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**ME? FRIEND OF ALL
UNCONDITIONAL GOSPEL**
February 16, 17, and 20, 2019

*The question before us today is: "Can a person who repeats
the same sin over and over again be saved?"*

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 339

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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

C **Amen.**

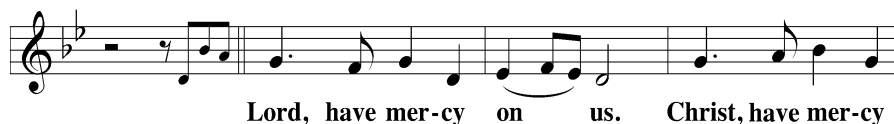
M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the apostle John exhorts all believers to love one another, for love comes from God. He says: "Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

C **Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).**

M Yet we can never love God or others as completely and unconditionally as he has loved us. Selfishness and prejudice infect us to the core and taint all our thoughts, words, and deeds. Because of our lovelessness and sin, we deserve God's wrath and eternal punishment. But God is gracious and forgives us through Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before him and confess our sin:

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.**

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 351, v. 1, 4

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus

**Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!
You have suffered to release us, Hope to give and peace to bring.
Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;
By your merits we find favor; Life is given through your name.
Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing You are worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits; Help to chant Immanuel's praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, every sinner, as a father has compassion for his children.

C **Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love.**

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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12, page 566

King David shares with us his spiritual agony and the healing that came after his affair with Uriah's wife.

ANTHEM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us, Lutheran School Grades K-4

PSALM OF THE DAY (*Saturday and Sunday 7:45 am*)

Psalm 103, Hymnal page 105

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:16-6:2, page 1171

*There is a conflict going on inside of every Christian.
The Spirit is in conflict with the sinful nature.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 379

Amazing Grace

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son.

C **Through him we have confidence to enter your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.**

M Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

C **Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.**

M Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

C **Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.**

M Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

M Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives,

C knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

M Accept our prayers and intercessions and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. 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 HYMN 496

Glorious In Majesty

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*

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Pastor Nate Strobel	Ext. 293	nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org	Resident Missionary

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 18, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Message Discussion with Pastor Pete (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Volleyball League
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Message Discussion with Pastor Pete (Church Library)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Teen Basketball League
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (School Classroom #8)
	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	



PARKING PEOPLE PLEASE!

“Don’t worship here!” Did you see that sign posted in our parking lot today? Quite often our members and guests see that sign. When they drive through the lot and can’t find a spot, they are getting the message loud and clear “Don’t worship here!”

You can make a difference! Could you volunteer about 30 minutes every other week or once a month on a Sunday to help people find a place to park? Even if the lot is full, we will show you where we can squeeze in a few more. We always want to say, “There is still room!”

Join the Parking Team Ministry: Be the first person to make that positive impression. To volunteer or to find out more, mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Community Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY – SIGN THE CHECK!

Stop by for a wonderful chicken dinner in the Centennial Gym on Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Enjoy camaraderie with your friends in Christ and celebrate with us by signing the poster-sized check on display!

A \$10,000 poster-sized check written out to Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School will be on display for you to sign, celebrating the giving that has taken place through the Cool Million over the last year. This is the fifth of our \$10,000 tithe gifts to our mission partners. We will present this check to Garden Homes in March.

Through your giving we can already look forward to the completion of our new HVAC system in our school this summer. All proceeds from the Chicken Dinner donations will go toward refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling and replacing the roof on the Centennial Gym and church.

Clearly mark your gift “Cool Million” or donate online at StPaulMuskego.org/give.

ME? FRIEND OF ALL

If you miss any of these messages, you can find a copy of previous messages in the church library or online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/worship/sermons.

- Unconditional Love – February 10
- Unconditional Gospel – February 17
- Unconditional Bible – February 24
- Unconditional Trust – March 3



Our pastors are always available to answer any questions or discuss concerns you may have. You may write your questions on the back of your Connection Card or contact any of our pastors directly. Contact information is on page 4.

Pastor Panitzke will also be in the Faith Room on Monday at 6:30 pm for a time of question and answers as well as Wednesday at 10:00 am in the church library.

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 is at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Bernie Elger is at Hales Corners Care Center, Theresa Raduege is at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, Marlene Sobczak is at Waukesha Memorial, and Lois York-Lewis is in Madison. Donald Oakes has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

1066 were in attendance at last week's worship services.

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Love to sing? Please join us in the Easter Festival Choir. Rehearsals are Sundays at 8:00 am in the Faith Room and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the church. Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 10. Contact Michele Eiche if you have questions at meiche4@wi.rr.com.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY EVENT

Stoney Creek is hosting a patriotic presentation celebrating our nation's first ladies. Abigail Adams will be in character sharing all the correspondence between her and John. Come hear her entertaining and educational presentation on Tuesday, February 19, at 1:00 pm. For more information on Stoney Creek visit www.stoneycreekmuskego.com.

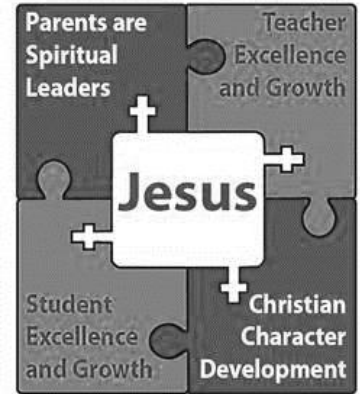
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year has begun for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons would love to give you a tour of our school facilities and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org.

St. Paul's offers...

- Daily Bible study and Bible history time treasuring God's Word
- Christ-centered teaching and learning across the curriculum
- Christian-centered character development and mentoring
- Excellent test scores with 75% of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
- High parent-satisfaction ratings
- Flexible 3K & 4K programs
- Before and after school care
- Generous tuition assistance
- Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs



NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020

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		

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 strive to provide generous tuition assistance. We do not want to have finances hinder any family from benefiting from our school. However, 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.



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.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FOURTH GRADE TEACHER DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

The Ministry Board extended a 4th grade teacher call to Miss Kristy Stahmann, currently serving as a second grade teacher at Emanuel Lutheran School in New London, Wisconsin. We pray for the Holy Spirit to bless her as she now considers this call to teach here at St. Paul's. What follows is her letter:

February 10, 2019

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

Greetings in the name of our Savior! This Epiphany season grants us the opportunity to worship and praise our gracious Lord, who left the perfection of heaven and came to earth to suffer and die for us- mere mortals who deserve nothing but punishment and hell- yet our Savior came for us. In love and honor, we dedicate our lives in service to Him.

I am writing to acknowledge the call I have received to teach the fourth grade at your school. From the wealth of information that was sent to me, it is evident that St. Paul's is a stable rock in the community and a valuable resource for nurturing souls for Christ. I am confident that the Lord's guidance and direction will lead me as I deliberate this call. Any advice from parents, teachers, students, members and staff would be gladly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued prayers in the upcoming weeks as I look at where I can best use my gifts and talents to serve the Lord.

In Christ's Service,

Miss Kristy Stahmann
920-285-2107
kstahmann@emanuelnl.org

THIRD GRADE TEACHER DIVINE CALL DECLINED

Last week Miss Kim Pilz, from St. Paul's in Tomah, Wisconsin, let us know that she is declining our 3rd grade teacher call. Spirit, lead on! The Ministry Board will call again on February 28. What follows is her letter:

February 10, 2019

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

After prayerful consideration, I believe that the Lord is leading me to return the call to you and to remain in Tomah. Thank you for all of the thoughts and prayers that you have shared. I truly appreciate the prayers that many of you have prayed for me. I now keep you in my prayers as you go forward in your ministry in Muskego. May the Lord continue to bless you.

In Christ's Service,

Miss Kim Pilz

MR. JEFF WETZEL CONTINUES TO DELIBERATE

Please keep our 5th grade teacher Mr. Jeff Wetzel in your prayers as he continues to deliberate his principal call to Trinity Lutheran School in Caledonia, Wisconsin.

PASTOR WAYNE SHEVEY CALL DECLINED

Pastor Wayne Shevey, St. Paul's member and campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College, has declined his divine call to serve at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. We are thankful to have Mrs. Julie Shevey remaining as a teacher at our school and the entire Shevey family remaining as a part of the St. Paul's family.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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.

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. It's OK to join the class anytime!

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP - DIVORCECARE

Your world is a mix of shock, anger, hurt, and hopelessness. Many of the people around you don't understand the depth of your pain or the complexity of the challenges you face. You wonder if the pain will ever end. But recovery from separation and divorce is possible. Find out more at *DivorceCare* on Tuesdays, 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.

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.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATE MEETING SUMMARY

St. Paul's delegates Steve Wranovsky, Scott Beyer (who is also on the WLHS Governing Board), and Principal Seth Fitzsimmons attended.

- 1) *Marketing and Recruitment*: Word of mouth is the number one reason people select the high school. Brainstorming on future avenues to support admissions took place.
- 2) *Dorm Development*: Construction on a 72-bed dormitory is scheduled to be completed by July 2019, and a 62-unit apartment building by September 2019. The dormitory is being built to serve the growing international student population.
- 3) *Financial Report*: Tuition and expenses are on budget, but behind 500,000 in support gifts.
- 4) *Academics*: Principal Leyrer reported on the efforts to reach the wide range of abilities and gifts with which students come to the school from those who can write a perfect ACT test to those who are academically disadvantaged.

A more detailed summary of the meeting is available in the church library.

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN RETREATS

A CORE VALUE – THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

All of these retreats are designed to help you fulfill your role within your family, whether you are male or female, single or married. We at St. Paul's are committed to strengthening families. If you are interested in attending one of these events and find the cost an obstacle, please contact Pastor Pete. If you are looking for a RAWKs Fund idea, consider sponsoring an individual or couple to attend one of these conferences to strengthen their Family Church. (At St. Paul's, we encourage families and small groups to have their own RAWKs Fund, a fund to show Random Acts of Worship Kindness.)



WOMEN'S RETREAT MARCH 15-17



The Christian Woman Today Retreat, planned by Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, will be held March 15-17 at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. Information on breakout sessions and registration forms is available at ChristianWomanToday.org

MEN'S RETREAT MARCH 23



The 6th annual *Ironmen of God* men's conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at St. Paul's in Ixonia. Guys, come and be strengthened in your faith and enjoy camaraderie with your fellow brothers in Christ! Register today at www.ironmenofgodwi.org.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP March 15-16



Guiding the next generation of Christian leaders at home, work, and in the community, the *Christian Leadership Experience* exists to foster faithful Christians saved by grace who long for serving God in all areas: spiritual, personal, and professional. For more information about this leadership conference that will take place in LaCrosse, visit www.christlead.com.

MY NEXT STEPS TO BE A FRIEND TO ALL

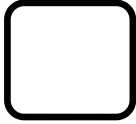
- **Learn more:** This message series is based on the book *Gay and God: Loving Everyone God Made and Everything God Wrote* by Pastor Mike Novotny, the new speaker for Time of Grace Ministries. Order a copy at www.TimeofGrace.org/store. Read the book to hear the Savior's call to "love people" and "love the passages."
- **Discuss what you are learning:** GroupWork questions for the next four weeks are based on *Gay and God*. Booklets with the four weeks of questions are available at the Welcome Center. Discuss this topic in your small group, family, or circle of friends.
- **Ask questions:** We may understand the principle of unconditional gospel, but how do you apply this truth 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

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** – last week's message available at the Welcome Center or at www.StPaulMuskego.org/worship/sermons
 - **Unconditional Gospel** – today's message
 - **Unconditional Bible** – February 24 – Luke 13:22-30
 - **Unconditional Trust** – March 3 – Luke 13:1-9



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Me? Friend of All Hope in an Unconditional Gospel Luke 15:11-32, Bible page 1048

Can a person who repeats the same sin over and over again be saved?

1. The Father's love is always waiting.

- a. John 3:16 God so loved the _____.
- b. 1 Timothy 2:4 God wants _____ to be saved.
- c. 2 Peter 3:9 God is p_____ and wants everyone to come to repentance.

2. The sons' (or daughters') love is always wavering.

- a. Galatians 5:17 There is a c_____ in every Christian.
- b. Romans 7:19-20 Christians often do what they "_____ want."
- c. Romans 7:24 The Christian's plea: "Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?" (New Living Translation)

3. The Spirit's love is always wooing.

- a. Matthew 12:30-32 There is an u_____ sin.
- b. Matthew 12:20 Take care not to snuff out the s_____ w_____.
- c. Romans 2:14-15 There is a n_____ knowledge of God's law.
- d. Psalm 42:1-5 There can be a r_____ knowledge of God's law and gospel.

**My Next Steps to be a Friend to All
are on the inside back cover**