

CHANGE YOUR WORLD: LIVE THE REVOLUTION

BUILD A COMMUNITY

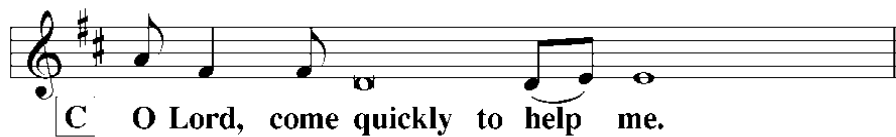
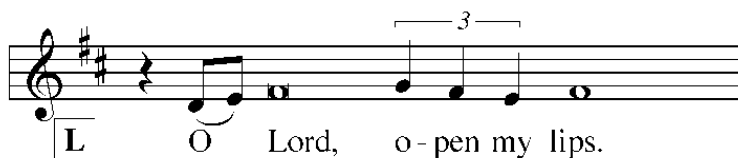
January 20, 21, and 24, 2018

Rugged individualism—it's the ideal on which this country was built. But the gospel is all about God coming alongside us and fulfilling our need. We need each other. We were created to live together in community, with strengths that bless another's weakness. The gospel compels us and empowers us to live in community.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 83

As with Gladness Men of Old



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Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, where two or three gather together in your name, you promise to be with them and share their fellowship.

C **Look on us, your family, and graciously bless us with unity and harmony.**

M Jesus, we pray in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-16, Bible page 1137
Paul exhorts us to love in word and action.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133-134, Hymnal page 115
How good and pleasant it is when Christians live together in unity!

GOSPEL

Mark 3:31-35, Bible page 1004
All believers are Jesus' brothers and sisters. We are all one family in him.

HYMN OF THE DAY 492

Son of God, Eternal Savior

SERMON

Hebrews 10:19-25, Bible page 1211
Pastor David Kuehl

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Te Deum

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



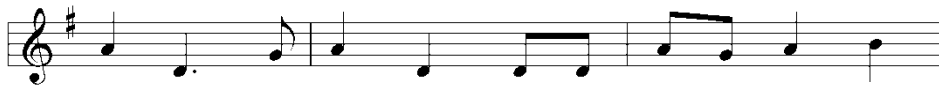
- 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
- 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we
- 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

You Have Made Us One, *The Bonack Ensemble*
Of the Father's Love Begotten, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Todd Marchand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and to others.

C **Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry.**

M In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength, to serve us in our greatest need.

C **You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.**

M You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you.

C **Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully. Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.**

M You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good. In wise compassion you often exercise your power to help and heal people with physical and emotional needs.

C Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content and cheerful when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

M Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven.

C Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel. 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.

HYMN 326

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord, we thank you for the blessing of gathering around your life-changing Word. Take the truths we have heard today and plant them deep within our hearts. Shape us into faithful followers of Jesus whose thoughts, attitudes, and actions are obedient to your holy will and reflect your gracious love. Let us rejoice in the privileged blessing of being children of the Light.

C As we follow the light of Jesus, help us to light the way for many. We look forward to the day when we all gather around your throne in heaven. 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.

WELS CONNECTION *2017 Year In Review*

POSTLUDE (Sunday) We Three Kings Take Five, Brass Ensemble
arr. by Todd Marchand

ORGANIST *Carol Nelson*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of January 22, 2018

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Through the Bible Study in a Year (Grace Room)
TUE	9:30 am 10:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministry Growth Team Meeting Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9) <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room) Through the Bible in a Year (Faith Room) Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Traditional Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	7:15 am 8:15 am	Lutheran Elementary School Parent/Grandparent Breakfast (Centennial Gym) Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Church)
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Pre-K and Elementary School Open House Teens Under God – TUG (Trinity Café)

Multimedia Ministry



- **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org. Facebook Live at The Bridge at St. Paul's and You Tube Live at The Bridge Church Muskego.
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org, www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook at The Bridge at St. Paul's and You Tube at The Bridge Church Muskego.
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ST. PAUL'S LOVES KIDS AND TEENS

SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING INFANT AVAILABILITY

St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) childcare center will have an opening in the infant room beginning September of 2018. Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer for more information at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200.

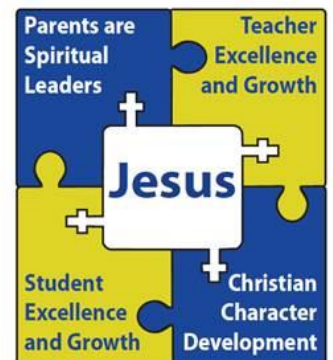
SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING TEACHERS AID OPENING

SOEL is in need of an outgoing, energetic person, who loves to make a difference in the lives of young children to fill a year-round, full-time, teachers aide position in the Infant Room. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org to apply. You may also stop by the SOEL office located in the east wing of the church to pick up an application.

PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 28

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. Schedule a tour with School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or attend the open house on January 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. At St. Paul's we offer:

- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Exemplary Accredited Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Before and after school extended care and summer care
- Over \$800,000 in tuition assistance last year
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin School Choice programs
- Online application process: www.stpaulmuskego.org



NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) given the income limits listed to the right, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for more information at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would LOVE to have your family take a tour of our school! Please note – these 2018-19 income limits for the WPCP have increased by 35% compared to last year.

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		

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MINISTRY REPORT

In December, School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons prepared a State of the School Report which was emailed to the congregation. Extra copies are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby if you would like to read about the successes, challenges, and future goals of our schools.

WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY THIS SUMMER

St. Paul's would like to send a group to this summer's WELS International Youth Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio (June 26-29). St. Paul's teens interested in receiving more information about this summer's rally should contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. He will add you to the information list and send you updates as they come out. You can also go to wels.net/2018youthrally for up to date details from WELS.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Gideon Michael Unz, son of Christine and Joshua Unz, was born January 16, 2018, and baptized immediately following his birth. His loving Savior called Gideon to himself on January 17, 2018. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Dycorn Transitional Living. Brittany Michaels is at Children's, and Carl Wauer is at Waukesha Memorial. Dennis Lassa has returned home.

ATTENDANCE

1061 attended worship services the week of January 1. 1137 attended worship services last week.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Tom Goodman, Janelle Gray, John Hansen, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

ROE V. WADE 45TH ANNIVERSARY

January 22 marks the anniversary of legalized abortion by Roe v. Wade. This is a time to reflect on the more than 60 million lives whose time of grace was cut short by abortion. It is also a reminder that many individuals suffer in silence and families are affected because of a past abortion. You or someone you know may be experiencing post-abortion stress, guilt, sadness, anger, or heartache. There is hope and healing in Jesus. WELS Lutherans for Life offers free, confidential, and non-judgmental help for women and men dealing with crisis pregnancy and abortion-related trauma. Contact Pat at (414) 416-9648 or pat@pregnancy-counseling.com for more information.

ENJOY TIME TOGETHER AND A GREAT MEAL

Our Annual Chicken Dinner is Sunday, February 18, 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.

ENTER THE 13TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTERS

The 13th Annual 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament and silent auction to support our mission partner, the Lighthouse Youth Centers of Milwaukee, is on Sunday, January 28, at 1:30 pm at Riviera Lanes on Greenfield Avenue. Early bird registration is \$35/person and ends Monday, January 22. Register at lyc.ejoinme.org/bowling2018, or call Jamie Dutton at (262) 844-5072.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

Stoney Creek will be seeing *Phantom* at the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson on Wednesday, February 7. Cost is \$98. The bus will leave at 8:30 am from Stoney Creek. Please call Charlene or Cindy at (414) 422-4686 to reserve your seat today.

GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

Mark your Connection Card to register or to receive more information, or call the church office at (414) 422-0320.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE: A STUDY OF MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

Following the Promise will help you trace the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is leading this study in the Faith Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. There is potential for a Thursday, 6:00 pm class to accommodate those who cannot attend on Tuesdays. Contact Pastor Nate at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to indicate interest in either class or mark the back of your Connection Card.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Read a section of Scripture each week and discuss it as a group with Pastor Pete Panitzke leading. New participants are welcome. Join the group Mondays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Grace Room.

THE CULTS: AMERICA'S HOME-GROWN RELIGIONS

Join former pastor Wayne Borgwardt as he guides you through cults in America, Sundays at 9:15 am in the Grace Room through February 11.

STRONG FAMILIES - BLESSED LIVES

Dr. Joel Nelson is leading this Parent's Club study on Sundays at 9:15 am (same time as Kids Club) in school classroom 9. Explore the characteristics that make a family healthy and strong. This study will run through the end of March.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Learn principles that can lead to financial peace using this Dave Ramsey course, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, in the Grace Room. This course meets for 8 more weeks.

LEAVING A LEGACY – THE LEGACY JOURNEY

The Legacy Journey is a seven-week, biblically based class that teaches how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, and purposeful living. A day and time of the study will be announced soon.

MOMMY & ME BEGINS JANUARY 24

Mommy & Me is a new social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms of young children — infant through age five — at St. Paul's beginning Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

DIVORCECARE — TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

If you are divorced or contemplating divorce, we are here for support. This is a support group for individuals, rather than couples. *DivorceCare* meets Tuesdays, from 6:00 until 7:30 pm, in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org, or (414) 422-0320 for more information or just show up on Tuesday.

TUG TALK — LOOK UP: DO SMART DEVICES CREATE DUMB PEOPLE?

We continue to find ways to make it easier for us to connect with one another, yet we seem to spend more time alone. Stopping the use of social media or smartphones is not the answer, but we must make sure we are awake, alive, and living life in the moment instead of living life through a screen. Evaluate how balanced our real and virtual worlds are at Teens Under God on Sunday, January 28, at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Café.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

MARRIAGE RETREATS

MARCH 2-4



Invest in your most important earthly relationship - your marriage. Imagine a weekend away from the daily stresses of work, home, and kids. You and your spouse will grow together in your faith life, enjoy date-night activities and uplifting music, and learn practical, relationship-building skills such as intimacy, conflict resolution, and financial stewardship. This retreat is happening at the Heidel House Resort & Spa in Green Lake, March 2-4. More information and registration are available at www.withthisringretreat.com. Early bird registration ends January 31.

MARCH 9-11



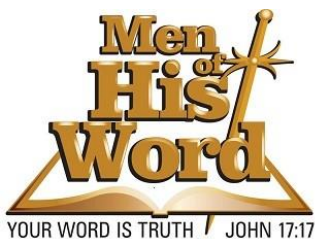
Healthy Marriage will help you learn those “dimensions of a healthy marriage.” More than that, Healthy Marriage will equip to you to practice them and maintain the health of your marriage long after this memorable weekend get-away. This marriage retreat takes place at the Radisson in La Crosse the weekend of March 9-11. For more information and to register go to wels.net/adult-discipleship. Also, like the WELS Marriage Enrichment Facebook page by searching “WELS Marriage” when in Facebook. Registration deadline is February 9.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – MARCH 9-11

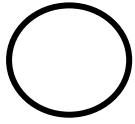


The Christian Woman Today Retreat, planned by a committee of women from Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, will be held March 9-11 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. This year's theme is *Give Thanks in All Circumstances*. Information on breakout sessions and registration forms are available at ChristianWomanToday.org,

MEN'S RETREAT – FEBRUARY 24



The *Men of His Word* conference uses God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities, and the world, with this year's theme being – *Get Out of the Boat*. The 8th annual *Men of His Word* conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 24. Keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and online registration information are available at www.menofhisword.org.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

1. Share highs and lows and begin your time together in prayer.

2. What do the concepts of *revolution* [our current series' theme] and *community* [this week's message theme] have in common?

3. Read Psalm 133 and 134 together.
 - What do these two psalms tell you about God's definition of community?

 - If you wrote a verse in the style of Psalm 133, what would your verse say to support what it's like *when God's people live together in unity*?

4. Read Hebrews 10:19-25.
 - How do these verses connect perseverance with community?

 - If we were living out the instruction given in 10:24-25, what would that look like in our day-to-day lives?

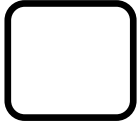
5. Read Mark 3:31-35 and Romans 12:9-16.
 - Who can we encourage?

 - When can we encourage?

 - How can we encourage?

6. How would a revolutionary display of encouragement change our world?

7. Who has God placed in your life that you can actively encourage and spur on this week? Pray together for these people and that God would provide clear opportunities for us all to encourage each other daily!



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Change Your World: Live the Revolution + In Community We Embrace Encouragement +

Hebrews 10:19-25 (Bible page 1211)

Encouragement: It's not only important; it's vital for survival.

A. What is encouragement?

1. Encouragement=to s_____ someone on toward a specific end
2. What characterizes the lives of so many people today?
3. *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"* (v. 25).

B. Who should encourage?

1. Because of J_____, we can approach God anytime and for any reason without f_____ or t_____.
2. We have the p_____ of God and the r_____ of his Spirit at our disposal.
3. Every believer can...
 - a. Pray
 - b. Encourage
 - c. Listen
 - d. Be willing to restore (Matthew 16:19)

C. Where should we encourage?

1. Meeting=synagogue; formal gathering
2. Today these formal gatherings are w_____ services and s_____ g_____ gatherings.
3. We need to be where God's p_____ are.

D. Why the urgency to encourage?

1. *"...all the more as you see the Day approaching"* (v. 25).
2. We live in a f_____ world.
3. Only Jesus says, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28).

Encouragement: It's not only important; it's vital for survival.