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LIKE US IN EVERY WAY

OUR TEMPTATION

March 4 and 5, 2017

Jesus faced real temptations, just as we do. Yet, as the perfect Son of God, he was always able to overcome. Having been there, Jesus not only understands what we're going through, he also shows where we find the strength to win the battle.

PRESERVICE HYMN-SING

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 122, vv. 1-4

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

BAPTISM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Hymnal page 12

Lucille Jo-Lynn Bruch

Daughter of Jason Bruch and Amanda Frelka-Bruch, born February 15, 2017

- M The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- M Brothers and sisters in Christ, we live in a world that is held in bondage to sin and death. We have experienced the truth of it in our own lives. The tempter is always misleading us, and our sinful natures are only too ready to give in.
- C **Today, however, we celebrate the victory of our Lord Jesus over the tempter.**
- M Because Jesus won the victory, we are able to come before God in faith and freedom, acknowledging our sin and trusting that through Jesus Christ, our Lord we, too, enjoy victory over the tempter and all he stands for.
- 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 As our Substitute and Savior, our Lord Jesus said a determined "No" to self and a dedicated "Yes" to his Father's saving will. He won the victory over the tempter and moved steadfastly to the cross as God's atoning sacrifice for our sins. In Jesus' name, then, I assure you: your sins are forgiven!
- C **Amen.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE 122, v. 5

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done --
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, the darkness deepens. The ancient foe exploits means new and old to trick us with his dread deceits and flat-falling promises.

C **We, like Old Testament Israel, wander through the wilderness.**

M Guard us this Lent, O God. Reach out to help us with your strong right hand. Defend us against all that threatens our life in Christ.

C **Guide us with your Scripture Word. Keep us steadfast in your will.**

M When we grow weak, encourage us.

C **When we fall, raise us up.**

M And lead us ever forward, as you led your people, Israel,

C **that we might see your glory.**

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.



FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-7, Bible page 2.

The first temptation.

ANTHEM (*Sunday*)

With Joy We Meditate the Grace, Called to Sing

arr. by Jon Eiche

PASSION HISTORY VIDEO

Matthew 26:1-16

The Plot Against Jesus.

SERMON

Matthew 4:1-11, Bible page 967

Hebrews 4:15-16, page 1207

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

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.**

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

Spoken For, David Weise
Were You There, Brass Ensemble
arr. by Al Schumacher

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Heavenly Father, because of our many sins we deserve only your wrath and eternal punishment. Yet you loved us with such a great love that you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all.
- C **We thank and praise you for providing us with a perfect salvation through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.**
- M Dear Jesus, we are grateful that, when you came to this wicked world, you came not as Judge to condemn, but as Savior to save. When our last moments come, nothing can comfort us but the blood you shed for us. While we live, there is no treasure we can desire equal to the treasure of salvation you won for us, through the perfect life you led and by your innocent sacrificial death on the cross.
- C **Nothing we achieve in this world can begin to compare with the redemption you accomplished for us. There are no earthly relationships which can mean as much to us as having you as our Friend and Savior.**

- M Holy Spirit, enter our hearts with your blessings and make your home there. Give us a humble faith that trusts in Christ alone for our salvation. During this Lenten season may Jesus, both his sacrifice and his victory, occupy our thoughts, increase our faith, and empower our walk with you.
- C **In your Word today, your reminded us that Jesus relied on the Word of God for strength and comfort. Through the Word breathe your strength and comfort into our hearts, that we, too, may be victorious in battle.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

- M Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, send us by the power of your Word into the mission fields beyond the walls of our church. Give us hearing ears and seeing eyes that seize the opportunities you set before us to be your witnesses.
- C **Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us as we declare Christ to our world. 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 403, vv. 1, 2

I Know My Faith Is Founded

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE **The Old Rugged Cross**, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Al Schumacher

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

ORGANIST *Carol Nelson*

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 13	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	3:30 and 7:00 pm
April 14	Good Friday	1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm
April 15	Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm
April 16	Easter Sunrise *	6:00 am
	Easter Festival	7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am
	Easter at The Bridge	10:15 am

* The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunrise services will be identical



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 March 6, 2017

MON	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ministerial Team Meeting Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Volleyball League
WED	3:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Midweek Lenten Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Faith Room) Pickleball League (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	8:15 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Lutheran Elementary School Chapel (Main Church) Sara Jo Whalen/Jason Minor Wedding Ceremony (Main Church) Henkel/Nepscha Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	8:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Heidi Henkel/Dan Nepscha Wedding Ceremony (Historic Church) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
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 with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

Ruth Kurth, born March 1, 1923, entered eternal life in heaven on February 26, 2017, and received a Christian funeral on Friday, March 3, 2017. Donald Storm, born July 24, 1928, entered eternal life in heaven on February 22, 2017, and received a Christian funeral on March 1, 2017. Please keep Ruth and Donald's loved ones in your prayers and give thanks that they have received their crown of glory.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home. Richard Kamnetz is rehabbing at Tudor Oaks, Norman Miller at Mukwonago Linden Court, and Marilyn Miller at New Berlin Linden Grove. Gloria Burow, Brittany Michaels, and Dorothy Wardin 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

1017 attended last week's worship services.

MR. RANDY FINK HAS ACCEPTED CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR DIVINE CALL

Mr. Randy Fink has accepted the call to serve as our new church administrator. We thank God for guiding Randy to this decision. May God bless our new organizational structure so that together we might fulfill our mission: "By every possible means we bring everyone within our area of influence closer to Christ."

NO SOUP SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY

There will be no soup supper this Wednesday, March 8. However, you can look forward to soup suppers the remaining Wednesdays during Lent from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to provide this fellowship meal.

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.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

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.

MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest newsletter from Missionary John Holtz from Malawi is available at the Welcome Center. Pastor Holtz is a son of our congregation. For about 15 years, gifts from St. Paul's members have proved approximately one-third of the cost of his ministry. Now Pastor Holtz is deliberating a call to serve Living Water Lutheran in Wind Lake. May the Holy Spirit guide his deliberation.

CHAPEL CHOIR

St. Paul's is looking to restart a choir that would sing for worship on a more regular basis, known as the *Chapel Choir*. The *Chapel Choir* will meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Faith Room, for about an hour. The choir will be scheduled to sing for services roughly once a month. If this is something that may interest you, please join us. The *Chapel Choir* will meet for its first rehearsal on April 26. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Jeffrey Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org or Darik Mischke at (920) 344-2330.

EASTER ORCHESTRA

If you play an instrument, we'd love to have you join our Easter Sunday orchestra. Commitment consists of two evening practices and playing on Easter Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Bonack for more information at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org.

EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center if you would like to purchase one of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be placed at the altar for all Easter services and may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be placed in the provided envelopes marked "Easter Flowers" and then placed in the envelope slot in the Welcome Center.

EASTER FOR KIDS IS COMING!

- Saturday, April 8, from 9:15 to 11:45 am, in the Trinity Gym and Café
- 3-12 years old (3K- 6th Grade)
- Easter basket craft, Easter cookie decorating, Bible study, games, snacks, and fun!
- Register on the church's homepage at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.



LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES

MIDWEEK SERMON SERIES - HIDDEN GLORY (Deutschlander)

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. The portions of Scripture on which each message will be based are listed below. Perhaps you may want to incorporate these into your daily Bible reading during Lent.



March 8	Hidden in the Savior's Sighs	Luke 22:39-46
March 15	Hidden in the Savior's Rejection by His Own	Matthew 26:57-68
March 22	Hidden In the Savior's Rejection by the World	John 18:33-19:1
March 29	Hidden in the Savior's Stumbling	Mark 15:17-21
April 5	Hidden in the Savior's Powerful Words	Luke 23:32-43
Maundy Thursday	Hidden in the Savior's Supper	Matthew 26:26-30
Good Friday	Hidden in the Savior's Promise	John 19:31-37
Easter Sunday	Hidden Even in the Savior's Triumph	John 20:1-18

WEEKEND SERMON SERIES - LIKE US IN EVERY WAY

Sin brings so many severe and awful consequences into our lives. In order to free us from them all, Jesus became just like us, suffering the smart of every one of those consequences. Through this series we'll gain a renewed appreciation for what it is we've been rescued from and all that Jesus went through to make this rescue possible.



March 12	Our Guilt	John 4:5-26
March 19	Our Weakness	John 9:1-7; 13-17,34-39
March 26	Our Suffering	Matthew 20:17-28
April 2	Our Sorrow	John 11:17-27, 38-45
April 9	Our Disgrace (Palm Sunday)	Philippians 2:5-11

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

VOLUNTEERS FELT THE LOVE

Last Saturday's Volunteer Appreciation Night was enjoyed by over 220 people. In addition to great fellowship, a special program included a spiritual focus, a staff act, words from Muskego's mayor, a photo-tribute to volunteers, Comedy Sportz, and the giving away of 67 major "door-prizes." One volunteer attendee said, "My husband and I had a great time. The evening made us want to volunteer even more because we felt so appreciated." You can watch a video of the staff performance and the photo tribute on the church Facebook page. A very special thanks goes out to members Rand Lindner, Bill Holtz, and Mike Meyer for their above and beyond contributions toward food and beverages.

TESS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT THANKS YOU

On Monday, February 27, the Tess Corners Fire Department used our Trinity Gym for a group photo. Thanks to your generous donations we provided a bag of homemade cookies for each member of the fire department - 80 bags in all! The cookies were a great surprise to the firefighters and served as a wonderful show of appreciation to those who serve the community among us.



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.

CLASS OF 2017 DATA NEEDED



St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens who are graduating from junior and senior high school in the Class of 2017. If this applies to your son or daughter, please let Dr. Nelson know the following ASAP:

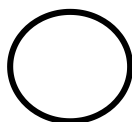
- What school is he/she graduating from?
- What are his/her plans for fall 2017? For 8th grade grads, what high school? For 12th grade grads, what college, branch of the military, or work area?

Please forward this information as soon as possible to jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

THE NOAH'S ARK AND LEARN THE CREATION STORY

This fall, as part of a special sermon series, small group, and Bible class emphasis on Genesis, Creation, Evolution, and World View, St. Paul's is partnering together with Stoney Creek Tours to offer a 4 day/3 night motor coach trip to the Noah's Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in northern Kentucky. To learn more and reserve your place for this inspiring and educational experience go to www.GroupTrips.com/StoneyCreekTours. Deadline to sign up is August 10, 2017. Cost is \$462/person. \$75 charged at sign-up, with final payment due August 10. Watch for more details, but don't delay.





GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters based on today's message

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

Like Us In Every Way – Face It!

1. To visibly show how children and parents look more alike than they realize, photographer Bobby Neel Adams took face pictures of children and their parents, cut them down the middle, and put them side by side. Below are four examples. Frequently, people do not want to “become” their parents, but they do get very close in many different ways.

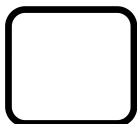
- Honestly, in what ways are you like your parents?
- Are these likenesses something you’ve appreciated or not?



Lisa 23/Wendy 60 Hayden 7/Matt 27 Isabelle 11/Sarah 45 Russel 77/Greg 46

2. In this new sermon series, *Like Us In Every Way*, we explore likeness, but in a uniquely different relationship. We will look at how Jesus was like us in every way. What value is there in understanding how Jesus was like us?
3. Read Matthew 4:1-11. Review the literary elements of this situation: setting, time, place, characters, plot.
4. This incident takes place right before Jesus begins his public ministry. What is the significance of the following facts in this story:
- a) Jesus went willingly. b) Satan attacks weakness. c) Satan was diabolically determined.
 - d) Satan is intelligently evil. e) Jesus suffered. f) Jesus succeeded.
5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16.
- How do these words relate to Matthew 4:1-11?
 - Why does Satan not want you to comprehend how much Jesus suffered?
 - How does the season of Lent assist your comprehension?
 - Why does Satan not want you to appreciate what Jesus accomplished?
 - How does the season of Lent motivate your appreciation?
6. How would you respond to someone who said...
- Jesus was God; I'll never beat down sin like he did.
 - Jesus was man; his life was no different than my own.

PRAY By your grace, protect, preserve us, Lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, Be the Word, we hear, obey. (*Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.*)



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Matthew 4:1-11 (page 967) Like Us In Every Way—Our Temptation What the Devil Doesn't Want You to Know

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

The devil doesn't want you to know...

1. ...what it meant for Jesus to be tempted like us in every way.

- ...that Jesus' temptations were r_____.
- ...that Jesus is G_____ and m_____—two natures inseparably united in one being.
- ...that because he was fully h_____, Jesus experienced everything we do.
- ...that Jesus chose to be tempted like us in every way because he l_____ us.

2. ...what it means for you that Jesus was tempted like us in every way, yet did not sin.

- ...that Jesus' perfect o_____ is yours.
- ...that you can always a_____ God's throne of grace with freedom and confidence.
- ...that Jesus understands w_____ you're going through.
- ...that Jesus will h_____ you find the way through.

3. ...what it means to have Jesus as your ally.

- ...that "you've got the p_____"!
- ...that the t_____ sets you free...
 - ...when tempted to seek p_____ well-being over s_____ blessing.
 - ...when tempted to assert your w_____ over God's.
 - ...when tempted to take the e_____ route whenever possible.
- ...that God's forgiving love is the u_____ "way out."

Next Steps

The beginning of Lent is a good time for self-reflection. Take some time over the next couple of weeks to reflect on the following:

- **There's a whole lot more to this life than this life.** What kinds of lies have you bought into that are pushing you to pursue temporal pleasures and/or goals to the detriment of your soul?
- **God's will over my own.** Where is your desire to have and/or do things your way putting you at odds with God's will for your life?
- **There's no shortcut to any place worth going.** What shortcuts are you tempted to take in life and how are they impacting your relationship with God?

Greater is the One who is living in you, than he who is living in the world. Our greatest weapon against temptation's lies is the truth of God's Word. Are you following a daily Bible reading plan? If not, check out the Bible reading plans at BibleGateway.com.