

#WHATJESUSSAID - ON TRUTH AND LOVE
It's Not the Healthy Who Need a Doctor, but the Sick
 February 18, 19, and 22, 2017

When speaking with individuals about spiritual issues, we take into account where the individual is spiritually. Jesus invited people to come as they were. Then he changed them from the inside out.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 304, vv. 1-4

Jesus Sinner Does Receive

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

C **Amen.**

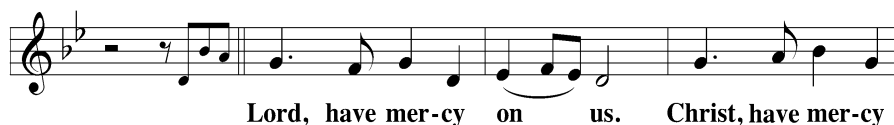
M Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus ministered to the needs of his people both in word and in deed.

C **He came to help people who truly needed help. We truly need his help.**

M Jesus brings us help and healing. We have benefited from his compassion and love in the most incredible ways. It seems that it would be so natural for people who have experienced the greatness of God's love to share that love at all times. Yet the darkness of sin lives on inside of us. Aware of our great failings and deeply sorry for them, let us approach God's throne of grace and confess our sins to him.

C **Father in heaven, your Son brought us the help and healing we need the most. He never fails us. Yet we confess that we often fall short when it comes to imitating his love and compassion. We think more of our own comfort and convenience than we do of helping the sick and needy. Father, forgive us for failing to respond to the call and the challenge of our Lord Jesus.**

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

HYMN 304, vv. 5, 6

Jesus Sinner Does Receive

**I, a sinner, come to you
With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Oh, how blest is it to know,
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe
Jesus sinners does receive.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom to anyone and everyone who would listen.

C **It was his kindness, compassion and love that caught the attention of so many people.**

M Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, Lord,

C **that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captives.**

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

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 4:2-6, Bible page 1185

Paul encourages us to be wise as we speak to those who do not know Christ. We are to season our conversations with salt so that others will be filled with a thirst to hear more about Jesus.

ANTHEM (Sunday 9:15 am)

Come As You Are, Lutheran Elementary School Grades 4 and 5

PSALM OF THE DAY (Saturday, Sunday 7:45 am, Wednesday)

Psalm 73, Hymnal page 94

It is our confidence in God's saving love that compels us to share his love with all people.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:13-21, Bible page 1231

In this world we are like Jesus, sharing his love with everyone around us.

HYMN OF THE DAY 525

The Son of God, Our Christ

SERMON

Matthew 9:9-13, Bible page 973

Pastor David Kuehl

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

One Life Touches Another, Joel Nelson
Of the Father's Love Begotten, Brass Ensemble
arr. Todd Marschand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M We pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M We pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M We pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful, even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

WELS CONNECTION *The blessings in the WELS in 2016*

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Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 20, 2017

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE		Voting on Campus for Local Elections
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Circuit Meeting at Christ, Big Bend
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
WED	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community)
	7:00 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	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 with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Night (Trinity Café and Gym)
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:15 pm	Teens Under God (Muskego Urban Gathering Place)

Multimedia Ministry



- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the *Time of Grace* office at (800) 661-3311.
 - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
 - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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 every Sunday 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 to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

FUNERALS

Karen Guhr, born August 9, 1972, entered eternal life in heaven on February 13, 2017, and received a Christian funeral on February 16, 2017. Georgette Meyer, born August 14, 1921, also entered eternal life in heaven on February 13, 2017, and received a Christian funeral on February 16, 2017. Please keep Karen and Georgette's loved ones in your prayers and rejoice with them that they are eternally home.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Ruth Kurth at Brenwood Park, and Donald Storm at Kathy's House in West Bend. Dorothy Hahn is rehabbing at Dycora Transitional Health, Richard Kamnetz at Tudor Oaks, and Norman Miller at Mukwonago Linden Grove. Will Gaertner, Kerri Dibb and baby Maxton, and Tom O'Laughlin have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Monica Gawlik, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Merle Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 4, 5, and 8: 1116 February 11, 12 and 15: 1063

DIVINE CALLS

Mrs. Sara Goelz has accepted the divine call to serve as first grade teacher half-time (afternoons) in our Lutheran Elementary School for the 2017/2018 school year. Please keep Mr. Randy Fink in your prayers as he prayerfully deliberates the divine call extended to him by the Ministry Board to serve as our church administrator. More information about these calls is in *The Messenger*, available at the Welcome Center.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Our annual congregational chicken dinner is Sunday, February 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Centennial Gym. Enjoy camaraderie and a great meal together as a St. Paul's family.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND



Spend your weekend learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy, and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. Healthy Marriage will be held March 17-19 in Zion, Illinois. For more information and to register go to wels.net/adult-discipleship. Also, like the WELS Marriage Enrichment Facebook page by searching "WELS Marriage" when in Facebook.

THE POINT OF GRACE – MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Point of Grace meets Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm at Wisconsin Lutheran College Warrior Underground. For more information go to www.tpog.net.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

Do you have questions about your faith? Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's? Following the Promise is a Bible introduction study of the truths of Christianity and prepares an individual for membership at St. Paul's and is a great place to have your questions answered! Pastor Pete Panitzke leads the class on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Register by contacting him at (414) 350-1436 or ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Our congregation gives us a wide variety of opportunities to help us accomplish the great commission. However, we at times may feel that we are not qualified or able to carry out this mission of the church. Join St. Paul's member and former pastor, Dan Kolosovsky, to see how God the Holy Spirit has equipped us with many spiritual gifts so that each of us can successfully preach the gospel in a seemingly endless variety of God-pleasing ways. Join the study Sundays through April 9 at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS BEGINS

The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home

This Parents Club, DVD-based study, led by Randy Fink, Director of Operations at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, and his wife, Lori, will empower you and your family with confidence and practical, biblical, stress-saving skills as you take the off-ramp to sanity, peace, and family harmony. Join us in the school Computer Lab on Sundays at 9:15 am through March 26.

MARCH 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection during the six weeks leading up to Easter. Join us for our midweek Lenten services at 3:30 and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for our message series *Hidden Glory*. Jesus' glory is often a hidden glory – hidden in his lowly life, hidden in his severe suffering, hidden in his dark death. During the Wednesdays of Lent we will be led to marvel at how Jesus revealed his glory as he carried our sin to the cross for our full and forever salvation.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Our soup suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, each week from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. The Wednesdays of March 8, 29, and April 5 are still available to host. This is a great opportunity for groups and/or organizations to gain exposure and at the same time serve fellow Christians. A free will offering is gathered to help defray the cost of the food and/or a benefit of your choosing. Please contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

WALKING WINTER AWAY

Like to walk, but don't like the ice, snow, and cold? Join St. Paul's Walking Club on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 10:00 am in the Trinity Gym and Cafe. Exercise, coffee, and great conversations abound! Just show up.

TESS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION – OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, February 27, the Tess Corners Fire Department will be using our Trinity Gym for a group photo. We'd like to show our appreciation to these men and women who serve our community by providing goody bags with homemade cookies. If you would like to provide cookies or help assemble the goody bags, contact Sally Wallner at (414) 218-1597 or swallner@stpaulmuskego.org.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THRIVENT MEMBERS – CHOICE DOLLARS

"Generous, meaningful living" is one of St. Paul's core values. Thrivent members exhibited that value last fiscal year by directing over \$10,000 in Thrivent Choice funds to St. Paul's ministries. Thank you! Now is the time to direct your 2016 Thrivent Choice dollars to the ministry you would like to support. When designating your Choice Dollars you will be given four options to support St. Paul's:

- **St. Paul's Church** - all Choice Dollars directed toward St. Paul's church are used to reduce our mortgage.
- **St. Paul's Elementary School** - all Choice Dollars directed to our tuition assistance fund to make our school affordable for all families.
- **St. Paul's Pre-K** - all Choice Dollars directed to our Pre-K tuition assistance fund.
- **St. Paul's SOEL** - all Choice Dollars are placed into SOEL's Wish List Fund for new equipment.

Please visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or pick up a Thrivent Choice Dollars information card at the Welcome Center for directions on the process for designating your Choice Dollars.

EASTER CAMP IN GRENADA

Have you been thinking about the possibility of a mission trip in your future? Here is your opportunity! Our ministry partner, Grace Lutheran Church in Grenada, is hosting an *Easter For Kids* camp that will occur in connection with a community swim event April 18-22. Grace hopes to reach more than 100 children with the saving message of Christ's resurrection through direct Bible instruction during the camp. In addition to the daily *Easter For Kids* camp, volunteers will also help with the community swimming lesson activities, which address a critical secondary need. Many national Grenadians, children and adults, cannot swim (estimated at over 90%) resulting in unfortunate drownings.

St. Paul's members Kristin Miller, Jessica Vanderhyde, and Linda Ebeling served last year and all found this to be an awesome opportunity. Jessica Vanderhyde would be happy to tell you more about the experience as well and can be reached at igierach@stpaulmuskego.org. For more information go to www.kingdomworkers.com/grenadaeaster.php.

TEENS UNDER GOD

On Sunday, February 26, TUG will be working on a project to support our church body's prison ministry program from 6:15-9:00 pm at the MUG. The WELS Prison Ministry program is devoted to bringing Christ to inmates across the country. TUG will be spending the evening correcting and grading Bible instruction tests taken by inmates. Be a great witness as you help guide inmates on their path to Christ, providing a word or two of encouragement to keep their eyes focused on Him who has freed them from an eternal prison! Come join in on the experience!

TUITION ASSISTANCE

We continue to have families in need of financial assistance to provide their children with a Christian education at St. Paul's Elementary School or a WELS high school. Contributions can be made via the blue offering envelope provided in your envelope packet, our church's website at www.stpaulmuskego.org, or by using the QR code.



LORD, USE SCHOOL CHOICE TO OPEN DOORS!

Families in Milwaukee who earn 300% or less of poverty and families outside of Milwaukee who earn 185% or less of poverty qualify to participate in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs. Income guidelines are available at the Welcome Center. If you are married, add \$7000 to the amounts shown (for example, in Wisconsin, a family of four is eligible if they earn \$51,955 or less). If you are a single parent, only one parent's income needs to be less than income limit for your child to qualify. For more information, contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



**Saturday, February 25, 6:30-9:00 pm.
Trinity Gym and Café.**

If you are one of the hundreds of teen and adult volunteers that have assisted in any of St. Paul's on- or off-campus ministries or outreach activities, in any capacity and length of time, **YOU ARE INVITED** (along with your spouse/another guest whether or not he/she is also a volunteer).

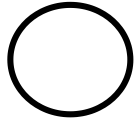
- Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres
- Soft and not-so-soft beverages
- Delicious desserts
- Door prizes
- Special thank-you presentation by the called and hired staff
- Performance by **COMEDY SPORTZ**



Please come, relax, have a great time, and walk away feeling truly appreciated by St. Paul's for all you have done to help our ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: Children not allowed! 😊





GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

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

We Need the Great Physician!

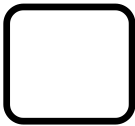
- 1) We just celebrated Valentine's Day. Of it, someone once said, "What I find most disturbing about Valentine's Day is that you have this holiday of love during the height of flu season. It makes absolutely no sense!"
 - How does the flu season usually impact you?
 - What precautions do you take to address the danger?
 - How do social interactions change at this time of year?

- 2) Read Matthew 9:9-13. Consider the social interactions in this account.
 - Where was there...Danger? Daring? Duplicity? Discipling (disciple-ing)?
 - In how many ways was sickness present?
 - What prescription(s) does Dr. Jesus issue?

- 3) In this lesson, we see how an interaction with Jesus changes lives and brings healing.
 - As a perhaps more spiritually healthy, longer-time-church-goer, tell of a time when you were guilty of a superior attitude toward the sick-sinners you encounter?
 - How are the truths of Matthew 5:20, Matthew 9:12-13, and Galatians 5:4 good medicine for this ailment?
 - As someone who also personally experiences the nausea and pain of sin, share a time when Jesus brought healing to you?
 - How are the truths of 2 Kings 20:5, 2 Samuel 12:13b, and Isaiah 53:4-5 a real remedy?

- 4) As you reflect on the condition of our world today, the people that populate it, and the spiritual medicine needed to bring healing, how do each of these passages apply to your walk in this world?
 - It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
 - I desire mercy not sacrifice.

PRAY The Great Physician now is near. The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer, Oh, hear the voice of Jesus!
Sweetest note in seraph song; Sweetest name on mortal tongue;
Sweetest carol ever sung: Jesus, blessed Jesus! (*William Hunter*)



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

#WhatJesusSaid on Truth and Love
“It’s Not the Healthy Who Need a Doctor, but the Sick”

Maybe It’s Better to be Sick

Matthew 9:9-13 (Bible page 973)

Introduction: Without a proper understanding, it’s possible to be confused by Jesus, even turned off to him.

1. A surprising choice
 - a. The disciples and Matthew had their d_____ as to Jesus’ invitation.
 - b. One meeting with Jesus can c_____ a person’s life.
 - A demon-possessed man living among the tombs
 - Zacchaeus in the sycamore-fig tree
 - Matthew
 - c. The P_____ are surprised (unhappy) with Jesus’ choice: “Why does your teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?” (v. 11)
 - d. Jesus knows their t_____ and directs them back to the Old Testament Scriptures: “I desire mercy, not sacrifice” (Hosea 6:6).
 - e. In this way they’d learn who the s_____ and h_____ really are.
2. Health and sickness
 - a. The P_____ are healthy and the s_____ are sick.
 - b. Yet Jesus c_____ the righteous and s_____ with the sinners.
 - c. The Pharisees were p_____ leaders and m_____ men.
 - d. Not in their keeping of the law but for their l_____ of l_____ Jesus condemns the Pharisees.
 - e. We need to r_____, for how often have we failed to show mercy?
3. The call to healing
 - a. Throughout the Gospels Jesus claims to be the G_____ P_____: “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (v. 13).
 - b. “This is what the LORD your God says, ‘I have heard your prayers and seen your tears; I will heal you’” (2 Kings 20:5).
 - c. Our greatest sickness is that our natural sinfulness s_____ us from God (Isaiah 59:2).
 - d. The harder we try on our own to bridge the gap, the w_____ it becomes (Galatians 5:4).
 - e. That’s why Jesus is the G_____ P_____ and the S_____ S_____ (Isaiah 53:4, 5).
 - f. Jesus’ calling Matthew to discipleship and eating with him was a r_____ of God’s mercy and compassion.

Conclusion: Being healed by Jesus, let’s introduce others to Jesus and invite them to come along.

Next Steps

- **Memorize** 2 Samuel 12:13b – “The LORD has taken away your sin.”
- **Read** Matthew 10:32-39 to prepare for next week’s message *I Have Not Come to Bring Peace, but a Sword*.
- **Evaluate** where you have a difficult time showing mercy and compassion in your life and ask God to soften your heart.