

## WHAT TIME IS IT? TIME TO SEE THE KING

November 24, 25, and 28, 2018

### BELLS AND WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN 341

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

M In the name of the Father and of the †Son and the Holy Spirit.



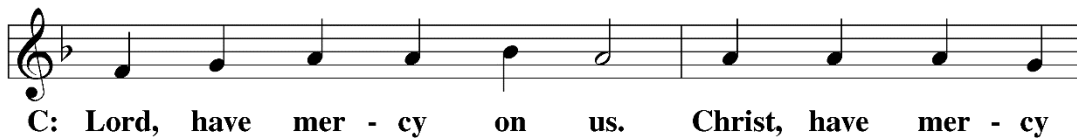
M Brothers and sisters in Christ, before the foundation of the world our great God and Father chose us in Christ to be his own. He has sent his Holy Spirit to lead us to faith and to new life in our Lord Jesus.

**C He saved us, not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy — through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.**

M Having been justified by his grace, we have become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Let us draw near, then, in full confidence, confessing our continuing sin and need and trusting his loving 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. I recognize that my spiritual weakness is the result of my failure to stay connected to Jesus. For all 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



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 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 al - so with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one.

C **Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you as King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory.**

M For you live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

#### FIRST LESSON

**Revelation 1:4b-8**, Bible page 1236

*The Apostle John's greeting assures a persecuted church that Jesus reigns as King and that they have direct access to him as priests.*

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia! Alleluia! In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven. Alleluia! (*Mark 14:62*)



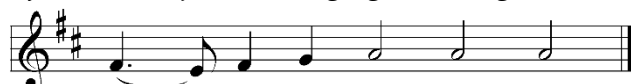
C: **Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

#### GOSPEL

**John 18:33-37**, Bible page 1085

*Jesus' kingdom is not of this world.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

Daniel 7:13, 14, Bible page 890

*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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!**

**M** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for through you all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**C** **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

**M** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve our God and Father.

**C** **Help us live as royal priests.**

**M** We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

**C Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

**M** O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**C Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

**C The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! 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.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**M** The Lord be with you.



**M** Lift up your hearts.



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



**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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

## 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 below.*

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**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
The Head that Once Was Crowned**

## CLOSING PRAYER

M We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## 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.



**PRESIDING MINISTER** *Pastor David Kuehl*

**ORGANIST** *Nicole Greanya*

## 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. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail.*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 26, 2018

|              |          |  |
|--------------|----------|--|
| <b>MON</b>   | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym)                                       |
| <b>TUE</b>   | 9:30 am  | Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)                                  |
|              | 9:30 am  | Ministerial Growth Team Meeting                                  |
|              | 10:00 am | Walking Group (Trinity Gym)                                      |
|              | 10:30 am | Ministerial Team Meeting   |
|              | 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)                        |
| <b>WED</b>   | 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   |
| <b>THURS</b> | 6:30 am  | Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)                                 |
|              | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym)                                       |
|              | 7:00 pm  | The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice                        |
| <b>FRI</b>   | 8:15 am  | Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)                     |
|              | 6:00 pm  | Living Nativity  |
| <b>SAT</b>   | 8:00 am  | Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)                         |
|              | 5:00 pm  | Traditional Worship Service                                      |
|              | 6:00 pm  | Living Nativity  |
| <b>SUN</b>   | 7:45 am  | Traditional Worship Service                                      |
|              | 8:30 am  | <i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8)               |
|              | 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) |
|              | 6:00 pm  | Living Nativity  |
|              | 6:30 pm  | TUG – Teens Under God (Trinity Café)                             |

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## WATCH ONLINE



- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and You Tube 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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org). They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED

Carol Smith is at Froedtert. Audrey Wefel is at Linden Grove Waukesha. George Buhrandt and Karen Grenie have been discharged from the hospital. Les Constantineau has returned home.

## 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

1224 were in attendance 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.

## A LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION FROM MRS. JEANNE STEINBRECHER

Dear Fellow Members of St. Paul's,

I have been very blessed to teach at St. Paul's Lutheran School for over 30 years. I have loved being a teacher of Jesus' precious lambs, but the past two years my health has not allowed me to teach so I feel it is best for St. Paul's and for me that I retire effective December 31, 2018.

I will continue to be a member here and I will continue to pray for our church, school, and especially all the very precious children he has allowed me to share his Word with over the years. May you always remain faithful to his Word.

Christ's servant,  
Jeanne Steinbrecher

Cards of appreciation may be sent to the church at S66WI4325 Janesville Road, Muskego, WI 53150 or dropped off at the office during school hours.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHER DIVINE CALLS

On December 11, the School Ministry Action Team will meet to review two synod-provided call lists. The following day the Ministry Board will extend calls for a full-time 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and a half-time Extended Learning Coordinator (ELC). Both calls are currently being served as one-year calls given the sudden retirement of Miss Martens back in August. If you have names to suggest for either call, please contact Principal Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) by December 2.

## MALAWI MISSION PARTNER NEWSLETTER AT THE WELCOME CENTER

The November issue of the newsletter from our mission partner in Malawi, Africa is available today at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Read about how your generous offerings toward this mission are making a difference. If you would like to give toward this ministry, designate your offering as "Malawi Mission."

## AFRICA MISSION TRIP WITH PASTOR AND JONI PANITZKE

Pastor Panitzke and his wife, Joni, will be embarking on a mission trip to Africa this summer and you are invited as well! The trip will focus on the schools and Seminary of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa located in Lusaka. The Vulnerable Children's Foundation (VCF) is sponsoring the trip. The VCF works with the LCCA in funding the schools there and has been a mission partner with Wisconsin Lutheran High School and numerous congregations in southeast Wisconsin. For more information and a trip itinerary, which includes Victoria Falls and a game park, visit [www.vulnerablechildren.net](http://www.vulnerablechildren.net) or speak with Pastor Panitzke.



# PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## ST. PAUL'S LIVING NATIVITY

Come and experience the arrival of our Savior 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 the areas that could still use some assistance. If you would like childcare while you volunteer, be sure to state that as well.

Thank you to all who contributed toward the Living Nativity Wish List needs.



## ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS - DECEMBER 8

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](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), complete the back of the Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto: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.

## ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday Advent services will be December 5, 12, and 19, at 3:30 and 7:00 pm. Enjoy a soup supper between services. A 10-15 minute carol-sing will precede each service.

## SOUP SUPPER HOSTS STILL NEEDED

Hosts for the Advent soup suppers on December 12 and 19 are still needed. If you or your life group would like to help out, please contact Administrative Assistant Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or [tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) as soon as possible.

## 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

## GIFT TREE FOR OUR MUSKEGO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

We are gathering gifts for Muskego residents (children, elderly, and those disabled) who are in need:

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 the date noted on the tag. 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.

## KOINÉ CHRISTMAS AT THE WAUKESHA EXPO CENTER

Koiné will be performing a Christmas concert of their favorite Christmas songs, mostly familiar hymns from their two Christmas albums, *Anno Domini* and *Emmanuel Lux*, plus a few new surprise arrangements, at the Waukesha Expo Center on Saturday, December 8, at 5:00 pm. Visit [www.koinemusic.com](http://www.koinemusic.com) for more information.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **“FAILING TO PLAN IS PLANNING TO FAIL” BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

Before anyone purchases a house, it is necessary to plan. Can we afford the mortgage?

Before anyone purchases a car, it is necessary to plan. Can we make the payments?

For most of us, giving a generous percentage of our income as an offering cannot be a spur of the moment decision. It is a significant part of our resources. It takes some planning to give generously.

Please take the time over the next couple of weeks to complete your Plan for Giving 2019 and return it to the offering. Copies of the Plan for Giving form are at the Welcome Center. Your participation will help your congregation accomplish as much gospel ministry as possible.

## **MAKE GIVING EASIER**

The online giving option at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/give](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/give) makes consistent, generous giving easier. Setting up a weekly or monthly automatic gift from a checking or savings account is the safest, most cost-effective way for St. Paul's to receive your gift.

## **REMEMBER THE MORTGAGE FUND**

Remember the Mortgage Fund in your 2019 giving plans. Recently our monthly Mortgage Fund offerings have fallen short of our mortgage payment. As a result, we have had to dip into reserves. Thank you for every gift!

## **BID ON A CHAIR – SUPPORT OUR YOUTH**

An adirondack chair built and painted by students at Muskego High School is on display in the Trinity Café. Bids will be accepted until the first week of December. Proceeds will benefit Muskego education activities, #MentoringMyWorkforce initiative, and student volunteer scholarships.

## **“YOU WILL NOT BE AFRAID” – AWAKE AND ALIVE 2-DAY CONFERENCE**

Awake and Alive, a ministry to serve young adults 18 to 25 years old, is holding a two-day conference Friday and Saturday, January 4-5 at the Best Western Conference Center near the Milwaukee Airport. A great group of faculty and devotion leaders have been invited to serve college students and young professionals with the hope of Christ! There is also a leadership and community track for leaders of young adults.

Cost is \$60 until December 15; \$75 thereafter. Further details can be found at [www.awakealive.com](http://www.awakealive.com).

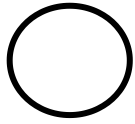


## **NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES FOR DECEMBER**

Christ's church did not spread and prosper under favorable conditions but had to survive under persecution in a society where it was seen as a danger and a threat. Join Pastor Dr. Ken Fischer, President of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, for this compelling, four-week series: *From Christ to Constantine-The Testimony and Trial of the Early Church* on December 2, 9, 16, and 23, 9:15-10:15 am in the Grace Room. There will be no Bible class on December 30.

## **TUG CONTINUES WHO IS THIS MAN?**

On Sunday, November 25, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Trinity Cafe, Teens Under God (TUG) will continue the video-based series *Who Is This Man? - The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus*. On the eve of Jesus' crucifixion, it seemed like Jesus' influence on the world had ended. On the contrary, it had just begun. In these sessions, we see how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world. We also see how Christian teens can make an inescapable influence, too.



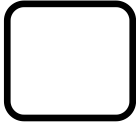
# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Share a Thanksgiving highlight.
  
2. When you think of a king, are your thoughts generally negative or favorable? How might that influence your ideas of Jesus as our King?
  
3. Read Psalm 24 together. How does this psalm prepare you to look forward to the coming of Jesus as our King at the last day?
  
4. Read Daniel's vision in Daniel 7:1-14. Describe briefly what he saw.
  - a. The first beast
  
  - b. The second beast
  
  - c. The third beast
  
  - d. The fourth beast
  
  - e. God the Father
  
  - f. God the Son
  
5. Now read the explanation of the vision in Daniel 7:15-28.
  - a. The beasts are \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - b. Who will receive the kingdom (v. 18, 27)?
  
  - c. What can God's holy people expect (v. 21)?
  
6. Often the events of this world seem to be spinning out of control. What lessons does this vision give us that we can use to comfort ourselves and others?
  
  
7. Break up into groups of three or four and pray for each other.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## What Time Is It?

### The Time to See the King

#### Daniel 7:13-14

1. Who is prepared to see the King? (Psalm 24)
  - a. The g\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The d\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. See him as the Son of Man
  - b. He carried your g\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. He experienced your d\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. See him as the Almighty King
  - a. He rules a\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. He rules f\_\_\_\_\_

Now is the time to see that we are kings and queens!

#### My Next Steps to See the King

- **Prepare:** Read Psalm 24 every morning this week to prepare your heart for the King.
- **Look Up:** Read Daniel 7 several times to have a clear picture of Jesus as your King.
- **Look Out:** Pray that the Holy Spirit opens your eyes to see someone in your area of influence who needs to hear (or hear again) that Jesus is King.