

#WHATJESUSSAID – ON TRUTH AND LOVE

I DID NOT COME TO BRING PEACE, BUT A SWORD

February 25 and 26, 2017

The truth of Jesus will cause division. Our great challenge in the midst of the turmoil is to find the balance between truth and love. The more we speak the truth in love, the more we will need to take up the cross and follow our Savior.

PRESERVICE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Handbells
arr. by Cathy Moglebust

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 712

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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



M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, when Jesus displayed his majestic glory as the Son of God on the Mount of Transfiguration, the apostles were filled with fear and hid their faces from his holiness.

C **Today, if God were to reveal himself only in his majestic holiness, we too would have to hide our faces in shame and fear.**

M But God also shares a message of grace. Through the cross of Christ our sin is removed, and Jesus' holiness becomes ours. We do not need to hide from God. We can come before him in honesty. Let us, therefore, acknowledge the truth, confess our sin, and ask God to forgive us.

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 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.

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 96, vv. 1, 5

**Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun he glows!**

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

**O Father, with th' eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray you, bring us by your grace
To see your glory face to face.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Lord, God before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain.

C **As we live as your disciples here on earth, open our eyes to see by faith the light of Jesus' heavenly glory. Through that vision transform us into his likeness.**

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



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-5, Bible page 1231

Love for God means keeping his commands Love and truth go together like hand and glove.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

Mark 9:7b



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9, Bible page 983

The transfiguration of our Lord

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

I Need Thee Every Hour, *Maria Schultz*
Meditation on Beautiful Savior, *Handbells*
arr. by Cathy Moglebust

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

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 7.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 97
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**Down from the Mount of Glory
How Good, Lord, to Be Here**

CLOSING PRAYER

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



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless 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

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

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. Contact Pastor Peter Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

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 right 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.



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 27, 2017

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	12:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Ladies Afternoon Fellowship (Grace Room) Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion Soup Supper hosted by the Cancer Support Group Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS		No Lutheran Elementary School – Staff Inservice
	6:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Faith Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI		No Lutheran Elementary School – Staff Inservice
SAT	8:00 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Premarital Enrichment (Faith Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

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

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. Richard Kamnetz is rehabbing at Tudor Oaks and Norman Miller at Mukwonago Linden Court. Marilyn Miller has transferred to New Berlin Linden Grove. Brittany Michaels is at Froedtert and Dorothy Wardin is at St. Luke's. Amanda Frelka – Burch and baby Lucille Jo-Lynn and Dorothy Hahn have returned home.

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

1155 attended last week's worship services.

MR. RANDY FINK HAS ACCEPTED CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR DIVINE CALL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's,

Back on January 26th, I received a divine call to serve in a staff minister role as the first church administrator of our congregation. Thank you so much for your prayers and your personal encouragement. A special thank-you to the many individuals who invested large amounts of time to discuss this position with me to help me discern how I might best serve with the talents and skills that God has given me.

I feel I have carefully weighed the needs of the ministries at Wisconsin Lutheran High School with the needs of the ministries at St. Paul's. Most importantly, I have asked the Holy Spirit to guide me as to where He might want to use me right now to serve Him in Christ's Church at large. I feel that the Holy Spirit has led me to accept the call to serve at St. Paul's.

It will be such a privilege to be a part of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with you as we work together to carry out the vision of; "By every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ." I am excited and anxious to start this new role on July 1st. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I transition out of my present ministry and start my new role with you.

Your brother in Christ,

Randel R. Fink

MARCH 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday. This 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.

Our message series for our Wednesday Lenten services is *Hidden Glory*. Jesus' glory is often a hidden glory – hidden in his lowly life, hidden in his severe suffering, hidden in his dark death. 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. At the Ash Wednesday service there will be an opportunity for the traditional imposition of ashes on the forehead or hand as a reminder of our sinfulness, mortality, and need for repentance.

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. Wednesday March 8 is the one soup supper left to host. A free will offering is gathered to help defray the cost of the food and/or a benefit of your choosing. If you or your organization or small group is interested in hosting, please contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

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 the largest program of its kind in the country. It 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.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – TIME TO ENROLL

If you or someone you know would like to visit our Lutheran school, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. He would love to give you a tour. You may also enroll directly at www.stpmuskego.org by clicking on TADS in the left menu column.

Our Lutheran elementary school will also be participating in School Choice for the 2017-2018 school year. 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. Generous tuition assistance packages are also available apart from School Choice. We don't want the cost of tuition to keep your children from the wonderful Christian education at our school.

CHURCH DINNER BRINGS THE ST. PAUL'S FAMILY TOGETHER

The St. Paul's February 19th chicken dinner was a wonderful event! 686 people were served. 75 volunteers worked. 166 food items were donated. 40 cases of chickens were fried. 300 pounds of potatoes were peeled and mashed. 20 gallons of coleslaw were made. 60 desserts were made by members. \$3,927.72 in monetary donations were given, as well as starter funds through Thrivent Financial. Long-time, new, and prospective members enjoyed each other's company. God is good! And the food was great! St. Paul's thanks all those who make it possible for the continued success of this annual chicken dinner.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

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 or by marking the back of your Connection Card.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

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 May 7 at 9:15 am.

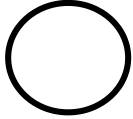
THE HURRIED FAMILY: HELP FOR THE HURRIED HOME

This Parents Club, DVD-based study gives practical, biblical, stress-saving tips to take you on 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.

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 Thrivent Choice dollars to the ministry you would like to support. 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.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

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

FIGHTING FOR PEACE AND FINDING PURPOSE

1. American author, motivational speaker, and special education professor, Leo Buscaglia, once wrote, "Change is the end result of all true learning."
 - What do you think he meant?
 - What does "true learning" look like?
 - Give an example of some learning that caused you to make a real change.

2. Read Matthew 17:1-9. This week we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration. Change was a big part of this event.
 - How did Jesus change?
 - How was change evident in Peter, James, and John?
 - What "true learning" happened on the mountain that made it a good-for-us-to-be-here experience?

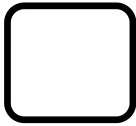
3. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18. How did the Transfiguration story bring comfort and courage to the disciples when they might have been tempted to give up on Jesus?

4. Read Matthew 10:32-39.
 - Why did Jesus share these words with his followers then and now?
 - How do these words demonstrate that following Jesus is not going to be easy?
 - How do these words demonstrate that following Jesus is not going to be pointless?

5. Share a time when...
 - Your battling for Jesus brought some disturbance of the peace.
 - In the midst of the battle you felt it was good for you to be there with Jesus.
 - After it was all said and done, you felt fulfillment in serving God and others.

6. Why is the season of Lent an "It's good Lord to be here!" time for you?

PRAY 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified, And our redemption see.
'Tis good, Lord, to be here, yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain. (TLH 135)



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

#WhatJesusSaid:

“I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

Matthew 10:32-39, page 975

1. It is good for us to be here where we find our peace in Jesus.

- Here we see Jesus’ glory.
- Here we see our glory.

**Am I a soldier of the cross,
A foll’wer of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His Name?**

**Must I be carried to the skies
On flow’ry beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?**

2. It is good for us to be here where we find our sword for Christ.

- Here is the sword coming from friend and foe alike.
- Here is the sword to protect yourself and others.

**Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?**

**Sure I must fight if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord
I’ll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.**

3. It is good for us to be here where we find our life in Christ.

- Here is the purpose of our life.
- Here is the goal of our life.

**Thy saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
By faith’s discerning eye.**

**When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all Thy armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine.**

By Isaac Watts in *The Lutheran Hymnal* 445

My Next Steps

- “It is good for us to be here.” Wednesday Lenten services are the spiritual highpoint in our church year as we see Jesus’ glory in his deepest suffering... because he was suffering for us. Join us Wednesdays at 3:30 or 7 pm as we study the topic *Hidden Glory*.
- “It is good for us to be here.” The 40 days of Lent can also be a time for deeper personal reflection. We recommend Dr. Daniel Deutschlander’s book *The Theology of the Cross*, available at the Welcome Center for \$20. We will be studying this book in our Grace Room Bible study later this spring.