

WHAT TIME IS IT?

*The 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month
100th Anniversary of Armistice Day*

A Time for Action

November 10, 11, and 14, 2018



BELLS AND REMEMBRANCE

OPENING HYMN 441

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

M The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M “Surely the day is coming,” the Lord says. “It will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be like stubble.” Those are frightening words for the evildoer.

C **Those are frightening words for us. For the Scripture says that there is no one who does good—not even one.**

M “But for you who revere my name” the Lord continues, “the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.”

C **How blessed we are to know and believe in Christ Jesus, God’s Son, who has paid the price for all our evil deeds!**

M Brothers and sisters, as we approach our Savior and our Judge in worship, let’s openly and honestly confess our sins, so that the sun of righteousness may rise on us with healing in its wings.

All 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, 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.

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

HYMN 376, vv. 1-2

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

**Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day
Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Judge, speak to us through your Word and strengthen us through your sacraments, so that we may look forward to the day of your second coming with confidence and eager expectation.

C Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, that we may stand before you on that day holy and blameless.

M We pray in your name. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

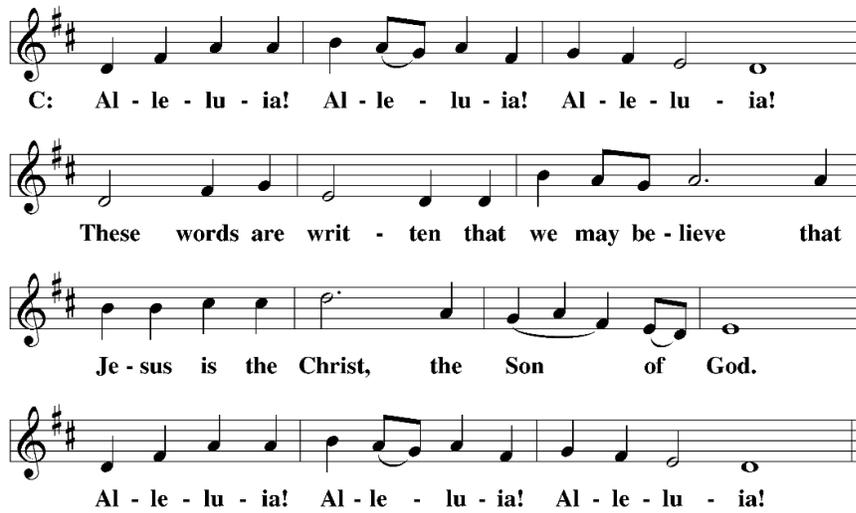


FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28, Bible page 1210

When Christ returns, he will bring salvation to all who believe.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 5:19-30, Bible page 1068
Jesus, God's Son, is able to give us eternal life and raise our bodies on the last day.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY 382

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SERMON

Malachi 4:1-3, Bible page 960
Pastor Peter Panitzke

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday, 7:45 am*)

(*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Thine is the Glory, *Jill Mitchell ~Trumpet*
by G. F. Handel

This Is My Father's World,
St. Paul's School Junior Choir (Grades 5-8)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 6.

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

CLOSING PRAYER

M You have led us to this table, O Christ,
C **where we have been assured of forgiveness and peace.**

M Keep us faithful to the point of death,
C **and lead us, at last, to eternal life.**

M You are Lord forevermore.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



POSTLUDE (*Sunday, 7:45 am*) **God Bless America**, *Jill Mitchell*
by Irving Berlin

PRESIDING MINISTER (*Sunday*) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Susan Gedemer*

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 about the current class offerings. 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 12, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:00 am	Pastoral Circuit Meeting at Christ, Big Bend
	12:00 pm	OWLS – Organization of Wisconsin Lutherans (Grace Room)
	5:45 pm	Grief Share – Surviving the Holidays (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	9:00 am	Mommy & Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
FRI	6:00 pm	Ruehle/Heermans Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball Open Gym (Trinity Gym)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Mommy & Me (Faith Room)
	2:00 pm	Susan Ruehle and Jacob Heermans Wedding (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8)
	8:45 am	Dorcas Society Bake Sale (Faith Room)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Generation Change – Financial Peace – Teens/Parents (Faith Room)

WATCH ONLINE



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and YouTube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
 - **Sermon Videos and MP3s:** Sunday sermons are available at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Riley Anne Ksobiech, daughter of David and Katie Ksobiech, was born June 16, 2018, and will be baptized at The Bridge on Sunday, November 11. We praise God with the Ksobiechs for the gift of saving faith given to Riley.

HOSPITALIZED

Karen Grenie is at St. Luke's and Les Constantineau at Waukesha Memorial. Louise Austad and Dan Elwing have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Mary Schauwitzer, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

ATTENDANCE

1092 attended worship services last week.

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 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 of any need your child has. Ask an usher for directions.

WHAT TIME IS IT? SERMON SERIES

During these last services of the Christian church year, we want to pause and check the time. What time is it? Join us next week as we look at "A Time to Shine." What's the most important thing we need to be doing as we live out our lives in this world? We are called to shine like stars so that we lead many people to heaven (*Daniel 12:1-3*).

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 Nate Strobel on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am. Contact Pastor Nate at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

DEUTERONOMY: LESSONS FOR NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS

When was the last time you read Deuteronomy? Join others in learning from Professor Mark Braun (Wisconsin Lutheran College) who wrote the People's Bible volume on Deuteronomy. Most of all, Deuteronomy pointed people ahead to Christ. *Deuteronomy: Encouragements and Lessons for New Testament Christians*, Grace Room, Sundays in November, 9:15-10:15 am.

DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Dorcas Society bake sale is Sunday, November 18 after all Sunday services. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's Tuition Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and the Malawi, Africa, mission. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 17, 8:00-noon, or prior to the 5:00 pm worship service. Contact Carolyn Bourdo at (262) 679-1136 with questions.

THE OWLS MEET ON TUESDAY

The OWLS will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at noon in the Grace Room. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the provided dessert while you listen to Pastor Josh Martin speak about his time as a civilian chaplain in Europe. Contact Charlene Pingel at (262) 490-2579 for more information.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WHAT TIME IS IT? A TIME TO ACT

Please pick up your personalized Plan for Giving envelope in the church lobby today. Return your Plan for Giving for 2019 by December 2. In this way, you will be helping us reach more people for Christ.

We are in spiritual warfare. In addition to supporting our school system and missions, what would we like to do in the next fiscal year?



- **Serve the wounded.** Provide continued support to Pastor Bonack to get a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling so we can provide professional counseling on our campus.
- **Protect our youth.** Add staff to serve our youth and our community to replace the time that Pastor Bonack is spending on course work.
- **Open a new front.** Develop plans to start a second worship site somewhere in the greater Milwaukee area to reach more people for Christ.
- **Support our troops.** Increase the compensation package for our workers to demonstrate our belief that "the worker is worthy of his hire" (1 Timothy 5:18 KJV).

Thank you for returning your Plan for Giving as soon as possible.

FORENSICS EXCELLENCE AT OUR SCHOOL

Congratulations to 8th grader Katie Meyer on a perfect 75 point gold medal earning Interpretive Poetry score at last weekend's Forensics Festival at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Kudos also to 8th graders Serenity Witzlsteiner, Sophia Kennedy, Abigail Prosser, Isabelle Steidl, Abby Esmeier, and Anna Bonack for their bronze medal performances (73 out of 75 points).

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY?

Our 5th grade teacher, Mr. Jeff Wetzel, will once again work with a student-teacher from Martin Luther College – Mr. Josh Robertson from Bangor, Wisconsin. We are looking for a "host-family" for Mr. Robertson, January 17 – March 29. A \$750 reimbursement is provided. If you have the spiritual gift of hospitality, please consider serving in this way. Contact Principal Fitzsimmons for more information at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org, or 414-422-0320, ext. 118.

FOUR READING BUDDIES NEEDED

A Reading Buddy reads one on one with a student for an hour on Wednesdays from 9:45am-10:45am in the Trinity Cafe. Our perfect number is 24 Reading Buddies each week, and the past three weeks we have had around 20. If you cannot make it every week, no problem! Contact Principal Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org if you're able to serve the Lord and our K-3rd graders in this way.

PART TIME TEACHER'S AIDE POSITION AVAILABLE

Do you enjoy smiling and laughing? Come join our team! St. Paul's Child Care Center is looking for a part time teacher's aide in our adorable and playful 1-year-old classroom. Care needed year-round every Monday and Tuesday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Contact Child Care Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org.

PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Pre-K and Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program: Wednesday, November 21, at 9:30 am, Centennial Gym
Thanksgiving Worship: Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 pm, and Thursday November 22, at 9:15 am

PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING MEAL

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing food to needy families within our congregation and community on November 20, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If you know of a family in need or if your family would benefit from a Thanksgiving food basket, please contact Coordinator Steve Graham at graham0828@hotmail.com or 262-232-0928 or Pastor Kuehl at dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 121, by November 18.

ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday Advent services: December 5, 12, and 19, at 3:30 and 7:00 pm
Enjoy a soup supper between services.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Bridge Christmas Eve Worship Service: Noon
Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Services: 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Day Worship Services with Holy Communion: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

GRIEF SHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - TUESDAY

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. St. Paul's will be hosting a Surviving the Holidays seminar in the Grace Room on November 13, 5:45-8:00 pm, to help prepare for the holidays. Please contact Sharon Klopf at (262) 706-3595 or sklopf@stpaulmuskego.org to register. For more information you may go to www.griefshare/holidays.

ST. PAUL'S LIVING NATIVITY

Come and experience the wonder of Christmas November 30 - December 2. A continuous 15- minute outdoor presentation of the birth of Christ will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday. Stop by the church lobby after the worship service today to sign up for a role in the nativity or to bring a food donation. If you would like childcare while you volunteer be sure to state that as well.

Updates to the Living Nativity are a current need outside of our regular budget at St. Paul's. 550 dollars of the 1,000 dollars needed for the updates have already been given. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift "Living Nativity" before placing it in the offering plate or when giving online. Thank you!

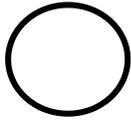
ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

St. Paul's 2018 *Christmas for Kids* is Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 to 11:45 am in the Trinity Café and Gym, and school for ages 3-12. Register online at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of the Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning. If you would like to help out, just mark the back of the Connection Card. Children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their "ticket" for the morning.

GIFT TREE FOR MUSKEGO CHILDREN IN NEED

As is our custom at St. Paul's, we will once again be gathering gifts for children who frequently use the services of the Muskego Food Pantry.

1. Select a tag from the Christmas tree in the lobby and follow the instructions.
2. Register your tag (This is very important - thank you!).
3. Return the wrapped gifts by December 4. Gifts are usually priced \$30 - \$50.
4. If you don't have time to shop and prefer to contribute funds towards a gift, we have volunteer shoppers happy to do the purchasing and wrapping. Any dollar amount is welcome and you can even select which tag(s) you would like to sponsor.
5. Contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at 414-218-5197 for more information.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. In honor of our veterans, share stories of those in your family or circle of friends who are veterans or are currently serving in the military. Begin the study with a prayer for those currently serving.

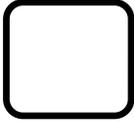
2. Read Malachi 4:1. The battlefield scenes of World War I depict utter devastation. Why might that imagery be helpful to remember as we consider what is most important in life? See also 2 Peter 3:10-12.

3. “But for you who revere my name...” (Malachi 4:2). Malachi is filled with God’s accusations against his people because they had not revered or honored God’s name. How might God level these same charges against us 21st century church members?
 - a. You despise my Name (1:6-8).
 - b. You have broken faith (2:11-16).
 - c. You have said harsh things against me (3:13-15).

4. “But for you who revere my name...” (Malachi 4:2). Read Psalm 145, a song of praise to God’s name. What phrases lead you to revere or stand in awe of God’s saving name?

5. Read Malachi 4:2. Have you ever seen a calf leap after being released from the stall? What Biblical descriptions about the end of the world and heaven make you already want to leap for joy?

6. Pastor closed with a challenge to test God. In what way are we to test God? See Proverbs 3:9-10 and Malachi 3:10.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

What Time Is It?

A Time to Act

Malachi 4:1-3

1. The golden years of preparation (Malachi 4:1).
 - a. The judgment day is surely coming.
 - b. The judgment day's destruction is complete.
 - c. The judgment day action: Hear God's challenges now!
 - 1) You despise my Name (1:6-8).
 - 2) You have broken faith (2:11-16).
 - 3) You have wearied the LORD (2:17).
 - 4) You rob me (3:8-12).
2. The golden years of anticipation (Malachi 4:2).
 - a. Revere the LORD's Name (Exodus 34:6-7).
 - b. Frolic like a calf now.
 - c. The judgment day action: Look forward to the warmth of the Son.
3. The golden years of opportunity (Malachi 4:3).
 - a. The day of opportunity will soon pass.
 - b. Our labor is never in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).
 - c. The judgment day action: Plan our strategy for the battle!
 - 1) Do our congregation's battle plans test God?
 - 2) Do your battle plans test God?

My Next Steps to Prepare for Judgment

- **Pick up your personalized Plan for Giving packet.**
- **Hear God's challenges now.** Read Malachi 1-4. Copies of a devotional booklet based on Malachi is available at the Welcome Center.
- **Will God pass the test?** Read Malachi 3:6-18 and pray about your plan to "test" God.
- **Return your plan for giving as part of your Thanksgiving celebration.**