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REFORMATION FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

WELCOME HOME

WHERE GOD HOLDS US CLOSE

November 2 and 3, 2019

PRESERVICE (*Sunday*)

Toccata on King's Weston, Handbells
arr. by Matthew Compton

BELLS AND WELCOME

Him + Her Worship Concert, Wednesday at 7:00 pm

OPENING HYMN 538

The Church's One Foundation
(Saturday) Congregation
(Sunday) Congregation and Choir
by Wesley/Manz

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

(Sunday - Choir Only)

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.**

**The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**

**Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

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

C **Amen.**

M God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

C **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

M “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

C **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress** (*Psalm 46:1,2,10,11*).

M Without your Word, O God, our lives are built upon sand,

C **the sinking sand of selfishness; the foolishness of pride.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we confess our sin.

All **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

M Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world.

He said to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven” (*John 20:23*).

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.

Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

HYMN 204, v. 2

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

**Salvation true By faith in you
That is your gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength,

C **pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.**

M Keep them steadfast in your Word;

C **protect and comfort them in all temptations,**

M defend them against all their enemies,

C **and bestow on the Church your saving peace.**

M We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Romans 3:19-28, Bible page 1129

Paul says that the law of God silences us. It will not allow us to say, "But I'm better than...at least I haven't..." The law forces us to be conscious of how sinful we are. We are freely declared righteous in God's sight through the redeeming work of Jesus.

PSALM OF THE DAY (Saturday)

Psalm 46, Hymnal page 84

The Lord is with us; he is our rock and fortress.

PSALM OF THE DAY (Sunday)

Psalm 46, see arrangement below

Congregation/Choir

God is our ref - uge
and our strength, a ver - y pres - ent help in time of need.

Choir God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of need. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Congregation/Choir

God is our ref - uge
and our strength, a ver - y pres - ent help in time of need.

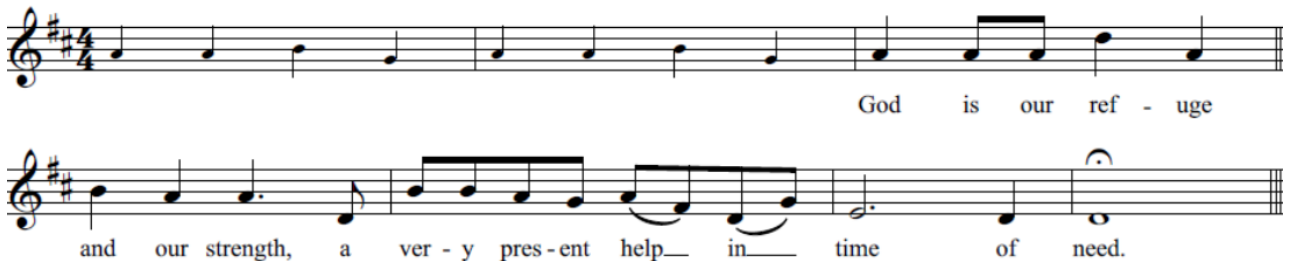
Choir There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at the break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Congregation/Choir

God is our ref - uge
and our strength, a ver - y pres - ent help in time of need.

Choir Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Congregation/Choir



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GOSPEL

John 8:31-36, Bible page 1073
If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BAPTISM (*Sunday 10:45 am*)

Camden James Lueck
Son of Dayton and Chrissy Lueck, born October 5, 2019

HYMN OF THE DAY 200

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(Sunday) Choir sings verse 3.

SERMON

Romans 3:19-28, Bible page 1129
Pastor David Kuehl

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed
with Luther's Explanation**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, *Festival Orchestra*
arr. by Jeff Cranfil

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant, Martin Luther, to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Help us to fulfill our *10 for 10 Plans for Giving* that we have placed upon your altar. Use our offerings to proclaim your glorious grace here and around the world. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Lord God, we thank you for the victory that you have won for us.

C **Empower us to go forth into the world with your great victory embedded in our hearts and flowing from our lips. 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.

Please remain standing for the closing hymn, prayer, and blessing.

CLOSING HYMN

By Faith
(Sunday) Congregation and Choir
by Keith Getty

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

(Refrain)

**We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave**

**By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth**

(Refrain)

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name**

(Refrain)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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*) **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Bill Gregory

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

REFORMATION RESOURCES IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

We currently have a hand-picked selection of books and videos on display pertaining to the Reformation. Grow in your knowledge of this monumental time in history and how it has shaped the Christian church today.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of November 4, 2019

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| MON | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| TUE | 9:00 am | Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Ministry Growth Team Meeting |
| | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| | 10:30 am | Ministerial Team Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm | Divorce Care (School Classroom 8) |
| | 6:30 pm | Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony) |
| | 7:00 pm | <i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room) |
| WED | 9:30 am | Mommy & Me (Faith Room) |
| | 12:00 pm | Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room) |
| | 4:30 pm | Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes |
| | 6:30 pm | Financial Peace University (Faith Room) |
| | 7:00 pm | Him + Her Worship Concert (Main Church) |
| | 8:00 pm | Brass Ensemble Rehearsal |
| THURS | 6:30 am | Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) |
| | 8:15 am | Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church) |
| | 9:00 am | Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) |
| | 10:00 am | Walking Club (Trinity Gym) |
| | 6:30 pm | Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) |
| SAT | 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) |
| | 5:00 pm | Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| SUN | 7:45 am | Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 8:00 am | <i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom #8) |
| | 9:15 am | Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15 am | Grace Room Bible Study |
| | 9:45 am | The Bridge Communion |
| | 10:15 am | The Bridge |
| | 10:45 am | Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion |

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HIM + HER WORSHIP CONCERT – WEDNESDAY!

Him + Her Worship is a worship duo from Minnesota who will be teaming up with St. Paul's for a **worship concert** on **Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 pm.** *(This will be in place of our Wednesday worship service.)*

him + here
W O R S H I P

10 FOR 10 PLANS FOR GIVING

Thank you for returning your 10 for 10 Plans for Giving. There are extra packets at the Welcome Center. We pray for God's blessings as you seek to grow in first fruits, proportionate, sacrificial giving.

WEDDING

Mary Ludwig and Nicholas Frederich were married on October 27. May God bless Mary and Nicholas in their marriage joined together in Christ.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Steve Drobka, Carol Gosseck, Lois Guhr, Connie Hikade, Josh Nagel, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Marilyn Miller is in hospice care at Elder Care Cottages in Tichigan. Roger Rasmussen, Robert Siekert, and Robert Zahn are at St. Luke's. Barb Boye and Terry Risch have returned home.

ATTENDANCE

898 attended worship services last week.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO START IN BIBLE STUDY?

Following the Promise is a great study to have your questions answered and also serves as preparation for membership at St. Paul's if desired. Currently offered Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am. Register by contacting Pastor Nate at nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card.

NOVEMBER GRACE ROOM SERIES

A defining moment in American Lutheranism occurred when the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod split apart in 1961. So what went wrong between these two church bodies? "A Tale of Two Synods" led by Rev. Dr. Mark Braun from Wisconsin Lutheran College and author of the book by the same title, will present a clearer picture of what happened and where things are today in the Grace Room, November Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am.

BAKED GOODS DESIRED FOR DORCAS SOCIETY BAKE SALE

St. Paul's Dorcas Society bake sale is Sunday, November 17, after all worship services. All proceeds benefit St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund, Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, and the Malawi, Africa, mission. Donations of baked goods to support this effort may be dropped off in the Faith Room on Saturday, November 16, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Contact Carolyn Bourdo at (262) 679-1136 with questions.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY UPDATE

The LWMS Fall Rally was a great success with 85 women in attendance. The day started with breakfast and a devotion followed by the privilege of hearing mission speaker Rev Paul Prange share about "Grace" Hmong Outreach in Vietnam. "Our awesome God is on the move with reaching so many souls!" WELS Home & World mission assignment boards were on display for all to peruse and the rally closed with a prayer from Pastor Ben Wessel. The Spring Rally will be held on April 25 at Woodlawn Church in West Allis. More information will follow at a later date.

PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

Pre-K and Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program

Wednesday, November 27, at 9:30 am, Centennial Gym

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm, and Thursday, November 28, at 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

December 4, 11, and 18; 3:30 and 7:00 pm (*No soup suppers this year.*)

CHRISTMAS EVE 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

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 am

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



St. Paul's 2019 *Christmas for Kids* will be Saturday, December 14, 9:00 - 11:45 am in the Trinity Café and Gym and school. This year this widely loved event for ages 3-12 will feature *A Tree-rific Christmas* puppet show, *The First Christmas* movie, a special service-project craft, games led by Luther Preparatory High School students, singing, and snacks. Register, beginning November 10, on your Connection Card or at www.stpaulmuskego.org.

MUSICIANS DESIRED FOR ADVENT SONG SERVICE

St. Paul's will be having a festival Advent song service on Sunday, December 15. Singers and orchestral members are desired. Choir rehearsals are Sundays, beginning November 10, at 8:00 am and Tuesdays, beginning November 12, at 7:30 pm. Mass rehearsals are December 11 at 6:30 pm and December 14 at 9:00 am. Please contact Michele Eiche at meiche4@wi.rr.com to indicate interest in singing. Contact Worship Volunteer Coordinator Heidi Schuh at hschuh@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 530-4284 to indicate interest in playing in the orchestra.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

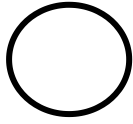
St. Paul's Food Pantry is planning to provide food boxes for Thanksgiving this year. If you know of someone who would appreciate a box this Thanksgiving, please submit the name(s) with contact information to Pastor Kuehl at (414) 422-0320, ext. 121, or dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org by Thursday, November 7. The boxes will be distributed Tuesday, November 26, 5:00-7:00 pm in the Trinity Café.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER—JOB OPENINGS

We have part-time job opening in the infant room of our Child Care Center, Mondays, 7:00 – 11:00 am and in the 2-year-old classroom, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11 am – 6:00 pm. Please contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200 to apply.

PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AT WORSHIP SERVICES

During the weekends of November 10 and 17, photos will be discretely taken before, after, and during our worship services for use on our website and displays in the lobby of church. If you would prefer not to be included in these photos, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. What were your favorite fall traditions as a kid and why?

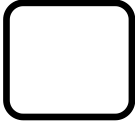
2. What does the phrase "Welcome Home" mean to you? What kind of thoughts, images, or emotions does it evoke?

3. Read Romans 3:19-28 and collaborate as a group to create a one-word summary of this section. For extra bonus points, text a pastor your group's one-word summary!
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 - Kuehl: (414) 861-0635
 - Strobel: (414) 426-8236
 - Bonack: (414) 303-1241

4. How could we - as Christians - do a better job of conveying a Welcome Home attitude to unbelievers in the world around us?

5. All those who believe in Jesus will be welcomed home to a very real place in heaven one day as Jesus promises in John 14:1-6. Whom do you know that might not believe in that promise just yet?

6. Martin Luther once prayed, "Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not that I might become what I was not." Take a minute or two to silently reflect on what this looks like in your own life and then close your time together aloud with Luther's prayer.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Welcome Home

Romans 3:19-28 (Bible page 1129)

- I. Welcome home to the law.
 - A. Young Luther cried out to St. Anne because he was t_____.
 - B. One purpose of God's law is to make us c_____ of our sin (v. 20).
 - C. We are accountable to God for every sin of t_____, w_____, and a_____.
 - D. God's law s_____ all our claims to our own righteousness.

- II. Welcome home to righteousness.
 - A. This righteousness (right standing with God) is revealed only in the B_____.
 - B. This righteousness comes from G_____ through f_____ in Jesus Christ to all who b_____ (vv. 21, 22).
 - C. Despite Luther's attempts at righteousness, his c_____ tormented him.
 - D. This righteousness is for you and for me, since it is God's g_____ to us.

- III. Welcome home to Jesus.
 - A. A just God counts us righteous because of the r_____ (ransom made to free someone) that came by Christ Jesus (v. 24).
 - B. By his l_____ and d_____ Jesus met all the requirements of God's law.
 - C. Not just any faith saves, but faith in J_____ alone saves.
 - D. Where then is boasting? It is excluded because of the p_____ that requires faith (vv. 27, 28).

My Next Steps

- **Read** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 in preparation for next week's *Welcome Home* message.
- **Memorize** Romans 3:28 – “For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.”
- **Select** one person to join you on your daily walk with Jesus.