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## DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

A CHILD FLEEING IN THE NIGHT SUFFERS TO MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT

December 28 and 29, 2019

*Jesus, true God, took on human flesh and blood, and lived a life of sacrificial suffering.*

### BELLS AND WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN 55

**Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful**

### BAPTISM (*Saturday*)

Hymnal page 12

*Lorenzo Estanislao Cabral*

*Son of David and Karlee Cabral, born November 25, 2019*

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

C **Amen.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus is the Light that shines into our darkness.

C **Yet we often choose darkness over the Light.**

M Acknowledging our weakness and our guilt, we come before our heavenly Father with humble hearts and confess our sin.

All **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

**All Glory Be to God on High**

**All glory be to God on high!**

**Your name, O Lord, we glorify;**

**We praise you for your peace and grace,**

**Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you**

**M** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in mercy you sent your one and only Son into this world. He took on our human flesh and blood and, in our place, he perfectly fulfilled your law in every way.

**C** **By his gracious coming, deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory.**

**M** We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 63:7–14**, Bible page 745

*See how much God cares for his own? When they are in distress, he is distressed. When they are in danger, he lifts them up and carries them. So we join Isaiah in saying: "I will tell of the kindness of the LORD."*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**Colossians 3:15a**

**M** Alleluia. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." Alleluia.

**SECOND LESSON**

**Galatians 4:4–7**, Bible page 1028

*The common Greek language of the day, the peace of the Roman Empire, the ability to travel freely, the dispersion of the Jewish people throughout the world—all these served to help the message of Jesus spread.*

*But even more, the time was right for God to fulfill his promises to send a Savior for the world.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY 45**

**Oh, Rejoice, All Christians Loudly**

**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.**

**SERMON**

**Matthew 2:13-23, Bible page 966**

**OFFERING**

*10 for 10 Video – Sacrificial Giving*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C** **It is good and right so to do.**

**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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY IS THE LORD GOD** *Tune: "Away in a Manger"*

**Holy is the Lord God, who's come to the earth,  
To be our Redeemer, Our Savior, from birth.  
Let all of creation join voices to sing,  
Praise to the Almighty, our heavenly King!**

**How blest he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna, Lord!  
The angels adore you; as on bended knee  
We come to your table, your grace to receive.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**M** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C** 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD** *Tune: "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"*

**O Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us!  
O Jesus, manger-born, have mercy upon us!  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, our God.  
Show mercy to us; grant us here your peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note below.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 42  
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**Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising  
Once Again My Heart Rejoices**

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PREACHER** *Pastor Nate Strobel*

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

## 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, entitled *Following the Promise*, to provide an overview of our teachings. The next class begins Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to let him know to expect you.*

*The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of December 30, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Group
<b>TUE</b>	5:00 pm 10:00 am	New Year's Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion Walking Group
<b>WED</b>		<b>New Year's Day</b>
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Group (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	7:00 pm	Card Players' Group (Faith Room)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 2:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club The Bridge Holy Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service High School Boys Basketball League (Centennial Gym)

## JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! We livestream The Bridge every Sunday at 10:15 am on the platforms below. Past messages are also available on each platform. Full HD replays of complete services are available on our YouTube channel and websites.



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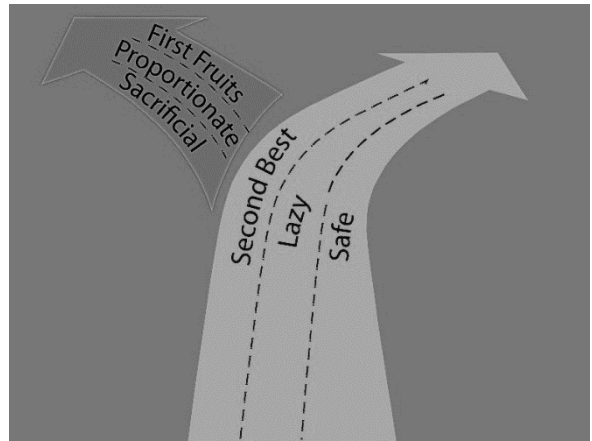


The Bridge Church Muskego

# THE END AND THE BEGINNING OF 10 FOR 10

In October we began the 10 for 10 emphasis. We studied three Biblical principles:

- **First fruits giving** rather than giving God our second-best. The prophet Haggai challenged us to ask: Am I like the Israelites of 520 BC? Am I choosing to look out for myself first, and then giving God something if I have any left?
- **Proportionate giving** rather than lazy giving. In the parable of the Ten Talents, Jesus' words convicted us: "You wicked, lazy servant." How have we taken the easy way out in our giving decisions? But his words to the two faithful servants encouraged us. Each was gifted differently, and each responded proportionately. "Well done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your master's happiness." We were encouraged to test God with the promise about the tithe (giving 10% on income) in Malachi 1.
- **Sacrificial giving** rather than safe giving. We were inspired by the faith of the poor widow who gave all she had to worship her Savior.



Many of us then submitted **10 for 10 Plans for Giving** which have been on the altar for the last 10 weeks. If we had not previously tithed, we were encouraged to test God with the tithe for ten weeks – our 10 for 10.

In January, our 10 for 10 Plans for Giving will be mailed back to us unopened so that each of us can evaluate our offerings, considering if they are **first fruit offerings, proportionate gifts, or given sacrificially.**

## **Sacrificial Giving: Our Final 10 for 10 Video**

Today during our offering, Kella Kunz introduces us to St. Paul's member Ken Krause, the head football coach of the two-time state champion Muskego Warriors. He talks about the sacrifices necessary to become champions and how to encourage each other when we get tired of the sacrifices.

He compares team meetings to regular worship, reminiscent of Hebrews 10: *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

May the end of our 10 for 10 Giving effort be just the beginning. May 2020 be another year of encouraging each other to live and give sacrificially!

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **FUNERAL**

Robert E. Heileman, born September 15, 1917, entered eternal peace with his Savior on Tuesday, December 24, 2019. A Christian funeral was held on Saturday, December 28. May God bless and keep the loved ones of Robert today and always.

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

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

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Carol Constantineau is at Waukesha Memorial, Gary Ives has transferred to the VA Hospital, and Robert Zahn is at St. Luke's. Jan Kuske is rehabbing at Linden Grove New Berlin. Richard Krebs and James Moll have been discharged from the hospital.

## **ATTENDANCE**

873 were in attendance at last weekend's services; 1372 at our Lutheran school Christmas services, and 2208 attended the Christmas Eve/Day services.

## **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY**

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 if needed.

## **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Our Sunday youth, teen, and adult ministries will not meet on December 29. The church office will be closed January 1. Office hours for January 2-3 are 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

## **AWAKE AND ALIVE 2020**

Awake and Alive is having their 2020 Winter Conference on January 10 and 11 at the Best Western on Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. Visit [awakealive.com](http://awakealive.com) or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center to learn more.

## **CARD PLAYERS' GROUP**

The first Friday of every month Sheepshead is played. The third Thursday of the month is card players' choice. Both evenings begin at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship, bring a snack to share, and your own beverage. RSVP by calling the church office at (414) 422-0320, ext.128, or joining the Card Players Group on My St. Paul's.

## **SHOP CLASS LEADERS WANTED**

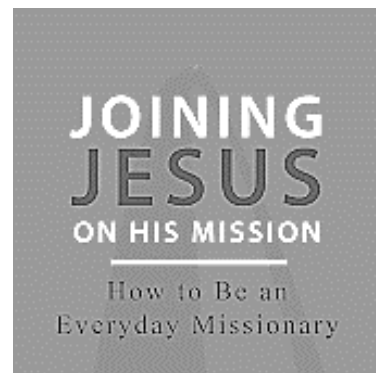
Our Lutheran school would like to begin a few short-length, once-a-week, shop class electives beginning next school year for our middle school students. As part of investigating this possibility, Principal Fitzsimmons is looking for volunteers who may be interested and skilled enough to assist. Ideal candidates may be retirees with skills in basic tools, woodworking, or small engine repair, or any of the other trades. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact Principal Fitzsimmons at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org).



# JANUARY MESSAGE SERIES

## JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

What does it mean to be an “everyday missionary” in the places you frequent or with the people God has placed in your path? Come along as we join Jesus on his mission to reach the lost. This message series is based on the book *Joining Jesus on His Mission – How to Be an Every Day Missionary* by Greg Fink. Copies will be available for purchase at the Welcome Center beginning January 5.



**January 5**

**Jesus Is on a Mission**

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

When it comes to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, who's leading the way? God wants all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. We need to understand that mission work is first and foremost, God's work and he is ultimately in charge.

**January 12**

**Mission Mindset Change**

**Matthew 4:18-25**

Pastor Greg Finke writes: “If I go *for* Jesus, I am doing the work and seeking the results of what I can accomplish. When I go *with* Jesus, he is doing the work and I am seeing the results of what Jesus can accomplish through me. One is hard, the other is fun. One is exhausting, the other is energizing. One causes me to worry (“Did I do everything correctly?”), the other causes me to be at peace (“Let’s see what Jesus does next.”). One tempts me to force things with people, the other invites me to keep loving people” (p. 30).

**January 19**

**Seeking What Is Already Happening**

**John 1:29–42a**

Where are mercy and grace needed? Having joy in being curious about others and their lives is key. When we get to know others better, we have opportunities to show love, joy, truth, and patience during times of need – using the gifts of the mercy and grace God has given us. We make God's compassion tangible as Jesus works through us to deliver his gifts.

**January 26**

**A Mission Trip to Our Own Neighborhood**

**Matthew 5:13–20**

A lot of what it takes to be an everyday missionary is just being near to people, listening, developing friendships, and making open spaces of time a priority so there is room in your life to build relationships. Ask yourself, “Who are these people that God has put in my life? What is Jesus already up to in their lives? How can I join in?”

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY**

Are you ready to explore the Christmas promise of a Savior? A Savior planned for you before time began? *Following the Promise* class happens Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 pm, **January 7** – March 24. For longtime Christians or people just curious to know more, this class is for you! Express interest on the back of the Connection Card.

## **MINISTERING TO MILLENIALS: THE NEW GRACE ROOM SERIES**

Join our St. Paul's pastors, 9:15-10:15 am the Sundays of January, as they lead discussion based on a video series produced by our church body to explore what we can do to retain and gain members of this generation. The discussion will also help you in your personal witness ministry.

## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

If you are a cancer survivor, are currently battling cancer, or have friends or family members fighting the fight and would like to join a support group, or would like to speak to someone for support, please contact Karen Schram at (414) 529-5544 or Judy Schmidt at [gjschmidt@wi.rr.com](mailto:gjschmidt@wi.rr.com).

## **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Paul's Alzheimer's Support Group for care partners meets to provide comfort and resources for care partners. This support group is sanctioned by the Alzheimer's Association and meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the church library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The next meeting is January 21. For more information contact David Timm at (262) 787-5955 or Andy Timm at (414) 254-3548.

## **ST. PAUL'S CLEAN TEAM STAFF OPENING**

A position on our clean team is open. This is a paid position with 4-8 hours on weeknights and some occasional fill-in hours on weekends. Responsibilities include cleaning of school, church, and fill-in at the child care facilities to create an optimal environment for student learning and worship. Contact Church Administrator Randy Fink at [rfink@stpmuskego.org](mailto:rfink@stpmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 120, to apply.

## **LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP RETURNS FEBRUARY 5**

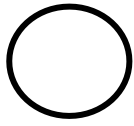
The Ladies Afternoon Fellowship will not meet in January. Please join in fellowship at the next meeting on February 5.

## **MOMMY & ME RETURNS JANUARY 8**

*Mommy & Me* is a social, spiritual, and service-oriented ministry for moms and young children—infant through age five. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00 in the Faith Room. Former St. Paul's School Teacher Samantha Lindner serves as the group's facilitator. For more information, contact Sam at (989) 284-2854.

## **STONEY CREEK THEATER OUTINGS**

Are you looking for a winter bus trip outing? Consider joining the group from Stoney Creek on February 27 to see the *Golden Dragons* at the Schauer Theater or to the Drury Theater to see *An American in Paris* on March 26. Call Activities Director Anita at (414) 422-4686 to sign up.



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. **“Do You See What I See?”** was the theme for St. Paul’s Christmas season. Where have your eyes of faith seen **the hand of God** at work in your life this week? What have been his challenges? Where have you found his comfort?
2. The Western Church observes **The Feast of the Holy Innocents** every year on December 28<sup>th</sup>, remembering the slaughter of the young boys of Bethlehem at the hands of King Herod. Why does the Church recognize this event? What thoughts did Pastor Strobel bring out about “the child fleeing in the night” to help us in the spiritual “processing” of this sobering event? Refer to **Hebrews 2:17** as a “key” to the event.
3. **Sunday’s “Sermon Notes”** challenged each listener with a look at **Matthew 8:23-27**. Take on the challenge as a group: *Jesus Calms the Storm* is a verse-by-verse training guide to facing the storms of this life. Identify the “life lesson from the Savior” found in each verse to prepare you for what might be coming in your life.

23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples **followed** him. 24 Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus **was sleeping**. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, **“Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”**

26 He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and **it was completely calm**.

27 The men were **amazed** and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

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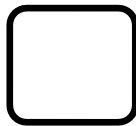
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4. **Read Luke 13:1-9**. The NIV editors selected the section heading of **Repent or Perish. God’s Justice and His Patience** would also be a fitting heading. Either way, what is the primary message for all of us when bad things happen in this world?
5. **Close with a prayer** of thanksgiving for all God’s blessings, for trust in God’s work in the details of our lives, and for strength to hang on when the going is tough.



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE...?

Matthew 2:13-23

*Has the “glow” of Christmas begun to fade?*

### 1. Where is the Good News in Everyday Life?

Evil always seems to be winning. Even “Team Jesus” was on the \_\_\_\_\_!

### 2. Where is the Good News as God “Checks His Boxes?”

We have a Savior for eternity. But what about the \_\_\_\_\_?!

### 3. Where is God When You Need Him?

Our God is in the details. So, in love he sent his \_\_\_\_\_.

*“We have a beautiful Savior!”*

**...WE HAVE A MERCIFUL SAVIOR!**

### Next Steps

- **Read Psalm 111.** In a world that exists under the shadow of evil, is this psalm just a “nice thought” for the Christian? “Wishful thinking”? How is verse 10 the “key” to unlocking the psalmist’s joy?
- **Revisit Job 19:25-27.** These verses frame a favorite Easter hymn, *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*. We sing it a lot for funerals. Read the context, Job 19:1-24. How were Job’s words actually a personal confession of Jesus as his “every day Savior”?
- **Anticipate and Prepare.** Matthew 8:23-27. *Jesus Calms the Storm* is a verse-by-verse training guide to face the storms of this life. Phone a friend and ask them to work with you in identifying the “life lesson from the Savior” found in each verse.