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SCRIPTURE ALONE

October 28, 29, and November 1, 2017

"The Church must not lord it over Scripture, nor must I or anybody else, according to our own ideas. The devil with that attitude! We should rather allow Scripture to rule and master us." – Martin Luther

BELLS AND WELCOME

- M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



M Oh, how I love your law!

C I meditate on it all day long.

- M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
- C for they are ever with me.
- M I have more insight than all my teachers,
- C for I meditate on your statutes.
- M How sweet are your words to my taste,
- **C** sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Psalm 119:97-99,103)



- M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- **C** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 *Timothy* 3:16,17).
- M Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
- 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.



- M God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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 OF THE DAY

- M The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- M Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, in your mercy you chose to speak to us in your Holy Word, the Bible. You revealed your righteous law, which convicts us of our sinfulness. You proclaimed your grace in Christ Jesus, who earned for us the forgiveness of sins. Lead us to always teach the truth of your Word, to treasure the gospel, and to let the love of Christ compel us to live according to your will. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-14, Bible page 1143 *Paul says that the message of wisdom, which the apostles spoke, was given to them by God the Holy Spirit.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia (*Psalm 119:105*).

John 8:31-36, Bible page 1073

Jesus says that being his disciple means following his teachings.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 281	God Has Spoken by His Prophets
Sermon	2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3, Bible page 388 Pastor Jeffrey Bonack
OFFERING	
OFFERTORY	

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 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 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 in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 284 280

Please see Communion note on page 8.

How Precious Is the Book Divine Thy Strong Word

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Jesus, you came to us today and poured out the riches of your love and grace in your Word and Sacrament.
- C In you we truly have all that we need, and more!
- M As we go out into the world, empower us as your forgiven children to trust that you lead us every step of the way, through both the good times and the challenges of life.
- C May the light of your love shine in us and through us.
- M We bless you now and forevermore.
- 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

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST Nicole Greanya



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.

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. Please ask one of our pastors for the date when the next class begins.

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 left 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.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of October 30, 2017

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
		Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
WED	12:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:30 pm	Festival Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion (Grace Room)
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS		No Lutheran Elementary School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study: The Bible, Luther, and Baptism (Stoney Creek)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
FRI		No Lutheran Elementary School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
	5:00 pm	Rick/Schultz Wedding Rehearsal (Historical Church)
	5:30 pm	Lightcap/Dragotta Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room
	8:30 am	I Am Built Workshop
	I:30 pm	Tanya Lightcap and Dustin Dragotta Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	2:00 pm	Caitlin Rick and Tom Schultz Wedding Ceremony (Historical Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set clocks back one hour.)
	7:45 am	Reformation Festival Worship Service
	9:15 am	Reformation Festival Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Parents Club (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge Festival Reformation Service
	10:45 am	Reformation Contemporary Festival Worship Service
	3:30 pm	WELS Southeastern Wisconsin Joint Reformation 500 Celebration Service
		(Miller High Life Theater)

REFORMATION 500

LUTHERAN LIVING

Martin Luther was often criticized for not teaching good works. Others felt that if people were told that salvation was free, no one would have the incentive to do good works. People would simply take advantage of grace.

Luther strongly encouraged Christian living. However, he put it in the proper perspective. Good works follow faith. He repeatedly said that we are justified by faith alone, but faith is never alone. It is a living, busy, active thing, seeking to serve God and neighbor.

Unlike the church of his day, Luther stressed that living our faith is not something done only by those involved with church work. You do not have to take a special vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience to truly live your faith. God places opportunities before us in our daily lives to live as his people, serving others in our various "callings" or "vocations": in families and among friends; at school and in the workplace; in the marketplace and in our communities.

True "Lutheran living" recognizes that we produce fruits of faith in a variety of simple ways as we go about our daily living. And through us God cares for others and for his creation. "God's people please God even in the least and most trifling matters. For He will be working all things through you; He will milk the cow through you and perform the most servile duties through you, and all the greatest and least duties alike will be pleasing to Him." (*Lectures on Genesis, Luther's Works 6:10*).

November 5Christ AloneActs 4:1-12

We are naturally prone to put our hope and faith in the things and the people of this world. Yet there is only One who can help and save us from any and every calamity of body and soul.

WELS SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN JOINT REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

The special joint congregational festival service observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is one week away! The service will be held Sunday, November 5, at 3:30 pm at the Miller High Life Theatre on Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee. Go to Twitter at MKE_Reform500 or Facebook at Reformation500/events for more information.

A RETURN TO GRACE – LUTHER'S LIFE AND LEGACY

A Return to Grace – Luther's Life and Legacy will be shown two more times this week at The Ridge Cinema in New Berlin at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm on Monday, October 30. Check your local listings for additional showings.

MARTIN LUTHER - A RETURN TO GRACE - GRACE ROOM STUDY BEGINS TODAY

Join St. Paul's member, Mel Rindfleisch, as he facilitates the WELS-produced Bible study, based on the movie A *Return to Grace*, that will help learners explore how God used Martin Luther to bring the church back to God's grace in Christ: Sundays, October 29-November 19, 9:15 – 10:15 am in the Grace Room.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HOSPITALIZED

George Buhrandt, Daniel Holtz, and Kate Shambeau and baby Jonathan Allen were released from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Dawn Jahns, Keith Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Marvin Pellmann, and Sergeant Christopher Verhein (protecting our country).

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

Pastor Nathan Strobel has been called to serve as our fourth pastor in the roll of Resident Missionary. Pastor Strobel currently serves as Vice President of Student Life at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Please keep Pastor Strobel in your prayers.

DISCOVER YOUR GOD GIVEN STRENGTHS

Sign up today for the *I Am Built* Workshop. This small group will spend Saturday, November 4, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm unpacking exactly how each of us uniquely reflects our Creator and shaping a user-friendly mission statement using Strengths Finder 2.0. Space is limited. RSVP with Certified Christian Life Coach and St. Paul's Volunteer Coordinator Emily Krill at ekrill@stpaulmuskego.org by Monday, October 30 for your strengths to be evaluated in time for the workshop.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY – MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Be more than a participant. Be a partner in our ministries! Join us in this "Bible boot camp." You will track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life. The study is led by Pastor Pete on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Register on the Connection Card.

HOUSE OR HOME: GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR BIBLICAL PARENTING

Raising children is a high-stakes adventure. But there is great hope. God has given us some clear and timeless truths to follow. *House or Home? God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting* is the next Parents Club offering facilitated by St. Paul's Lutheran School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons. It is an 8-week DVD-based series, beginning October 29 in school classroom 9.

MISSION PARTNER NEWS

COSTA MAYA MINISTRIES

A Wisconsin couple has a summer home on the Yucatan Peninsula, about four hours south of Cancun. About ten years ago, they started sharing their faith others and a mission began. Two years ago, the mission called Pastor Martin Valleskey, formerly of St. Peters in Milwaukee, to serve as their missionary. God has blessed their efforts and they hope to add a second staff person. While this mission is part of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, it is supported solely by mission partner congregations and individuals. Because of its proximity to Cancun and the inexpensive flights to that resort area, it is relatively easy to participate in short-term mission trips to Costa Maya. It is our prayer that St. Paul's can develop a mission partner relationship with this new mission, providing financial and manpower support. We will welcome any gift you would like to give for this effort. Mark it "Mexican Mission Partner". More information will be coming soon!

HELPING A SISTER CITY IN PUERTO RICO

Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, is a city in the center of the island that was ravaged by Hurricane Maria. This is the hometown of St. Paul's member Diane Ludwig. She still has many relatives living in this community. Pastor Pete has formed a team of Diane and Jay and Joan Oswald to coordinate our efforts to show Christian love to this area in need. In the shortterm we will be sending supplies that are needed. Diane's family owns a home in Barranquitas that we can use to house volunteers who go to help clean up and rebuild. That is our long-term prayer... that some of us can give of our time and travel to the island. Who knows how our Christian love might make a difference, not only in helping rebuild, but also to draw someone to see the love of Jesus in our love for them. That is our ultimate long-term prayer... to make a difference for eternity. If you would like to support this effort, mark your gift "Puerto Rico."

MISSION OPPORTUNITY - TEACH ENGLISH THROUGH BIBLE STORIES

Joy-Filled Children of the World (JCW) is an exciting and blooming ministry to Asian children.

JCW is looking for American volunteers to teach conversational English *from their own homes* to small groups of children. Over 50 small groups have started but they desperately need more American volunteers.

The children have had at least 3 years of academic English, and this program engages them in conversation through Bible stories to help them develop their English speaking skills. Volunteers teach small classes (2-4 students, ages 9-16) which are hosted by a "local assistant teacher." American volunteers teach via the internet one hour per week, with a total of 24 lessons between October and June. You don't have to be a certified teacher or a master of English... just friendly, patient and mentoring.

More information is available at the Welcome Center or you may also contact Beth Radloff-Gove at <u>bethgove@gmail.com</u> or (512) 762-3762.

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LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

LAF meets on Wednesday, November 1, at noon in the Faith Room. Please bring a bag lunch for yourself. Contact Group Leader May Neubauer at (414) 422-4789 for more information.

MOMMY AND ME

St. Paul's is exploring the feasibility of beginning a "Mommy and Me / Moms and Tots" group for young mothers and their children. If you are interested in such a group and/or helping to organize it, mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Dr. Joel Nelson for further information at <u>inelson@stpaulmuskego.org</u>.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS PLANNING TO BEGIN

The 2017 *Christmas for Kids* event will be the morning of December 9 on our campus. Mark your calendars for this fun and meaningful event for kids age 3-12. If you are willing to be part of the planning or help out on the day of the event, mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Dr. Joel Nelson at <u>inelson@stpaulmuskego.org</u>.

STONEY CREEK PRESENTS HIS NEIGHBOR PHIL

His Neighbor Phil is a film about hope, love, devotion, and Alzheimer's disease. This emotional family drama will be shown at Stoney Creek on Tuesday, November 14. Doors open at 10:00 am with showing at 10:30 am. Discussion and lunch will follow. Call and reserve your spot with Charlene Schacht at (414) 422-4686. The deadline to register is Tuesday, November 7.

DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Dorcas Society will be hosting a bake sale on Sunday, November 19, in the Faith Room after all worship services. There will be baked goods, caramel corn, homemade candy, nuts, and more! All proceeds will go to the St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and to the Malawi African mission served by Pastor John Holtz. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. The baked goods may be dropped off in the Grace Room kitchen on Saturday, November 18, from 7:00 until 11:00 am, or prior to the 5:00 pm worship service. Please contact Marilyn Lesser at (262) 613-4144 with questions.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SUPPERS

We will be continuing the soup suppers between our Wednesday Advent worship services. Wednesdays, December 13 and 20, are available to host. To find out more and to schedule a date, contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or <u>tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org</u>.

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WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

All are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day observance at WLHS on Thursday, November 9, at 8:30 am in the main gymnasium. Servicemen and women are invited to a complimentary breakfast buffet at 7:00 am in the cafeteria, with reservations requested through Heidi Witz at planner@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567, ext 2004. The presentation will also be streamed live online at www.wlhs.org

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

The Wisconsin Lutheran High School "Colors of Christmas" craft fair is Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Interested crafters may contact Sandy Krueger at (414) 870-8304 or craft.fair@wlhs.org. In addition to the talented crafters, there will be a bake sale, silent auction, Christmas café, and entertainment from our own Mike Westendorf.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

WLHS will present the thrilling production of *The Crucible* November 3 through 5. Tickets may be ordered at www.wlhs.org or at (414) 453-4567. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Before the Friday, November 6, performance, the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Go to www.wlhs.org for more information or call the high school at (414) 453-4567.

New School Choice Information for 2018-2019

Next year's income limits for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) will increase by 35%. If you or someone you know might qualify for the WPCP given the income limits listed to the right, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at <u>sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org</u>or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would LOVE to have your family take a tour of our school!

Household Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit			
3	\$44,352	\$51,352			
4	\$53,460	\$60,460			
5	\$62,568	\$69,568			
6	\$71,676	\$78,676			
***Add \$7,500 for each additional family member					

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

- I. Share highs and lows from the past week and pray for each other.
- 2. Has this series on the Reformation reminded you of any ways that the struggles of Luther's day still exist in our world today?
- 3. Read 2 Kings 22:1-11 and 23:1-3
 - Do you personally know any young people in your life that might shoulder the responsibility of being a Godly leader as Josiah did?
 - Were you shocked by the fact that the religious leaders "lost" the Bible (v. 8)? Why or why not?
- 4. Do you know anyone who thinks the Bible is irrelevant? What could you share with that person to show them how relevant the Bible is in your life?
- 5. Over the years of his professional schooling, Luther discovered that it wasn't *Scripture alone* that determined what the church taught and believed. Human wisdom became the final judge. If we're being honest with ourselves, how often do we lean into human wisdom rather than scripture in our daily decision making?
- 6. What changes about the Christian faith when Scripture alone is lost?
- 7. Pastor Bonack wrapped up his message with the reminder that the need for reformation never ends. What can you do this week to reclaim and proclaim God's word in your life this week?

Reformation 500 Here I Stand! Scripture Alone

2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3

How Does God's Church Lose His Word?

It begins when we c______ to get off the "Scripture alone" train. Human reason becomes the judge and jury of what is t_____. Understand that silencing the Word of God is S______ big play. How well fortified are you against Satan's attacks?

What Do We Really Lose?

We lose J_____.

We lose our s_____putting out hope and trust in things that cannot really help.

We lose the comfort of a r_____ with a loving, forgiving heavenly Father.

The Continuing Need for Reformation

Being on the "Scripture alone" train is a I_____ gift from a gracious God.

This is a gift we don't just hold on to, but s_____.

How are you going to reclaim and proclaim it?

Next Steps

- Give the gift that keeps on giving. Find someone who doesn't have a Bible and share one. Or introduce them to your favorite Bible app.
- You have one more chance to watch A Return to Grace—Luther's Life and Legacy at the Ridge on Monday, October 30 @ 10 am or 7 pm.
- Spend some time each day this week working your way through Psalm 119. Pay attention to the many ways the psalmist finds comfort, hope, and help in God's Word. Pray that God fill all our hearts with the same love and dedication to God's Word.