

## LIKE US IN EVERY WAY

### OUR WEAKNESS

March 18 and 19, 2017

*Because of sin we carry around what Paul calls "a body of death." Our bodies are cursed with struggles like pain, disease, and addiction. Jesus endured the pain of flogging, beating, and the cross, so that we could be rescued from pain and sickness forever.*

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 379

#### Amazing Grace

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

#### Confession of Sins

M Dear friends, Jesus warns us, "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (*Matthew 26:41*)

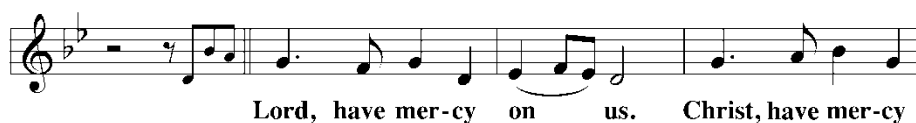
C **Yet, like Jesus' first disciples, we often become weary in the battle. We foolishly lean on our own strength. We fall prey to the devil's temptations.**

M Fully aware of the gravity of our spiritual weakness and the eternal consequences of our sin, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

#### 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.**

### Prayer and Praise

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

SONG OF PRAISE 343, vv. 3, 4

**Christ Is this World's Light**

**Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;  
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.  
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high!**

**Give God the glory, God and none other;  
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;  
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:  
Glory to God on high!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

In this life we carry around "a body of death." The sinful nature that still lives in us makes us weak and prone to every form of vice and addiction.

C **Yet, Father, you sent Jesus, who endured the pain of flogging, beating, and the cross to rescue us from this body of death forever.**

M May your great love for us strengthen us and work faithful love in us. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

### The Word

#### FIRST LESSON

**Ephesians 5:8-14**, Bible page 1176

*Paul uses the metaphor of darkness in characterizing the life of the Ephesians before God's grace came to them. The grace of God changed them from children of darkness into children of light.*

ANTHEM (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**What Wondrous Love is This,**  
*Lutheran Elementary School Junior Choir*

PASSION HISTORY VIDEO

**Matthew 27:11-26;** *Jesus before Pilate*

HYMN OF THE DAY 520

**Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old**

## 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 (*Sunday*)*Were You There?, String Ensemble*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

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

C **Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving

CLOSING HYMN 110, vv. 1-4, 7

My Song Is Love Unknown

#### CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

Jesus, your great love for the world moved you to take on our human flesh and blood. In more ways than one, you allowed yourself to be broken so that we could be made whole.

C **We stand in awe of the sacrifice you made for us. As we go out into the world, make us strong to do your will and to live for your glory.**

M We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father 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

PRESIDING MINISTER (*Sunday*) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST Kathy Bremer

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of March 20, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Pastoral Circuit Meeting at Reformation, Dousman Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Handbell Rehearsal Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library) Dorcas Society Meeting (Grace Room) <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room) Volleyball League
<b>WED</b>	3:30 pm 4:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service Soup Supper hosted by the SOEL Staff Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Midweek Lenten Worship Service Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community) <i>Financial Peace University</i> (Faith Room) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
<b>FRI</b>	7:00 pm	No Lutheran Elementary School – Teacher In-service Wedding Rehearsal of Nathaniel Kraft and Kristine Hubrich (Old Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Wedding Ceremony of Nathaniel Kraft and Kristine Hubrich (Old Church) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SUN</b>	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



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 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.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home. Norman Miller is rehabbing at Mukwonago Linden Court. Baby Lucille Bruch is at Children's Hospital, Kim Sandvick at St. Luke's, Karen Grenie is at West Allis Memorial, and Marilyn Miller, Marlene Sobczak, and Betty Woracheck are at Waukesha Memorial. Helen Jacobs, Richard Kamnetz, and Carl Wauer 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.

## **BAPTISM**

Kendall Rose Allan, daughter of Morgan Ashley Allan, was born October 14, 2016, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am worship service Sunday, March 19. We praise God for the saving faith given to Kendall through this washing and rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

918 attended last weekend's worship services. 406 attended Wednesday Lenten worship services.

## **MUSKIE FISHING AT ST. PAUL'S**

A muskie is "a fish of 10,000 casts." You can't give up if you are fishing for muskie. This week we were again reminded that St. Paul's is filled with people who won't give up easily. Like someone fishing for muskie, these members have been fishing for years, casting one invitation after another. In one week:

- a family came to a Bible study about baptism
- another family has expressed interest in our school

Both of these families were invited over and over by St. Paul's members to come and check out St. Paul's. Thank God their Christian friends are willing to keep casting!

## **LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Our projected kindergarten enrollment for next year is 30 children, several of which are able to attend as a result of our decision to enter the parental choice program. For this we give thanks! We are planning to have two classes of kindergarten next year.

Our pre-k enrollment is already above 60 for next year. We are especially thankful for several new 4K children joining us next year. We have more room in both 3K and 4K.

Every week another family or two reaches out to Mr. Fitzsimmons asking about our school. 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](http://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.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **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](mailto: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.

## **LAW AND GOSPEL SEMINAR**

A one-day seminar on the purpose, meaning, and use of the two great doctrines of Scripture – Law and Gospel – will be presented by WELS Administrator for Ministerial Education Pastor Paul Prange on Saturday, April 1, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Slinger, Wisconsin. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the Grace Room.

## **COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL UPDATE**

Approximately 120 individuals or families chose to sponsor a child through Compassion International last year as a result of the Compassion Experience. It has been six months since that time. Do you have an interesting story to share about your Compassion child? Please email Pastor Pete at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) with your story. He hopes to share a report with the rest of the congregation in the next month.

## **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 for about an hour in the Faith Room. 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 may be directed to Pastor Jeffrey Bonack at [jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto: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 at [jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information.

## **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.

# 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.



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

## 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.



<b>March 26</b>	<b>Our Suffering</b>	<b>Matthew 20:17-28</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Our Sorrow</b>	<b>John 11:17-27, 38-45</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Our Disgrace (Palm Sunday)</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>



# SERVING OUR YOUTH

## 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- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Easter basket craft, Easter cookie decorating, Bible study, games, snacks, and fun!
- Register on the church's homepage at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org).



## EASTER FOR KIDS TEAM MEETING

The next planning session for Easter for Kids is Monday, March 20, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, in the school science lab classroom #9 (Science Lab) which is across the hall from the school's main office. You can enter via west door #4 or through the Trinity Cafe. The more people who can make it, the better. If you cannot make it, you will be sent a summary of decisions made.

## TUG – TEENS UNDER GOD

Calling all St. Paul's teens! Prepare for TUG's Tourney of Games! On March 26, from 6:15 to 9:15 pm, compete in several different games from ping pong and foosball to card games and board games, in an effort to be crowned TUG's first ever Tourney of Games Champion. There will be a prize! Also, come and enjoy some pizza and snacks in between, or even during, games. The Tourney of Games is bound to be a blast!

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade grads, what high school? For 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates, what college, branch of the military, or work area?

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

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION

Everyone is invited to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for their annual dinner auction *Great Expectations* on Saturday, April 8, at 5:00 pm. The school gym will be transformed into an unbelievable dinner venue and the evening will include silent and verbal auctions, raffles, and more. Reserve a table of 10 or single tickets at [www.wlhs.org/auction](http://www.wlhs.org/auction) until Friday, March 24.

Volunteers are needed for decor planning, silent auction, valet parking, volunteer coordination, and many other tasks. Please consider gathering a group of friends and helping them out! To volunteer or for auction information, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an auction item contact Heidi Witz at (414) 453-4567, ext 2004, or [planner@wlhs.org](mailto:planner@wlhs.org).

## CAREGIVER NEEDED

- Need: A caregiver to assist a child off the bus and watch/care for her for approximately 1.5 hours.  
Child: Child is 15, mildly mentally disabled and mostly independent, but cannot be alone by herself.  
Time: Every other week during the school year, from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm.  
Location: Near St. Paul's on Tess Corners Drive, or the child's bus route could be changed to drop her off at the caregiver's home, if somewhat nearby.  
Pay: Negotiable  
Contact: Bob and Rhonda Gelhaus at (414) 979-5420 or [rgelhaus@yahoo.com](mailto:rgelhaus@yahoo.com).

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## THRIVENT MEMBERS' CHOICE DOLLARS

We want to thank all who own Thrivent Financial products and direct their Choice dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or School. Directing your choice dollars to the ministry at St. Paul's can make a significant impact. Over \$10,000 in Thrivent Choice dollars were received during the last fiscal year. If you haven't directed your Choice dollars, please do so before the end of March. Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://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.

## 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](http://www.GroupTrips.com/StoneyCreekTours). Deadline to sign up is August 10. Cost is \$462/person, \$75 charged at sign-up, with final payment due August 10. Watch for more details, but don't delay.



## STONEY CREEK DAY TRIP

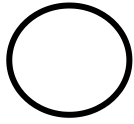
Stoney Creek will be heading to New Glarus and Monrone, Wisconsin, for a day trip. The tour includes a visit to quaint villages in the area, as well as a stop at the Historic Cheesemaking Museum and the Imoberseg Farmstead Cheese Factory. Lunch will follow at the New Glarus Hotel. You will have a chance to do some shopping. Cost is \$80. Please contact Cindy or Charlene at (414) 422-4686 to register.

## MUSICAL PROPS JUST SITTING AROUND?

We're looking for a few items for our elementary school spring musical, *The Little Mermaid*, coming up in April. Do you have any of the following items stored away somewhere that you would be willing to let us borrow for the musical?

- a small two-person wooden rowboat
- oars
- 3-4 light-weight crates
- large-throw fishing nets
- old mops
- a wooden steering wheel for a boat
- an old-fashioned sailing telescope
- a fancy pipe (smoking)
- yards of blue shimmery fabric
- a very large black cauldron-like pot
- a large rubber fish
- a conductor's baton

Contact Pastor Bonack at [jbosack@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jbosack@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0501 to set up a transfer of the items. Thank you!



# GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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## Like Us In Every Way – OH, THE PAIN OF IT ALL!

1. REACT: All pain and suffering is bearable if it is seen as part of a story.
2. CONSIDER:
  - When people see the pain and suffering of others, what do they often wonder about the cause?
  - When people see pain and suffering come to themselves, what do they often wonder about the cause?
3. SHARE:
  - What pain and suffering is part of your story?
  - Is it/was it bearable for you? Explain.
  - What could your small group members do to help?
4. Read John 9:1-7
  - How was pain and suffering present in this account?
  - How was the pain and suffering present viewed by others (Note: some were disciples!)?
  - How was the pain and suffering viewed by Jesus?
5. Read Matthew 27:11-26.
  - How was pain and suffering present in this account?
  - How was the pain and suffering present viewed by others: Pilate and his wife? People in crowd? Priests and Elders? Barabbas?
  - How was the pain and suffering viewed by Jesus? (See also Isaiah 53:4 and 1 Corinthians 5:21)
6. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.
  - How do these verses relate to the statement above: All pain and suffering is bearable if it is seen as part of a story?
  - How can God use the story of your pain and suffering to his glory?
  - How could your story, woven together with Jesus' story, become a life-saving story for others?

PRAY: As oft, with worn and weary feet, We tread earth's rugged valley o'er,  
The thought, how comforting and sweet: Christ trod this very path before!  
Our wants and weaknesses He knows, From life's first dawning to its close.

Just such as I, this earth He trod, With every human ill but sin;  
And though indeed the very God, As I am now so He has been.  
My God, my Savior, look on me, With pity, love and sympathy.

*James Edmeston*



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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## Like Us in Every Way: Our Suffering

John 9:1-7; Matthew 27:11-26

Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted (Isaiah 53:4).

### 1. Who sinned? This man or his parents?

- a. The purpose of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The purpose of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Who sinned? This man or Barabbas?

- a. The purpose of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 53:4).
- b. The purpose of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

### 3. Who sinned? This man or God?

- a. The purpose of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 38:1-3).
- b. The purpose of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

### My Next Steps

- **Read Psalm 121** to find help in the face of suffering.
- **Read Psalm 130** to claim forgiveness in the face of suffering.
- **Read Psalm 131** to quiet your soul in the face of suffering.