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# ME – FRIEND TO ALL? THE CALL TO UNCONDITIONAL LOVE February 9, 10, and 13, 2019

**PRESERVICE** (Sunday)

Wisconsin Lutheran High School Viking Steel

**BELLS AND WELCOME** 

HYMN 234, vv. 1-4

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** (Sunday) Accompanied by WLHS Viking Steel

- M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **Confession of Sins**

- M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Scriptures teach us that God knows that we are all alike.
- C All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one (*Psalm 14:3*).
- M But God also announces to us:
- C If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).
- M With confidence in this promise, let us confess our sins.
- C 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 The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Hymn 234, v. 5

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M The Lord be with you
- C And also with you.
- M Let us pray. Father God, we walk in your forgiveness and love every day.
- C You call us to offer that forgiveness and love to those around us.
- M Empower us in Christ to choose loving words and not condemning words, compassionate words, not critical words,
- C healing words, not hurting words.
- M We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



# The Word

# FIRST LESSON

**Deuteronomy 9:1-6,** Bible page 185 God gives the Israelites the land of Canaan, not because of their righteousness, but because of his grace.

# VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia! Alleluia! For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (*John 3:16*). Alleluia!

**1 Corinthians 13:1-8a,** Bible page 1152 *If we don't have love, we are nothing.* 

SECOND LESSON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

Speak O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the Light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us— Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

#### SERMON

Luke 10:25-37, Bible page 1040 Pastor Peter Panitzke

#### 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** (7:45 *am*) (9:15 *am*)

In Christ Alone, WLHS Viking Steel Here I Am, Lord, WLHS Viking Steel

#### **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.



M Lift up your hearts



M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

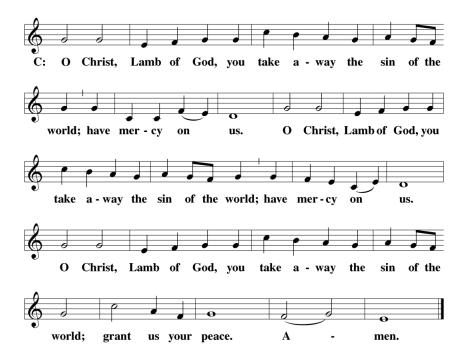


#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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O God of Mercy, God of Might I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

- M Lord Jesus Christ, at this table you came to us-
- C in body offered, in blood outpoured.
- M Nourish us with this holy food,
- C that our hearts may always beat as one with yours.
- M You are Lord forevermore.



### 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE** (Sunday) WLHS Viking Steel

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

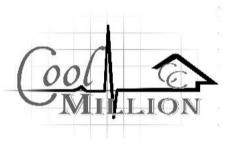
**ORGANIST** Susan Oakes



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.

# A COOL MILLION CC'D UPDATE

This summer, as a result of A Cool Million gifts, we will complete the installation of a new HVAC system in our school. Next Sunday as you walk into the Centennial Gym for our congregational dinner, we encourage you to CC - "see the ceiling" – to remind you of the next major improvement – the renovation of this gym. Our goal is to reach \$500,000, the half-way point, at the dinner. We are at \$462,000 in gifts! Just \$38,000 to go. At the chicken dinner, we will have a poster-sized check for all of us to sign, the



fifth of our \$10,000 tithe gifts to our mission partners. We will present this check to Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School in March.

Mark your special gift clearly "A Cool Million" or donate online at StPaulMuskego.org/give. Proceeds from the donations given at the congregational dinner will also support A Cool Million.

#### **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 with a new Sunday morning class beginning February 17. You may register for either session on the back of your Connection Card.

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.

JOIN US ONLINE!



- Watch Live: Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am @ www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook @ The Bridge at St. Paul's, and You Tube @ The Bridge Church Muskego.
- Sermon Videos and MP3s: An archive of sermons is available at www.stpaulmuskego.org as well as on each platform above.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 11, 2019

		Lutheran Schools Week
MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Message Discussion with Pastor Pete (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Pastoral Circuit Meeting at Reformation, Dousman
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	I 2:00 pm	OWLS Meeting (Org of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors) (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	DivorceCare Ministry (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
WED	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Message Discussion with Pastor Pete (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT		Chicken Dinner Preparations – see sign-up sheets
	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:30 am	Following the Promise Bible Study (School Classroom 8)
	<b>9</b> :15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	<b>9</b> :15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	<b>9:45</b> am	The Bridge Communion
	10:00 am	St. Paul's Annual Chicken Dinner (10:00-2:00 pm Centennial Gym)
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

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# **ST. PAUL'S NEWS**

#### BAPTISMS

Emerson Elaine Brady, daughter of Ryan and Laura Brady, was born January 22, 2019 and will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Michael William Theys, son of William and Jordan Theys, was born May 10, 2017 and will be baptized at The Bridge on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Emerson and Michael through the waters of Holy Baptism and God's Word.

#### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: David Burkowitz, Connie Johnson, Bruce Marggraf, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

#### HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr has transferred to The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Bernie Elger is at Hales Corners Care Center, and Theresa Raduege is at Autumn Leaves in Franklin.

#### ATTENDANCE

1050 were in attendance at last week's worship services.

#### SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery of friendly caregivers during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the East Wing of the church. An usher will be happy to direct you to the nursery.

#### **ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY!**

Help raise funds for A Cool Million while you enjoy camaraderie and a fantastic chicken dinner, 10:00 – 2:00 pm, on February 17. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby to help-out. All proceeds will go toward reaching our goal of refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling and replacing the roofs of the Centennial Gym and the church this summer.

#### **STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENT**

After Easter, a 5-day bus excursion is planned to Pigeon Forge in Gatlinburg. Deadline to register is February 21. For further details contact Anita at (414)-422-4686.

#### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

It's time to sign up for soup suppers! Hosts are needed for the 6 soup suppers provided between our Lenten services beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6, through Wednesday, April 10. For more information contact Church Administrative Assistant Tammy Miller at tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 111.

# **BOWLING FOR LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH CENTERS HITS NEW RECORD**

Sixty-five bowlers participated in the January 27 bowling fund-raiser to support the Lighthouse Youth Centers in Milwaukee. Through the event, \$4,940.00 was raised—the largest amount to date. A big thank you to all who participated in raising funds and awareness for the Lighthouse ministries that bring the love of Jesus to Milwaukee inner city youth and

their families (lighthouseyouthcenter.com). This event is sponsored and run by the St. Paul's small group consisting of Linda Pfister, Cheryl and Peter Lentz, Tom and Marilyn Ludwig, Lois Ludwig, Patty Hulbert, Nancy Knoebel, Joanne Malinowski, Bob Grams, and Jim and Kathie Haag.





# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

#### LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS MONDAY

Our Lutheran schools are treasured places...because Jesus is there. Lutheran Schools Week takes time to celebrate that – the joy and impact of Christ on our kids and families. Our classes "take every thought and make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). We assist your family by helping your kids "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter

3:18). We are very blessed to have your support in prayers, offerings, and volunteerism! Thank you! This week we celebrate with dress-up days for the kids: Mismatch Day, Class Color Day, Pink/Red Day for Valentine's Day, and Squad Day on Friday. By the end of the week we seek the goal of reenrolling 90% of our students. Keep praying for our school that more and more children come to grow closer to Jesus each day as we partner with parents in this awesome task!

**If you were unable to attend the Open House** or would like more information about School Choice, Principal Seth Fitzsimmons would be happy to set up a one-on-one visit with you. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

#### **EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH**

Have you considered a Christian education for your child? Our Open House last month was a big success. We were happy to share our mission and vision with over 30 families interested in enrolling their children in our school at almost every grade level.

- St. Paul's offers...
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Christ-centered teaching and learning across the curriculum
  - o Christian-centered character development and mentoring
  - $\circ~75\%$  of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
  - Flexible 3K & 4K programs
  - Before and after school care
  - Generous tuition assistance
  - o Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs

#### New School Choice Information for 2019-2020

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				

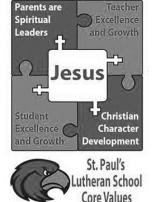
Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

# Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent	<b>Married Parents</b>		
	Income Limit	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				

#### HELP US MAKE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSESSIBLE TO ALL

There are families with financial need who do not qualify for the Parental Choice programs. For these families we provide generous tuition assistance. We do not want to have finances hinder any family from benefiting from our school. This year our Tuition Assistance Grants have left our LESTA Fund (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance) with a negative balance of \$29,000. Please consider a special gift to LESTA, either online or mark your gift clearly and place it in the offering plate.





# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

#### MARRIAGE RETREAT MARCH 2-4

A healthy marriage is the most important foundation for every family. This retreat is happening at a resort and spa in Green Lake, March 2-4. Find more information at www.withthisringretreat.com.

#### CHURCH LEAGUE TEEN BOYS BASKETBALL GAMES AT HOME TODAY

On Sunday. February 10, our teen league will try to better its 2 and 4 record in games hosted at St. Paul's. Eight teams will compete in our Trinity and Centennial Gyms in games at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 pm. Enjoy concessions offered in the Trinity Café throughout the afternoon. Churches participating are St. Paul's-Ixonia, St. John's-Wauwatosa, St. Marcus-Milwaukee, Star of Bethlehem-New Berlin, Zion-South Milwaukee, Christ-Big Bend, Mount Calvary-Waukesha, and Garden Homes-Milwaukee.

#### GRACE ROOM SERIES: The Portrait of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

This class is exploring the unique, yet consistent, accounts of Jesus' life in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Join Mr. Josh Seeger, a theology instructor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, for this interesting series on the Sundays of February at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

#### BE THE BOSS OF YOUR MONEY — REGISTER TODAY

Dave Ramsey's 9-week *Financial Peace University* is being offered on our campus on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. Childcare is available upon request as well as financial assistance to cover the cost of materials. The first class was last Thursday, but it's not too late to join! Contact instructor Kevin McSwain at k.mcswain@ymail.com to register or for more information.

#### FOLLOWING THE PROMISE STARTING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Pastor Nate Strobel will begin a new session of our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise* on Sunday, February 17, at 8:30 am. The class is also currently offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Enjoy camaraderie with Pastor Nate while you learn the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you. Register on the back of your Connection Card or contact Pastor Nate at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

#### HOPE AND HEALING IN THE HURT OF DIVORCE - BEGINS TUESDAY

*DivorceCare* starts a new 13-week session on Tuesday, February 12, from 6:00 until 8:00 pm, in school classroom 8. Contact Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org, or (414) 422-0320, ext. 140, or Eric Pearson at ericpear@yahoo.com, or (414) 588-7331 for more information. Come when you can, each week can stand alone in its content.

#### MOMMY & ME - WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY THIS WEEK

Mommy & Me will have special Saturday get-togethers February 16 and March 16 at 9:30 am in the Fath Room. Contact Sam Lindner at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com for more information.

#### BABY SHOWER FUNDRAISER FOR NEW MOMS THROUGH LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Donation sites have been set up in the church lobby and Trinity Café. Help out by bringing clothing size 0-5 years, Christian books, or handmade baby things. No diapers please. Ultrasounds revealing the living baby are one of the most impactful ways to reach a mom considering an abortion. They are valued at \$250 and are given at the Lutherans for Life clinics. You may donate any amount by marking your gift "Lutherans for Life Ultrasound" before placing it in the offering plate or when giving online. Thank you for your support in this life-saving work.

#### LUTHERANS FOR LIFE AT OWLS AND LAF

Lutherans for Life Executive Director Peter Georgson will speak at the February 12 Organization for Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) meeting at noon in the Grace Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy during the meeting.



# NoteSheet

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

# Me? Friend of All A Call to Unconditional Love

Luke 10:25-27, Bible page 1040

- I. See the Bruised and Beaten.
- 2. See the Good Samaritan.
  - a. The difference
  - b. The risk
  - c. The cost
- 3. Hear the Unconditional Call.

# My Next Steps to be a Friend to All

- Learn more: This message series is based on the book *Gay and Gad: Loving Everyone God Made and Everything God Wrote* by Pastor Mike Novotny, the new speaker for Time of Grace Ministries. Copies of the book are available in the lobby. Take the time to read this book to hear the Savior's call to "love people" and "love the passages."
- **Discuss what you are learning:** GroupWork questions for the next four weeks will be based on this book and have been inserted into each copy of the book. Use this time to discuss in your small group, family, or circle of friends the Savior's call to love unconditionally.
- **Ask questions:** We may understand the principle of loving unconditionally, but what does that mean in our daily lives? Lots of questions may arise. The questions you raise can help us develop the next messages in this series. We also want to talk these questions through with you. We are providing the following avenues to have a dialogue:
  - Write a question on the back of your Connection Card.
  - Text a question to Pastor Pete at 414-350-1436.
  - Email a question to ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.
  - Meet with Pastor Pete. Every week during this series Pastor Pete will be present for discussion and questions: Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Faith Room and Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Grace Room. We will discuss questions raised and, as time permits, use the GroupWork questions based on *Gay and God*.
- Come back to hear more. Me? A Friend of All requires:
  - **Unconditional Love** today's message
  - Unconditional Gospel February 17 Luke 15:11-32
  - **Unconditional Bible** February 24 Luke 13:22-30
  - Unconditional Trust March 3 Luke 13:1-9