but to t \_\_\_\_\_ him for it.
- How did the Lord forgive us?  
--c \_\_\_\_\_  
--u \_\_\_\_\_

3. Aha! We are willing to suffer for Jesus' sake (vv. 10-12).

- Jesus prepares us for what he knows we will face for being his w \_\_\_\_\_ to the world and taking a stand for the g \_\_\_\_\_.
- "Rejoice and be glad because great is your r \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven."
- "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also" (Jn 15:20).
- "But take heart! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

Conclusion: In Jesus we have a joy that nothing can destroy.

### Next Steps

- Memorize** Revelation 2:10 – "Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown."
- Read** Matthew 5:43-48 to prepare for next week's message on *Love Your Enemies*.
- Evaluate** what truly makes you happy in life in comparison to what God tells you in his Word.