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JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

MISSION MINDSET CHANGE

January 11, 12, and 15, 2020

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 353

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

Confession of Sins

- M Sisters and brothers in Christ, at one time we were alienated from God because of our evil behavior.
- C **But God made a way for us to be at peace with him. He sent his eternal Son into this world to live and die for us.**
- M In Christ we are holy in God's sight, without blemish and free from accusation. Since we know this is true, we can approach the throne of God with humble hearts and confess our sins to him, knowing that he will forgive us for Jesus' sake. We confess:
- 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 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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE 90, v. 1, 2, 5

The People that in Darkness Sat

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shone on them who long
In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

To us a child of hope is born,
To us a son is giv'n,
And on his shoulders ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us yours alone,
For you are with the Father and
The Spirit ever one, The Spirit ever one.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority.

C **Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearts, and proclaim liberty to the captive.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4, Bible page 687

Though we so easily find ourselves walking in darkness, God has opened our eyes to see the light of his love and grace in Christ.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Bible page 1142

God chooses to do his work through the foolish, the weak, and the lowly of this world.

HYMN OF THE DAY 85

O God from God, O Light from Light

SERMON

Matthew 4:12-25, Bible page 968

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

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. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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 HYMN 770

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 roads they'd nev - er trod To
 mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The
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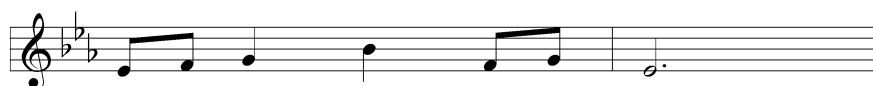
us to hear your call To
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risk se - cur - i - ty And,
 your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
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 trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our



per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREACHER *Pastor Peter Panitzke*

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

TODAY'S MUSIC (*Sunday*) **Brother James' Air**, by *James Leith Macbeth Bain*

Ode to Joy, by *Ludwig van Beethoven*

Quartet in G, by *Georg Philipp Telemann*

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

Continue the journey 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.



January 19

Seeing 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?"

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. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. We invite you to register for this class on the back of your Connection Card or by contacting Pastor Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

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. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the left center section are 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 January 13, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Strings Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
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
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors—OWLS (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	6:30 pm	Volleyball League (Trinity Gym)
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
	7:00 pm	High School Boy Basketball League (Trinity Gym)
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Card Players' Group—Players' Choice (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Kid's Club
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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

Gary Ives is at the VA Hospital. Jan Kuske is rehabbing at Linden Grove New Berlin. Roman Rynders has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

984 were in attendance at last week's 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. Our ushers will be happy to direct you if needed.

GET INTO THE WORD IN 2020

If you are interested in a new Bible reading plan for 2020, there are copies of a reading plan available at the Welcome Center that will take you through the entire Bible in one year. Pastor Pete Panitzke reads the same Bible readings for his own spiritual growth each day as well. If you have any questions about what you read for the day you are encouraged to contact him at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

As our church family is *Joining Jesus on his Mission*, can you help St. Paul's reach out to our community to share the love of Jesus? Can St. Paul's help you reach out into your personal community to share the love of Jesus with your "people"? The next *Following the Promise* class begins February 11 at 7:00 pm and will run for 12 weeks. We will probably have the class in the Faith Room, but we may take it offsite in an effort to go with Jesus into our community. Please text Pastor Nate at 414.426.8236 or mark the back of your Connection Card to let us know of your interest to assist in taking Jesus to our world. Thanks, friends!

MINISTERING TO MILLENNIALS: THE 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.

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOB

The "patience of Job" is proverbial, but a closer look at Job's story shows he was not always patient. The book of Job does not provide easy, bumper-sticker answers to the questions of suffering for believers. Instead, readers grow in understanding God's ways as they go along with Job through his struggles. Join Rev. Dr. Mark Braun of Wisconsin Lutheran College for this Grace Room Bible study series, February 2-March 1, 9:15 am.

THE NEW LOOK OF FORWARD IN CHRIST

Pick up a free copy of *Forward in Christ* at the Welcome Center while supplies last. Enjoy the new look and consider subscribing to receive a copy each month. For more information go to forwardinchrist.net.

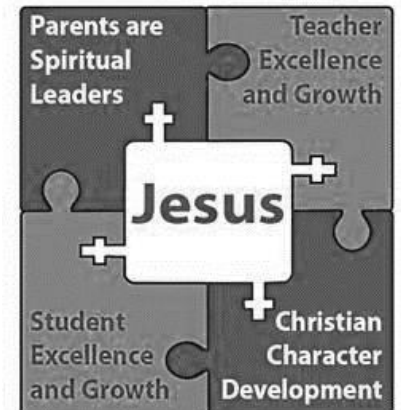
ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun for our 3K through grade 8 Lutheran school.

St. Paul's participates in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs. Income eligibility is listed below. Our congregation also provides over \$600,000 in tuition assistance each year. Don't let financial concerns keep you from exploring this opportunity to help your child grow in faith.

Schedule a tour with our Principal Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org as soon as possible or attend the open house on January 26.



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—JANUARY 26

It's just two weeks until our **Pre-K through 8th Grade School Open House** on Sunday, January 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm! Meet our teachers, visit the classrooms, and learn about our school. If you are not able to attend the open house, you can always contact Principal Seth Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, to set up a one-on-one visit.

SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION

If you or someone you know might qualify for the Milwaukee or Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs, please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons for more information at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. We would love to have your family take a tour of our school! (The 2020-21 income limits for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) will be published later this month, below are 2019-20 limits.)

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$45,716	\$52,716
4	\$55,220	\$62,220
5	\$64,724	\$71,724
6	\$74,228	\$81,228
***Add \$9,504 for each additional family member		

Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$62,340	\$69,340
4	\$75,300	\$82,300
5	\$88,260	\$95,260
6	\$101,220	\$108,220
***Add \$12,960 for each additional family member		

FIFTH GRADE TEACHER CALL

With the notification that Mr. Paul Kanzenbach declined the call to teach 5th grade in our Lutheran school, the School Ministry Action Team, together with the Ministry Board, will extend another call for a fifth grade teacher on January 16.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

SHOP CLASS – VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Our Lutheran school will be offering a few short-length, once-a-week, shop class electives beginning fall of 2020 for our middle school students. Principal Fitzsimmons is looking for volunteers to assist the lead instructor. Ideal candidates may be retirees with skills in basic tools, woodworking, small engine repair, or any of the trades. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact Principal Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or indicate interest on your Connection Card.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR CHILD CARE CENTER LUNCH PREP

A few volunteers are needed on an emergency basis to help make lunches for the children at our Child Care Center. Hours needed are 11:00 am - 12:15 pm. Your volunteer assistance would be requested if one of the regularly scheduled volunteers is ill or can't make it for the day. Please contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is hiring a Teacher's Aide/Closer in the Infant Room, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, for a job description and to apply.

ST. PAUL'S CLEAN TEAM STAFF OPENING

Help create an optimal environment for student learning and worship. Apply to be on St. Paul's Clean Team. This paid position involves 4-8 hours on weeknights with some occasional fill-in hours on weekends. Responsibilities include cleaning the school, church, and fill-in cleaning at the child care center. Contact Church Administrator Randy Fink at rfink@stpmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 120, to apply.

PROVIDE A SOUP SUPPER BETWEEN LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday soup suppers will be back for Lent. Volunteers are needed to provide a warm meal the Wednesdays of March 4 – April 1, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. A free will offering is gathered at the soup supper to help defray the cost of the food and to support the ministry of the hosting group. Contact Tammy Miller at 414.422.0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org to volunteer or ask questions.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ORGANIZATION OF WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SENIORS MEETS TUESDAY

Seniors 55 and older, join the OWLS in the Grace Room on Tuesday, January 14, at 12:00 pm. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy soul time with music by Kathie Albrect. For more information contact OWLS Director Char Pingel at (262) 490-2579.

CARD PLAYERS' GROUP—PLAYERS' CHOICE THIS THURSDAY

This card players' choice. Both evenings begin at 7:00 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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a cancer survivor, are currently battling cancer, or have friends or family members fighting the fight, consider attending the next St. Paul's Cancer Support Group on Sunday, January 12, at 10:30 am in the church library. Please contact Karen Schram at (414) 529-5544 or Judy Schmidt at gjschmidt@wi.rr.com for more information on other opportunities for support as well.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS HERE TO HELP

The beginning of the year is a good time to start on a Bible reading plan. When questions crop up, you might find NPH's Bible Discovery books helpful. Now on display in your library, some of the topics covered include:

- Understanding Scripture with the approach of letting Scripture interpret Scripture.
- A basic understanding of how God communicates through pictures, symbols, and parables.
- Time between the testaments.
- Learning how God's guidance of world events in the OT correlates with his plan of redemption.
- Answers to questions about the Bible, based on findings of the science of archaeology.

SEARCH OUR CHURCH LIBRARY ELECTRONICALLY

Searching through our church library's 3,500 resources can now be done electronically. The old card catalog has been replaced with a computerized database. Simple directions are available in the library. Finding what we have available for your needs is now as easy as clicking a mouse. Check it out!

MINISTRY PARTNER NEWS

GARDEN HOMES LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTER SAYS THANK YOU!

The students and staff at the Lighthouse Youth Center in Milwaukee say a big thank you for your recent gifts of much needed supplies. You are a great blessing to this ministry! Thank you for your generosity!



2020 YOUTH RALLY

St. Paul's teens, now is the time to make plans to attend the 2020 WELS Youth Rally! It's happening June 23-26 in Knoxville, Tennessee. For more information about gathering a group together to attend, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH LUTHERANS FOR LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR

As you consider your future and what you may resolve to change in your life, think about what you can do to help save a life. You can make a difference by volunteering at Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical clinic in Milwaukee for the next year. There are a number of areas to help. Call Rachel at 414-727-8176 or e-mail Contact@ALife2.com for more information.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY JANUARY SPOTLIGHT

Each month the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society highlights a missionary they support. January takes a look at Mark Rieke, former friendly counselor to South Asia. Mark is a classmate of Pastors Kuehl and Panitzke. When he was on the mission field, he watched our online messages for his own family worship. His ministry in India came to an end because the government would not renew his visa. As Mark looks back on his ministry he does so with 3 points in mind.

1) The caste system really hinders the spread of the gospel.

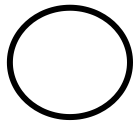
It's rare for a Hindu of any caste to speak to a Christian. It's practically unheard of for an upper caste individual to do so. God's Word, of course, can accomplish great things. But it faces an enormous challenge among well over a billion people who live in South Asia. Something to keep praying about.

2) It isn't easy to train a pastor in another culture.

When you think of training a pastor, you first think of some sort of school where students study the Bible and its teachings; where they learn ways to share those teachings with others through sermons, classes, and conversations. Certainly, that is the foundation of a pastoral training program. But in our church body, future pastors also benefit greatly from having a host of role models; other, often older, pastors who know how to touch people's hearts with a sermon, men who display the love of Christ in word and action. But such role models often aren't available in many of our mission fields. In classes you can describe practical situations and ask students, "What would you do?" But it's not the same. Something more to pray about.

3) The Lutheran liturgy is really, really important.

In our world mission fields, many congregations are served by dedicated laymen, because a dedicated pastor is not always available. Using a simplified Lutheran liturgy, translated into the local language, I can be sure that each and every Sunday the Christians at that congregation are confessing their sins and receiving God's forgiveness. I can be certain that the gospel is being preached in truth and purity.

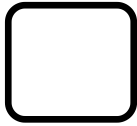


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Open by sharing the highs and lows of this past week and then pray Father Mychal Judge's prayer on the top of the message outline.
2. The Apostle Paul refers to a "Mission Mindset Change" in 2 Corinthians 5. "From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view." Read 2 Corinthians 5, asking God to work that same mindset change in our hearts.
 - a. What words or phrases from this chapter are most significant to you? Discuss them as a group.
 - b. What does it mean to you to "regard no one from a worldly point of view?"
 - c. "Christ's love compels us." Imagine talking with a pre-Christian. How would you explain to that individual that you are compelled by Christ's love?
 - d. Describe the "ministry of reconciliation" that Christ has given to us.
 - e. What observations or applications from this chapter help you in your role as an "everyday missionary"?
3. Close by breaking into small groups to pray for each other. Include both your personal prayer requests and a prayer request for someone in your area of influence that does not know Jesus or about whose faith you are uncertain or concerned.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Joining Jesus on His Mission:

Mission Mindset Change

Matthew 4:12-25, Bible page 968

“Lord, take me where you want me to go;

Let me meet who you want me to meet;

Tell me what you want me to say;

And keep me out of your way. Amen.”

(The daily prayer of Father Mychal Judge, NYFD chaplain,
killed in the 9/11 attacks at the World Trade Center)

1. Move Toward the Darkness (4:12-17)

- a. The river has moved!
- b. How must I move to bridge into the darkness?



2. Stop Stalling (4:18-22)

- a. Excuses (Matthew 8:18-22)
- b. “Unschooling, ordinary men” (Acts 4:13)

3. Bring Healing (4:23-25)

- a. Jesus’ power to heal
- b. Our power to heal

- _____
- _____
- _____

- c. This healing power will not go unnoticed.

My Next Steps to Join Jesus on His Mission

- **A Call to Mission:** Make a list of people in your neighborhood (people you interact with regularly) who appear to be “walking in darkness,” without Jesus in their lives.
- **A Call to Pray:** Pray Ephesians 3:14-21 each day this week for someone in your “neighborhood.”